

MONTOURSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

MINUTES FOR PUBLIC OPTIONS MEETING Online Zoom Webinar

Wednesday, JULY 15, 2020
7:05 PM

MEMBER

☒ Daniel L. Albert
☒ Susan Beery
____ Scott W. Konkle
☒ Jennifer L. Marriott
☒ Dottie M. Mathers, Vice President
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MEMBER

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

OTHERS

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

Presentation

Mrs. Bason started the meeting by giving a summary of the events that preceded the current feasibility study to provide context for the options being presented during this meeting.

Mr. Scott Cousin of Crabtree, Rohrbaugh, & Associates provided a summary of the seven options to be presented. Mr. Sean Douty and Mr. Cousin presented the details of options 1 through 7 including visualizations of additions, renovations, the projected costs, as well as the pros and cons. Mrs. Smith presented the estimated savings and the estimated tax increase needed to support each project.

Mrs. Bason shared that the Board had access to the presentation before the meeting, so they can participate in the public comment session.

Public Comment

Daniel Asiello asked about how transportation costs would be impacted with each option. He asked for another summary to be given on each option. Mr. Asiello also asked what the average class size was for K-2.

Misty Emick inquired about when construction would start, if there would be layoffs with any of the options, and how many kindergarten rooms Loyalsock Valley currently has. She also commented that as a parent of elementary students who live in town, she did not like the idea of her kids being bussed out to Loyalsock Valley.

Daniel Asiello commented on the class sizes at the kindergarten level versus the other grades. Mr. Asiello asked if the District has any estimates of what Loyalsock Valley Elementary could potentially sell for, if the Board approves. He also inquired how long the projects could take to complete.

Patti Connelly asked how long the bus ride would be for current Loyalsock Valley students being transported to Lyter Elementary.

Misty Emick asked if the Board had a favored option at this point in the process.

Daniel Asiello inquired about the flexibility on the amount of capital that can be applied to each project. Mr. Asiello asked if the renovations for each project included technology upgrades.

Mr. Snell shared his thoughts on how he would like the options to be presented. Mr. Snell also would like to see an option where the District does renovations as they can afford it without taking on debt.

Daniel Asiello agreed with Mr. Snell's statement on the presentation of options. Mr. Asiello stated that he believes all the students need access to a comfortable education environment and that requires spending at times.

Mr. Albert asked if the savings listed on certain options would be annual savings.

Mr. Snell asked Mr. Cousin when the last renovations were done at Lyter Elementary and Loyalsock Valley. Mr. Snell stated that he believes the renovation priority should be Loyalsock Valley as the District can afford it without taking on debt.

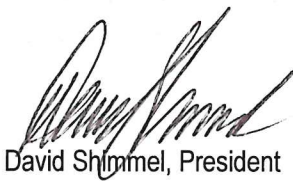
Daniel Asiello asked if the maximum five-million-dollar cap is what the District currently has or if that is a projected amount. Mr. Asiello also said the District needs to look forward and provide the best environment possible for all students not just at one school.

Misty Emick asked Mr. Snell to clarify on his statement that the Loyalsock Valley renovation should be a priority. She believes if one school is getting an upgrade then the other students should receive the same quality of infrastructure.

Mr. Snell shared his viewpoint on the potential tax increases as a result of taking on one of the projects.

Mrs. Bason reminded the public of the date and time for the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT OF THE REGULAR MEETING 9:21 PM



David Shimmel, President



Brandy N. Smith, Board Secretary