

## MONTOURSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

### MINUTES FOR BOARD MEETING High School

Tuesday, March 10, 2020  
7:01 PM

Call to Order - Board President  
Roll call - Board Secretary  
Salute to the Flag

#### MEMBER

  x   Daniel L. Albert  
     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  
     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  
     Taormina, Daniel - High School Principal  
  x   Williamson, Michele - Supervisor of Special Education  
  x   Residents   x   Media      Students

#### Prior Presentation

Mr. Myers and Dr. Breon presented the GEO Bee Winners.

Mr. Ruffing announced the academic decathlon team's participation in district competition. He also highlighted the wrestling team's success in states, and that the boys' basketball would be playing in the second round of states. The swimming team also sent five swimmers to districts.

#### Approval of minutes for the following meetings:

- Board Meeting, Tuesday, February 11, 2020
- Work Session, Tuesday, February 25, 2020

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

## Public Comment

Tina Marie Kline asked for more details on the wellness policy. She inquired about what extra cleaning was happening to prevent the spread of illness and if there was a contingency plan in place. She also wanted to know where she could find copies of work session agendas.

Catherine Burns addressed the school taxes. She requested the board consider the local seniors' ability to afford it.

Mr. Myers gave a presentation on the McCall middle school. He touched on topics such as percentage of economically disadvantaged students, special education, and homeless students as well as those in foster care. The board discussed the rising cost of special education. Mr. Myers also highlighted the middle schools impressive state and county rankings. He covered the school's new discipline matrix, changes to different work spaces around the middle school, and test scores and potential for growth. He finished with future needs and goals.

Mr. Ulmer asked if the slides could be bigger. He also mentioned putting future ready index on the website.

## Business Manager's Report

### A. General Fund and Cafeteria Fund Treasurer's Report

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

### B. Budgetary Transfers – Just for board awareness.

### C. Presentation of Bills (Roll Call)

General Fund	– \$2,100,322.57
Cafeteria Fund	– \$ 130,296.72

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

Mr. Snell had questions about an invoice for CRA Green Building computers, and why we pay sales tax on hotel rooms. Mrs. Smith responded to both questions.

### D. Business

Mr. Ulmer had comments regarding tax increases and questions about April's draft of the budget.

Mr. Snell had questions about state reimbursement of employer contributions towards social security and Medicare. He also inquired about predicting savings on health care. He expressed concern about spending down fund balance and finding cuts where they can.

Mrs. Smith responded to the above questions and comments.

Mr. Shimmel asked where other board members have seen possibility for cuts.

Dr. Mathers inquired about how much we got from the safety grant versus past years and other schools.

Mrs. Bason answered the question of the safety grant and discussed ways to possibly decrease costs with the board.

## Superintendent's Report

Mrs. Bason stated that the district is constantly monitoring the Corona Virus issue with information from federal and state resources. A custodial staff meeting was held to go over additional responsibilities as far as cleaning and sanitization. The district is assessing each field trip and did cancel one trip to Montgomery County. Mrs. Bason noted that some universities are not returning to classes. It would be difficult for our district to work remotely as many students in the area still have limited access to the internet. There will be two series of meetings with the public regarding the feasibility study open for every person residing within the school district.

Mr. Ulmer had questions about the policy regarding the use of facilities.

## Agenda Items

### • General

G-1 Approval of the 2020-2021 school calendar for the second and final reading. (Attachment)

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

G-2 Approval of a request from Jessica Reich, Be-Hip Cooking Class, C. E. McCall Middle School, classroom, May 14, 2020, 3:45 PM to 5:45 PM. (Attachment)

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

Mr. Snell inquired about who changed the format for request forms and why they are changing.

G-3 Approval of a request from Andrea Lucas, Montoursville Little League, C. E. McCall Middle School, commons, March 24, 2020, 5:45 PM to 8:30 PM. (Attachment)

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

G-4 Approval of a request from Andrea Tira, Montoursville High School Key Club, Montoursville Area High School, cafeteria, March 21, 2020, 5:30 AM to 12:30 PM. (Attachment)

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

G-5 Approval of an agreement between Montoursville Area School District and Mansfield University. (Attachment)

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

G-6 Approval of purchasing Montoursville Area High School cafeteria tables in the amount of \$6,104.00. This will come out of the cafeteria fund. (Attachment)

Motion: Konkle Second: Ulmer  
Yes: Albert, Konkle, Marriott, Mathers, Ruffing, Shimmel, Snell, Ulmer  
No: None  
Absent: Beery  
Result: **Motion Carried**  
Mr. Snell asked if the money has to be used in the cafeteria. Mrs. Smith responded.

G-7 Approval of a three-year agreement between Montoursville Area School District and UPMC Susquehanna for the Athletic Training Agreement. \$31,212.00 for 2020-21, \$31,836.00 for 2021-22, \$31,836.00 for 2022-23. (Attachment)

Motion: Ulmer Second: Marriott  
Yes: Albert, Konkle, Marriott, Mathers, Ruffing, Shimmel, Snell, Ulmer  
No: None  
Absent: Beery  
Result: **Motion Carried**  
Mr. Ulmer asked what our costs were last year. Mrs. Smith responded.

G-8 Approval of an agreement between Montoursville Area School District and Central Susquehanna IU #16 for Student Information Software for the 2020-2021 school year. Based on enrollment estimated at \$32,500.80. (Attachment)

Motion: Marriott Second: Ruffing  
Yes: Albert, Konkle, Marriott, Mathers, Ruffing, Shimmel, Snell, Ulmer  
No: None  
Absent: Beery  
Result: **Motion Carried**  
Dr. Mathers asked what the agreement covers. Mrs. Bason responded.

- **Personnel**

P-1 Approval of the following leave from a member of the professional staff:

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Leave Dates</u>
101626	May 14, 2020 until the end of the 2019-2020 school year.

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



P-2 Approval of the following addition to the substitute teacher list for the 2019-2020 school year:

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Certification</u>
Caressa Walk	Elementary K-6

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

P-3 Approval of the following additions to the 2019-2020 guest teacher list:

<u>Guest Teacher</u>
Rodney Knier
Abigail Ranom
Luke Rodgers
Danielle Rohler

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

P-4 Approval of the following substitute support staff list for the 2019-2020 school year:

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Position</u>
Aneela Safer	Aide

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

P-5 Approval of the following additions to the support staff:

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Rate of Pay</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Replacement for:</u>
Ranae Savidge	Para Professional	\$11.20 per hour	March 12, 2020	Jeffrey Reitz
Liza Temple	Secretary	\$13.04 per hour	March 24, 2020	Jimi Sue Wodrig

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

P-6 Approval of the following additions to the coaching staff for the 2019-2020 school year:

<u>Coach</u>	<u>Sport</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Stipend</u>	<u>Replacement for:</u>
Ryan Baxter	Varsity Boys Tennis	Assistant Coach	\$1,500	JoAnn Reeves
Anthony Frey	Boys Jr High Soccer	Volunteer	NA	NA
Seth Fry	Boys Jr High Soccer	Volunteer	NA	NA
Amanda Walter	Track and Field	Volunteer	NA	NA
Erin McMurray	Track and Field	Volunteer	NA	NA

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

- **Transportation**

T-1 Approval for Promised Land Bussing rates in the amount of \$2,015.69 for February 2020. (Attachment)

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

- **Academics**

A-1 Approval for a waiver of tuition be granted to student 202310, grade 12, for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year.

Motion: Ulmer Second: Marriott  
Yes: Albert, Konkle, Marriott, Mathers, Ruffing, Shimmel, Snell, Ulmer  
No: None  
Absent: Beery  
Result: **Motion Carried**  
Mr. Snell asked how the waiver would affect state funding. Mrs. Bason responded.

- **Policy**

PY-1 Approval of the second and final reading of Policy 246 – Wellness. (Attachment)

Motion: Marriott Second: Ulmer  
Yes: Albert, Konkle, Marriott, Mathers, Ruffing, Shimmel, Snell, Ulmer  
No: None  
Absent: Beery  
Result: **Motion Carried**  
Mr. Snell asked who will be on the Wellness Committee. Mrs. Smith responded.

PY-2 Approval of the first reading of Policy 333.1 – Grant Incentives. (Attachment)

Motion: Ulmer Second: Konkle

Yes: Albert, Konkle, Marriott, Mathers, Ruffing, Shimmel, Snell, Ulmer

No: None

Absent: Beery

Result: **Motion Carried**

Dr. Mathers asked if we pay anything for PSERS when we pay them out. Mr. Ulmer asked if there is an AR for it. Mrs. Bason answered both questions.

PY-3 Approval of the first reading of Policy 533 – Grant Incentives. (Attachment)

Motion: Ulmer Second: Marriott

Yes: Albert, Konkle, Marriott, Mathers, Ruffing, Shimmel, Snell, Ulmer

No: None

Absent: Beery

Result: **Motion Carried**

#### Other Reports

##### A. Committee Reports

- PSBA – There is a sectional meeting on the day of one of our feasibility study meetings.
- LCTC Representative – The Articles of Agreement are due; will be working on them.
- IU Rep. – Mr. Ruffing distributed a handout.
- Memorial Gardens – Cleanup scheduled for May 9<sup>th</sup> at 9 am.
- Montoursville Foundation – Mr. Ulmer sent out an email on the meeting.
- Extra-Curricular Activities – Mr. Konkle presented information on paying coaches for post season play. He would like to put it on the agenda at the end of the month. Mr. Snell states all committee meeting should be public.

#### Public Comment

Mr. Ulmer noted that he enjoys hearing from the building principals.

Tina Marie Kline stated all the committee meetings need to be public. She also asked about stipends/extra pay for cheerleading coaches and band directors who will be putting in extra time due to extended seasons. She also enjoyed Mr. Myers presentation.

Pamela Nelson voiced disagreement with having committee meetings occurring at the same time. She doesn't believe it to be public, if she can't attend all of them.

The board wanted to thank Nutrition Group for the provided meal last meeting.

The board will be having an executive session for personnel and safety following the meeting.

#### ADJOURNMENT OF THE REGULAR MEETING 10:20 PM

Motion: Marriott

Second: Ruffing

Voice Vote: Unanimous



David Shimmel, President



Brandy N. Smith, Board Secretary