

# MONTOURSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

## MINUTES FOR WORK SESSION Online Zoom Webinar

Tuesday, March 31, 2020  
7:08 PM

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

### 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 Taormina, Daniel - High School Principal  
x Williamson, Michele - Supervisor of Special Education  
x Residents x Media \_\_\_ Students

### Prior Presentation

Mrs. Bason shared that during the next scheduled meeting, the Principal presentations will be continued as conducted in prior meetings.

### Public Comment

None

### Agenda Items

#### • General

G-1 Consider authorizing the Superintendent to enter into contracts or agreements that will allow the District to maintain continuous operations, including but not limited to memoranda of understanding with representatives of associations involved with Collective Bargaining Agreements. These items will be included on the agenda for the next official meeting for retroactive approval.

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

Dr. Mathers asked about whether there would be a limit on the amount that can be spent without Board approval. Mr. Snell mentioned holding virtual meetings for approvals. Mrs. Bason and Mr. Holland stated that all meetings need to be advertised. Mr. Shimmel shared his view on the motion.

Mr. Konkle asked about what technology needs the district may have if we must move forward with remote learning. Mr. Peipher responded about anticipated needs.

G-2 Consider authorizing the Superintendent and/or Business Manager to approve and pay invoices. These items will be included on the agenda for the next official meeting for retroactive approval.

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

Mr. Snell stated that he wanted the "or" to be removed from the motion and called for a joint decision. Mrs. Bason clarified that this protects the district in the event of illness or remote system issues. Mrs. Smith added that it is difficult to process large batches of checks in the few hours they have available. Frequently paying bills, allows for money to be in the hands of small businesses who need it during this time.

G-3 Consider suspending provisions of any Board policies that would prohibit conducting executive sessions or other matters that do not require public access by remote communication.

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

Mr. Snell asked for clarification on a timetable for this motion. Mr. Holland responded that it would be indefinite and should be revisited when normal operations are able to be resumed.

G-4 Approval of Act 80 days, March 25, 26, 27, 2020.

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

- **Personnel**

P-1 Approval of the fall coach's playoff pay. (Attachment)

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

P-2 Approval of a five-year renewal contract with Christina Bason, Superintendent of Schools, effective July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2025. (Attachment)

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

- **Policy**

PY-1 Approval of the second and final reading of Policy 333.1 – Grant Incentives. (Attachment)

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

PY-2 Approval of the second and final reading of Policy 533 – Grant Incentives. (Attachment)

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

Informational Items

Mrs. Bason provided an update on the district. The State issued a statement that schools are closed indefinitely. Mrs. Bason stated that options are being reviewed to try and move on to planned instruction, but enrichment exercises are ongoing. Mrs. Bason thanked the staff and parents for their efforts during this time.

Public comment

Mr. Snell commented on broadband availability and the impact that the pandemic is having on the community. Mr. Snell brought up the idea to extend property tax discount period. He requested that to be placed on the next agenda. Mr. Shimmel suggested having the solicitor look into it before moving forward. Mr. Ruffing inquired as to how it would impact the district.

Mrs. Marriott commended Mrs. Bason and the other Administrators for going above and beyond during this time. Dr. Mathers, Mr. Shimmel, Mr. Ruffing, Mr. Snell, and Mr. Konkle also expressed their appreciation for the work everyone is doing for the district and the community.

Pamela Nelson thanked everyone for their hard work during this time. She also asked about an end date for the school year.

Mr. Snell asked if federal policies would be waived if the State asks the districts to move beyond enrichment activities.

ADJOURNMENT OF THE REGULAR MEETING 8:33 PM

Motion: Marriott  
Voice Vote: Unanimous

Second: Ruffing

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David Shimmel, President

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Brandy N. Smith', with a stylized, cursive script.

Brandy N. Smith, Board Secretary