

# MONTOURSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

## MINUTES FOR WORK SESSION Online Zoom Webinar

Tuesday, September 22, 2020  
7:13 PM

Call to Order - Board President  
Roll Call - Board Secretary

### MEMBER

       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  
       \*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

Mrs. Bason provided an update on the re-opening planning process for the District. She stated that she appreciates the input from the public as well as the staff as they meet and discuss all of the options. She thanked everyone for their hard work through this time.

Mr. Shimmel shared that he would like to have the next board meeting held in person with the proper precautions in place. However, he was not sure if rules would allow for the public to be present so that would need to be determined.

Mr. Snell shared a testing method he had heard about in another state. He also said that there needs to be public comment allowed during meeting for there to be any votes.

Mr. Ruffing asked if the Board would have interest in addressing the number of spectators allowed at sporting events in the next board meeting.

Mr. Snell said he believes if we are allowing the number of students who are playing football to be as close as they are then we should have in-person instruction 5 days a week.

### Public Comment

Don Lynch asked what exactly a hybrid model is. He is concerned about the amount of work sent home with his children.

Brenda Oberheim asked if the case numbers for the county are at a point where we could switch to a full week of in-person instruction. She also stated that she would like to see more people allowed at sporting events.

#### Agenda Items

##### **Nomination for PSBA Vice President Candidate**

Mr. Shimmel called for nominations for a Vice President candidate from the eligible pool.

Mr. Snell nominated Sabrina Backer. Mr. Ulmer nominated Daniel O'Keefe.

The vote tied with Dr. Beery, Mrs. Marriott, Dr. Mathers, and Mr. Snell voting for Sabrina Backer and Mr. Ruffing, Mr. Konkle, Mr. Shimmel, and Mr. Ulmer in favor of Daniel O'Keefe.

Mr. Ulmer called for a second vote.

Dr. Beery, Mrs. Marriott, Dr. Mathers, Mr. Shimmel, Mr. Snell, and Mr. Ulmer were in favor of Sabrina Backer. Mr. Konkle and Mr. Ruffing placed their vote for Daniel O'Keefe.

Mr. Snell made a motion to close nominations and Mr. Ulmer seconded the motion.

Motion to close nominations for PSBA Vice President.

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

Sabrina Backer was added to the list of PSBA Officers for approval as Vice President.

##### • **General**

G-1 Approval of PSBA Officers:

President Elect – David Hein  
Vice President – Sabrina Backer  
Treasurer – Michael Gossert  
PSBA Insurance Trust Trustees – Michael Faccinetto and Marianne Neel

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

##### • **Personnel**

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

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
100830	September 30, 2020

P-2 Approval of the following leave from a member of the professional staff:

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Leave Dates</u>
101428	October 9, 2020 to November 8, 2020
101701	September 11, 2020 to November 1, 2020 – changed to December 1, 2020

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

P-3 Approval of the following addition to the support staff:

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Rate of Pay</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Replacement for:</u>
JoAnn Reeves	Paraprofessional	\$11.40	September 24, 2020	Mary Hensler

P-4 Approval of the following substitute custodian:

<u>Substitute</u>	<u>Rate of Pay</u>
Douglas Sauter	\$10.50

P-5 Approval of the following additions to the extracurricular activity advisors for the 2020-2021 school year:

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Stipend</u>	<u>Replacement for:</u>
Emily Sweeney	Newspaper Advisor	\$523	Sandra Trick
Andrea Tira	Key Club Advisor	\$315	NA – split position
Julie Quick	Key Club Advisor	\$315	NA – split position
Cindy Wentzler	Class Advisor	\$221	NA
Paula Pulizzi	Department Specialist, Library	\$468	Laura Green
Adam Wright	Department Specialist, Music	\$468	Barry Schreiter
Christopher Morgan	Middle School Band Advisor	\$441	Barry Schreiter
Tiffany Steppe	Middle School Student Government Advisor	\$210	Tiffany Steppe
Christopher Morgan	Middle School Musical – Sound	\$400.00	Barry Schreiter

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

P-5 Mr. Snell asked if the position that is split is normally a job done by one person.

- **Academics**

A-1 Approval for a waiver of tuition be granted to student 211530, grade 12, for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year.

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

- **Transportation**

T-1 Approval of the following addition to the School Bus Drivers list for the 2020-2021 school year:

<u>Driver:</u>	<u>Bus Contractor</u>
Lynnette Harris	Koser Busing

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

#### Informational Items

Mr. Ruffing re-stated his support for allowing more spectators at outdoor sporting events.

Mr. Snell said he believes we should seek legal guidance before moving forward.

Dr. Mathers said she believes we should prioritize families of the participants when evaluating ticket distribution.

Mr. Taormina suggested making a decision before the next home game on October 2, 2020.

Mr. Ruffing asked if it was possible to get an estimate from the administration on a number that can fit in the stands with appropriate social distance before a decision is made.

Mr. Konkle asked if Mr. Taormina would be comfortable with a motion to allow him to evaluate the stadium and set a number of spectators allowed before the next home game.

Mr. Snell thinks we should seek legal guidance before any decisions are made.

Mr. Konkle made a motion to allow administration to measure off the stadium to come up with a safe number of spectators pending legal confirmation before the next home football game. Mr. Ruffing seconded the motion.

Mr. Snell thinks this should be a decision made by the board. Mr. Snell stated that there should be an emergency meeting to make the decision once we have all of the information needed from legal counsel.

Mrs. Bason stated that she is in favor of an emergency meeting after gathering all of the information needed.

Mr. Konkle withdrew his motion.

Mr. Shimmel announced a special meeting for September 29<sup>th</sup> to discuss the number of spectators allowed.



Public comment

No public comment

ADJOURNMENT OF THE REGULAR MEETING 8:51 PM

Motion: Konkle      Second: Ulmer  
Voice Vote: Unanimous



David Shimmel, President



Brandy N. Smith, Board Secretary