MONTOURSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

MINUTES FOR SPECIAL BOARD MEETING Online Zoom Webinar

Tuesday, September 29, 2020 7:10 PM

Call to Order - Board President Roll Call - Board Secretary

<u>MEMBER</u>	MEMBER
_x _ Daniel L. Albert	x David Shimmel, President
x Susan Beery	x Ronald E. Snell
x Scott W. Konkle	Dale Ulmer
Jennifer L. Marriott	<u>x</u> *Fred Holland, Solicitor
x Dottie M. Mathers, Vice President	<u>x</u> *Christina Bason, Superintendent
x William S. Ruffing	<u>x</u> *Brandy N. Smith, Business Mgr./Bd.Secretary
	*(Non-Voting Member)
<u>OTHERS</u>	
Breon, Amy - Elementary School Principal	
Feerrar, Darrin - Elementary School Principal	
Gnoffo, Joseph - Supervisors of Buildings and Grounds	
x King, Christopher - Assistant High School Principal	
Myers, Curtis - Middle School Principal	
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. Shimmel started the meeting by stating the only item that will be discussed is the topic of spectator numbers at outdoor and indoor activities for the District. He also announced the special meeting on 10/1/2020 regarding the reopening plan for the District.

Public Comment

Phil Young shared that he believes the stadium is big enough to accommodate more than 250 people in the venue. He feels there is plenty of space between the fans, players, and visitors.

Misty Emick asked what the capacity limits are for the stadium and the gymnasium.

Caroline Lecrone had a concern about the entire band not getting to play together. She wanted to know if a decision has been made regarding the band.

Phil Young wanted to share that the PIAA posted on their website some information regarding post-season football. The higher seeds will be able to host playoff games, unless their school is not allowing visiting fans.

Mr. Snell stated that he believes the district's legal counsel should make a recommendation regarding the spectator count.

Kristine Conklin shared that she feels there is plenty of space for the band and parents to attend the games while still being socially distant.

Scott Metzger shared that he believes the students need to get back to some normalcy. He believes that the restrictions are doing a lot of harm to the students. He said that with the capacity of the stadium more than 250 people can fit while wearing masks and being socially distant.

Pamela Nelson asked if they do increase capacity how tickets will be allocated.

Motion to allow each football player, band member, and cheerleader two tickets and allow the visiting team 60 tickets for each home football game.

Motion:

Konkle

Second:

Beery

Yes:

Albert, Beery, Konkle, Mathers, Ruffing, Shimmel

No:

Snell

Absent:

Marriott, Ulmer

Result: Motion Carried

Mr. Snell stated that he would like a recommendation from the district's legal counsel.

Mr. Fred Holland stated that his recommendation was given during the executive session and that it should not be shared with the public unless the board as a whole waives the attorney-client privilege.

Mr. Shimmel stated that the board needs to be careful with any decision they make.

Dr. Mathers shared that despite the desire for the public to be allowed entry, the district does need to be cautious with the number of spectators allowed into the games given the requirement to be 6 feet apart.

Mr. Ruffing said he realizes that the District is in a tough situation. However, he wanted to point out the number of fans allowed in neighboring district's events and the lack of repercussions so far. Mr. Ruffing shared that he does not want to put the District at risk and he will vote for the highest number of fans that we can allow.

Mr. Snell reiterated that he is not against sports or allowing more people in the stadium. However, he believes if we are following the recommendations for academics then we need to follow the recommendations for athletics and events.

Public comment

Kristine Conklin thanked the board for the decision that they made. She wanted the board to reconsider the number of tickets allocated for the visitors.

Mr. Snell asked if we would be charging for these tickets.

Mr. Ruffing suggested charging for the tickets but giving the funds to the clubs that would normally benefit from concession sales.

Dr. Mathers suggested making it a donation as people have been financially impacted by COVID.

Dr. Beery suggested splitting the funds evenly among the clubs.

Mr. Snell made a motion to charge five dollars per ticket. There was no second.

Mr. Shimmel stated that it seems the best course of action is to ask for donations and to split it evenly among the groups that would usually receive money during the football games.

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Mr. Ruffing suggested having the art classes make signs to clearly indicate where the donated money will be going.

Mr. Ruffing made a motion to request a voluntary donation to benefit student groups and clubs and Dr. Mathers seconded that motion. The session was then opened back up to public comment.

Public Comment

Pamela Nelson asked if each group will have a bucket or if it will be divided equally. She also asked if the boosters could still have a pop-up shop for clothing or sealed snacks.

Scott Moll thanked the board for their work tonight. Mr. Moll asked if there would be a different entrance for the visiting fans.

Scott Metzger shared that other organizations have been able to sell sealed goods during their events. He believes that should be allowed during these games. He also said that parents should be charged the 5-dollar ticket price.

Caroline Lecrone shared that she thinks all the money should be put together and split evenly.

Tiffany Henry feels that the exchange of money should be allowed at the games through the concessions.

Motion to, in leu of the required five-dollar admission charge for football games, request a voluntary donation to benefit the student groups and clubs with clear signage indicating who the money would benefit.

Motion:

Ruffing

Second:

Mathers

Yes:

Albert, Beery, Konkle, Mathers, Ruffing, Shimmel, Snell

No:

None

Absent: Result:

Marriott, Ulmer Motion Carried

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Motion:

Konkle

Second:

Ruffing

Voice Vote: Unanimous

Ďavid Shimmel, President

Brandy N. Smith, Board Secretary