

## MONTOURSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

### MINUTES FOR BOARD MEETING High School

Tuesday, March 13, 2018  
7:03 PM

Call to Order - Board President  
Roll call - Board Secretary  
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#### MEMBER

x Daniel L. Albert  
     Susan Beery  
x Scott W. Konkle, President  
     Robert B. Logue  
x Jennifer L. Marriott  
x Dottie M. Mathers

#### MEMBER

x William S. Ruffing, Vice President  
x David Shimmel  
x Ronald E. Snell  
x \*Jonathan Dewald, Solicitor  
x \*Christina Bason, Superintendent  
x \*Brandy N. Smith, Business Mgr./Bd. Secretary  
\*(Non-Voting Member)

#### OTHERS

x Feerrar, Darrin – Elementary School Principal  
     Fessler, Jack - Food Service Supervisor  
x Gnoffo, Joseph - Supervisors of Buildings and Grounds  
x King, Christopher- Assistant High School Principal  
x Myers, Curtis – Assistant Middle School Principal  
x Taormina, Daniel –High School Principal  
x Williamson, Michele – Supervisor of Special Education  
x Residents x Media x Students

#### Recognition/Awards/Presentations

Dr. Mathers recognized the MHS Academic Decathlon team making it to the state level competition. Mr. Albert recognized the boys' basketball team and their district title win, first one for Montoursville Area School District since 1985. Sam Jordon qualified for states in swimming. The wrestling team members who made it to states were also recognized. Mr. Konkle acknowledged the high school musical and congratulated those involved on a great show. Mr. Ruffing quoted Gavin Hoffman from his article in the newspaper. Mr. Ruffing announced the 17<sup>th</sup> annual Education Celebration awards were held. MHS student, Danae Roles, was recognized for her outstanding education achievements and Loyalsock Valley Elementary librarian, Paula Pulizzi, was recognized as an outstanding educator. Mrs. Bason presented Lyter Elementary 2<sup>nd</sup> grader, Cyrus Heddings and the letter he wrote explaining why there should not be school during Martin Luther King Jr. Day. McCall Middle School science teacher, Megan Altebrando, acknowledged this year's science fair participants and award winners. Vanessa Mauro and Victoria Stetts, high school art teachers, gave a presentation on the arts department. Mrs. Mauro announced that the arts department will be holding the first annual district wide celebration of the arts. Students of the National Art Honors Society gave a brief overview of what they do within their organization. Jakob Riedy announced spring sports are starting up. Jakob also spoke on free speech and proposed that a debate team be established at the high school.

Approval of minutes for the following meetings:

- Board Meeting, Tuesday, February 13, 2018
- Work Session, Tuesday, February 27, 2018

Motion: Ruffing                      Second: Shimmel  
Yes: Albert, Konkle, Marriott, Mathers, Ruffing, Shimmel, Snell  
No: None  
Absent: Beery, Logue  
Result: **Motion Carried**

Prior Presentation

Pastor David Smith, of Montoursville Presbyterian Church, offered a blessing.

Public Comment

Jack Callahan asked for a mother-son dance like the father-daughter dance. Mr. Callahan also spoke on different schools in the area.

Business Manager's Report

A. General Fund, Cafeteria Fund and Capital Projects Fund.

Motion: Marriott                      Second: Ruffing  
Yes: Albert, Konkle, Marriott, Mathers, Ruffing, Shimmel, Snell  
No: None  
Absent: Beery, Logue  
Result: **Motion Carried**

B. Budgetary Transfers

Motion: Marriott                      Second: Shimmel  
Yes: Albert, Konkle, Marriott, Mathers, Ruffing, Shimmel, Snell  
No: None  
Absent: Beery, Logue  
Result: **Motion Carried**

C. Presentation of Bills (Roll Call)

General Fund	– \$1,738,535.17
Cafeteria Fund	– \$ 81,349.94
Capital Project	– \$ 0.00

Motion: Marriott                      Second: Ruffing  
Yes: Albert, Konkle, Marriott, Mathers, Ruffing, Shimmel, Snell  
No: None  
Absent: Beery, Logue  
Result: **Motion Carried**

## Superintendent's Report

Mrs. Bason highlighted that the art show will be held at the high school on March 21, 22, and 23, 2018. There will also be an open house at the high school on Friday April 6, 2018 from 6:00-8:00pm. An Act 80 day is being requested for April 3, 2018 for Loyalsock Valley and Lyter Elementary teachers. Wonder Works training will be held that day at the elementary schools. Dr. Seuss week was a success with board members and staff reading to our elementary students. Kindergarten registration numbers are in with 52 students at Loyalsock Valley and 81 at Lyter Elementary.

Mrs. Bason mentioned the partnership between Montoursville Area School District and Lycoming College for a STEM Scholars Program. Students will have the opportunity to take classes at Lycoming College and receive college credits for those courses. Mrs. Bason announced that students at the high school would like to do a "Stand with Parkland" memorial service on March 14, 2018 to honor those who lost their lives at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School.

Mrs. Bason requested a discussion on the direction for the district's food service department. Mr. Shimmel would like to submit a request for proposal for a food service company. Mr. Konkle agreed that a food service vendor would be the best option. Mrs. Marriott and Mr. Ruffing agree and also mentioned the success that other school districts have with this option. Mr. Shimmel stated that more students would participate with the various food selection. Mr. Snell has a concern with maintaining the current staff. Mr. Konkle mentioned that the board does care about the staff and they want to keep them. Dr. Mathers agreed with the comments. Mr. Shimmel commented that change can be difficult, but with the models of success all around us from other districts, he believes MASD can be successful too. Mr. Snell asked about the staff members who choose to be employed by the food service company, and if they could apply for unemployment in the summer. Mrs. Bason replied to the question.

## Agenda Items

### • **General**

G-1 Review of the Proposed 2018-2019 General Operations Budget for BLaST IU#17.

Motion: Marriott Second: Ruffing  
Yes: Albert, Konkle, Marriott, Mathers, Ruffing, Shimmel, Snell  
No: None  
Absent: Beery, Logue  
Result: **Motion Carried**

G-2 Recommend approval of the school tax year 2017 settlement reports for real estate and interim real estate taxes. (Attachment)

Motion: Marriott Second: Albert  
Yes: Albert, Konkle, Marriott, Mathers, Ruffing, Shimmel, Snell  
No: None  
Absent: Beery, Logue  
Result: **Motion Carried**

G-3 Approval to add an Act 80 day for all Loyalsock Valley and Lyter Elementary School students for April 3, 2018.

Motion: Marriott Second: Snell  
Yes: Albert, Konkle, Marriott, Mathers, Ruffing, Shimmel, Snell  
No: None  
Absent: Beery, Logue  
Result: **Motion Carried**

Mr. Snell commented on the difference between an Act 80 day and a teacher in-service day. Mrs. Bason responded to the comments.

G-4 Approval of the 2018 - 2019 school calendar for the first reading. (Attachment)

Motion: Marriott Second: Albert  
Yes: Albert, Konkle, Marriott, Mathers, Ruffing, Shimmel, Snell  
No: None  
Absent: Beery, Logue  
Result: **Motion Carried**

Dr. Mathers questioned the only two snow make up days and how it will effect students who are graduating. Mrs. Bason responded they will still graduate on the same day.

G-5 Approval of the 2018 - 2021 Special Education Plan. (Attachment)

Motion: Marriott Second: Shimmel  
Yes: Albert, Konkle, Marriott, Mathers, Ruffing, Shimmel, Snell  
No: None  
Absent: Beery, Logue  
Result: **Motion Carried**

- **Academics**

A-1 Approval for student, 180710, to be expelled from Montoursville Area High School as per adjudication.

Motion: Marriott Second: Snell  
Yes: Albert, Konkle, Marriott, Mathers, Shimmel, Snell  
No: None  
Absent: Beery, Logue  
Abstain: Ruffing  
Result: **Motion Carried**

A-2 Approval for student, 202520, to be expelled from Montoursville Area High School as per adjudication.

Motion: Marriott Second: Albert  
Yes: Albert, Konkle, Marriott, Mathers, Shimmel, Snell  
No: None  
Absent: Beery, Logue  
Abstain: Ruffing  
Result: **Motion Carried**

- **Personnel**

P-1 Approval of the following contracted employee, effective February 26, 2018 to June 4, 2018:

<b>Contracted Employee</b>	<b>Area of Services</b>	<b>Hourly Rate</b>
Carrie Prill	Speech and Language Therapy	\$60.00

Motion: Marriott Second: Albert  
 Yes: Albert, Konkle, Marriott, Mathers, Ruffing, Shimmel, Snell  
 No: None  
 Absent: Beery, Logue  
 Result: **Motion Carried**

Mr. Snell asked if we gained a student that needs the service. Mrs. Bason responded.

P-2 Approval of the following additions to the guest teacher list for the 2017-2018 school year:

<b>Guest Teacher</b>
Anne Mussina
Nikolaus Barkauskas

Motion: Marriott Second: Mathers  
 Yes: Albert, Konkle, Marriott, Mathers, Ruffing, Shimmel, Snell  
 No: None  
 Absent: Beery, Logue  
 Result: **Motion Carried**

P-3 Approval of the following with unpaid leave of absence for a member of the support staff:

<b>Employee</b>	<b>Effective Dates</b>
100673	March 1, 2018 to April 1, 2018

Motion: Marriott Second: Snell  
 Yes: Albert, Konkle, Marriott, Mathers, Ruffing, Shimmel, Snell  
 No: None  
 Absent: Beery, Logue  
 Result: **Motion Carried**

- **Transportation**

T-1 Approval for the following addition to the substitute bus driver/aides for the 2017-2018 school year:

<b>Substitute Bus Driver/Aide</b>
Douglas Merrick

Motion: Marriott Second: Ruffing  
 Yes: Albert, Konkle, Marriott, Mathers, Ruffing, Shimmel, Snell  
 No: None  
 Absent: Beery, Logue  
 Result: **Motion Carried**

## Other Reports

### A. Committee Reports

- PSBA – Motion to adopt PSBA's Principals of Governmental Leadership.

Motion: Mathers                      Second: Marriott  
Yes: Albert, Konkle, Marriott, Mathers, Ruffing, Shimmel, Snell  
No: None  
Absent: Beery, Logue  
Result: **Motion Carried**

Mr. Shimmel commented on whether or not this goes into policy. Mrs. Bason responded. Dr. Mathers commented on the new PSBA portal.

- IU Representative – General Operation Budget is the topic of conversation
- LCTC Representative – Meeting is this Thursday
- Memorial Gardens – Clean up May 5, 2018 at 9:00am
- Budget – The budget is a work in progress. Mr. Snell believes that all board members should be involved in the budget discussion. Mr. Ruffing agrees. Mr. Shimmel commented that there was a meeting but another meeting has not been scheduled.
- Building and Grounds – Mr. Albert spoke with Joe Gnoffo, working out details on the new building.
- Montoursville Foundation – Meeting on March 12, 2018 was a reengagement of a committee that has been dormant for over 2 years. Will be meeting again in April.
- Act 93 – Making progress, meeting soon

Mr. Snell commented on a community advisory committee.

## Public Comment

John Pryor commented on security in the schools, and asked about armed personnel. Mrs. Bason responded to the comments. Mr. Shimmel responded to the comments. Mr. Konkle responded to the comments. Mayor Steve Bagwell thanked Mrs. Bason for having a meeting with him and Chief Gyurina. Mr. Konkle thanked Mayor Bagwell's department and the state police for stepping up and helping. Mrs. Bason responded with a thank you.

Carrie Starron questioned who is responsible for the education of the students who are dismissed from our schools. Mrs. Bason responded. Ms. Starron also commented on Memorial Gardens having a pile of sticks and branches in the bushes that should be removed.

Pamela Nelson commented on the first reading of the calendar being available. Mr. Konkle responded to the comments and will have it put online as a draft. Ms. Nelson commented on security drills within the schools. Jason Cott thanked everyone for what they do. Mr. Cott also recognized the students that were in school on Friday March 9, 2018. Mr. Shimmel commented that he sent all three children to school that day and has confidence in our staff. Jakob Riedy thanked everyone for all that they did.

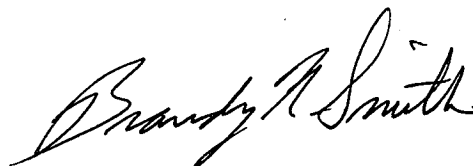
## ADJOURNMENT OF THE REGULAR MEETING 8:25 PM

Motion: Marriott                      Second: Ruffing

Voice Vote: Unanimous



Scott W. Konkle, President



Brandy N. Smith, Board Secretary