

MONTOURSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

MINUTES FOR BOARD MEETING Online Zoom Webinar

Tuesday, April 14, 2020
7:01 PM

Call to Order - Board President
Roll Call - Board Secretary

MEMBER

 x Daniel L. Albert
 x Susan Beery
 x Scott W. Konkle
 x Jennifer L. Marriott
 x Dottie M. Mathers, Vice President
 x William S. Ruffing

MEMBER

 x David Shimmel, President
 x Ronald E. Snell
 x Dale Ulmer
 x *Fred Holland, Solicitor
 x *Christina Bason, Superintendent
 x *Brandy N. Smith, Business Mgr./Bd.Secretary
*(Non-Voting Member)

OTHERS

 x Breon, Amy - Elementary School Principal
 x Feerrar, Darrin - Elementary School Principal
 x Gnoffo, Joseph - Supervisors of Buildings and Grounds
 x King, Christopher - Assistant High School Principal
 x Myers, Curtis - Middle School Principal
 x Peipher, Sebastian – Lead Network Administrator
 x Taormina, Daniel - High School Principal
 x Williamson, Michele - Supervisor of Special Education
 x Residents x Media Students

Prior Presentation

Mr. Feerrar and Dr. Breon gave a presentation on the Elementary Schools. Dr. Breon discussed the reading and math data that is being used to make instructional decisions. Dr. Breon also went into detail on the reading and math scores for Loyalsock Valley and Lyter Elementary Schools. Mr. Feerrar presented what is in place to continue to build skills in areas of weakness as well as the big picture goals for the Elementary Schools. They also reviewed the goals that have been reached.

Mr. Ulmer asked if school was in session long enough to see progress from newly implemented programs. Dr. Breon shared that they were able to see some growth.

Mrs. Marriott asked if instructional aides are being used. Mr. Feerrar responded that they were being utilized.

Approval of minutes for the following meetings:

- Board Meeting, Tuesday, March 10, 2020
- Work Session, Tuesday, March 31, 2020

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

Public Comment

There were no public comments at this time.

Business Manager's Report

A. General Fund and Cafeteria Fund Treasurer's Report

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

B. Budgetary Transfers – none

C. Presentation of Bills (Roll Call)

General Fund	– \$4,701,907.88
Cafeteria Fund	– \$ 50,499.50

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

Mr. Snell inquired as to why there was a payment of over \$117,000 for transportation. Mr. Snell wanted the money to be able to earn interest during the month of April instead of being paid toward the beginning of the month. Mrs. Smith stated that the payment was made at that time to ensure it was taken care of in the event the situation changed since the District was closed through the end of April. The Board discussed making the next month's transportation payment at the end of the month.

D. Business

Mrs. Smith stated that there is a lot uncertainty with the budget, but the timeline has not changed. Mrs. Smith expects the next month or so to bring some more clarity.

Superintendent's Report

Mrs. Bason gave the current kindergarten enrollment numbers for the elementary schools. Mrs. Bason highlighted the continuity of education plan, and how we are serving the needs of our students during this time. She stressed the importance of having a plan for planned instruction for the fall in the event the virus continues or comes back at that time. The possibility of the new school year starting remotely was raised to the board for consideration. Mrs. Bason brought up the prospect of purchasing Chromebooks for each student to eliminate one of the barriers to education for the students as well as different methods for students to have access to internet for periods of time to receive and submit assignments.

Mrs. Marriott asked if we can expect any federal support for this specific issue. Mrs. Smith provided an expected amount.

Mr. Shimmel asked if there was any exposure if some students can't participate in the same way as other students. Mrs. Bason responded with some ideas for providing hot spots and internet access.

Mr. Snell inquired about security in relation to Zoom. Mr. Peipher replied with some of the improvements that have been made to Zoom to increase security and improve features.

The Board discussed details and options surrounding the addition of a new tech position.

Mr. Shimmel asked what we would do with these Chromebooks if we were able to return to a normal school schedule. Mrs. Bason replied with the various ways they could be used as tools for the students throughout the school year.

Mr. Ruffing shared thoughts on being able to gain students back from Cyber Charter Schools and the importance of deciding on a plan for the fall.

Dr. Beery expressed concern about the ability to meet the goals of every IEP with online learning and how we would handle damaged Chromebooks.

Agenda Items

- **General**

G-1 The resolution for approval of the Special Education Settlement Agreement for student #212800. (Attachment)

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

G-2 Approval to accept the bid for the water heater replacement project at Lyter Elementary to LTS Plumbing and Heating in the amount of \$67,780. (Attachment)

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

Mr. Snell asked if Mr. Holland reviewed the contract and if there is protection for change orders. Mr. Holland stated that a change order would require approval.

- **Transportation**

T-1 Approval for Promised Land Bussing rates in the amount of \$2,137.51 for March 2020. (Attachment)

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

T-2 Approval of the renegotiated agreements with Campbell Busing, Jean Services, Koser Busing, and Promised Land Busing, Inc. at 85% of the daily rate as of March 13, 2020. (Attachments)

Motion: Ulmer Second: Marriott
Yes: Albert, Beery, Konkle, Marriott, Mathers, Ruffing, Shimmel, Snell, Ulmer

No: None
Absent: None
Result: **Motion Carried**

Mr. Albert asked how Mr. Campbell's athletic runs are being addressed with the 85% rate. Mrs. Smith said it was going to be discussed in a future meeting.

Other Reports

A. Committee Reports

- PSBA – Dr. Mathers is attending informational meeting on Thursday via Zoom.
- Policy Committee – Nothing to report
- LCTC Representative – Virtual meeting Thursday
- IU Rep. – Virtual meeting Wednesday
- Memorial Gardens – May 9th mulching canceled
- Budget – Nothing to report
- Buildings and Ground – Nothing to report
- Montoursville Foundation – Nothing to report
- Extra-Curricular Activities – Nothing to report

Public Comment

Mr. Snell inquired if information was found about extending property tax until October 31. Mr. Holland said the decision was made to put research on hold until all bills had gone through.

Mr. Albert gave a statement regarding the decision-making process concerning virtual learning.

Derek Danneker asked if there was concern about public access availability for budget talks with board meetings continuing virtually through June.

ADJOURNMENT OF THE REGULAR MEETING 9:40 PM

Motion: Ulmer Second: Albert
Voice Vote: Unanimous



David Shimmel, President



Brandy N. Smith, Board Secretary