

# MONTOURSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

MINUTES FOR BOARD MEETING  
Online Zoom Webinar

Tuesday, September 8, 2020  
7:02 PM

Call to Order - Board President  
Roll Call - Board Secretary

## MEMBER

Daniel L. Albert  
 Susan Beery  
 Scott W. Konkle  
 Jennifer L. Marriott  
 Dottie M. Mathers, Vice President  
 William S. Ruffing

## MEMBER

David Shimmel, President  
 Ronald E. Snell  
 Dale Ulmer  
 \*Tom Burkhart, 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  
 Gnofo, 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

### Motion to Add Supplemental Agenda Items

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

### Awards and Recognitions

The Board welcomed Student Representative Zachary Smith.

Mr. Feerrar, Dr. Breon, Mr. Myers, and Mr. Taormina all provided back to school updates for each of their schools.

Mr. Taormina also provided an update on athletics and spectators at the football games.

### Approval of minutes for the following meetings:

- Board Meeting, Tuesday, August 11, 2020
- Special Work Session, Thursday, August 20, 2020

Motion: Ruffing Second: Mathers  
Yes: Albert, Beery, Konkle, Mathers, Ruffing, Shimmel, Snell, Ulmer  
No: None

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Absent: Marriott  
Result: **Motion Carried**

Public Comment

Sheldon Schwartz shared his thoughts and perspective regarding the COVID guidelines and metrics as it relates to opening the schools full time.

Business Manager's Report

A. General Fund and Cafeteria Fund Treasurer's Report

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

B. Budgetary Transfers – None

C. Presentation of Bills (Roll Call)

General Fund	– \$2,025,842.74
Cafeteria Fund	– \$ 9,293.22

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

D. Business

Mrs. Smith addressed a question from the last meeting about 2310 Board Services with already over 40% being paid out. The majority of that is PSBA annual fees and it is normal.

Superintendent's Report

Mrs. Bason gave an update on the beginning of the school year. Mrs. Bason took time to thank the staff for their hard work in helping the students adjust to the new way of learning.

Agenda Items

• **General**

G-1 Approval to accept the agreement with Paul Smith. (Attachment)

Motion: Ulmer Second: Mathers  
Yes: Albert, Beery, Konkle, Mathers, Ruffing, Shimmel, Ulmer  
No: Snell  
Absent: Marriott  
Result: **Motion Carried**

Mr. Snell asked if this agreement will be made a public document. The Board discussed with Mr. Burkhart. If someone would like a copy, they can request one.

G-2 Approval of a request from Ken Smith, Montoursville Youth Football and Cheer, Montoursville Area High School, stadium, August 29, 2020 to November 21, 2020, 10:30 AM to 3:30 PM. (Attachment)

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

Mr. Ulmer requested that a note be included as to why this exception is being made. This is an exception because it is an outside activity.

G-3 Approval of a request from Ken Smith, Montoursville Youth Football and Cheer, C.E. McCall Middle School and Lyter Elementary School, gym, September 1, 2020 to November 5, 2020, 5:15 PM to 7:45 PM. (Attachment)

**Motion to table G-3, due to the request being for gym use, not an outdoor activity.**

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

G-4 Approval of the revised Athletic Health and Safety Plan. (Attachment)

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

Mr. Ulmer asked what the QR Coding is.

Dr. Mathers asked about student athletes in close contact with COVID, will they quarantine?

Mr. Snell asked if the District is responsible for contact tracing.

Mrs. Bason described how the rapid response team process works.

- **Personnel**

P-1 Approval of retirements from members of the professional staff:

<b>Employee</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Years of Service</b>	<b>Effective</b>
Margaret Welch	Elementary Teacher	17.5	January 26, 2021
Mindy Apsokardu	English Teacher	17	January 26, 2021

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

Mrs. Bason thanked the teachers for their years of service and wished them the best.

P-2 Approval of a resignation from a member of the support staff, effective August 24, 2020:

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Position</u>
Mary Hensler	Paraprofessional

Motion: Snell Second: Mathers  
 Yes: Albert, Beery, Konkle, Mathers, Ruffing, Shimmel, Snell, Ulmer  
 No: None  
 Absent: Marriott  
 Result: **Motion Carried**  
 Mrs. Bason stated that Mary Hensler will be greatly missed.

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>
Dwayne Rodriguez	Custodian	\$14.84	September 9, 2020	Joan Pharis
Tina Zechman	Custodian	\$14.84	September 9, 2020	Deb Williams

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

P-4 Approval of the following leave of absences from members of the professional staff:

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Leave Dates</u>
101342	December 6, 2020 to January 31, 2021
101701	September 11, 2020 to November 1, 2020

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

P-5 Approval of the following addition to the teacher substitute list for the 2020-2021 school year:

<u>Substitute</u>	<u>Certification</u>
Patty Bower	Elementary

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

P-6 Approval of the following additions to the guest teacher list for the 2020-2021 school year:

<b>Guest Teacher</b>		
Barbara Calaman	Randy Holmes	Christy Phillips
Gretchen Carpenter	Chelsey Horner	Abigail Ransom
Dana Culver	Elizabeth Kerr	Tinecia Repard
Matthew Derrick	Kevin Kilpatrick	Tammy Robbins
Valerie Doebler	Karen Kirk	Luke Rodgers
Vicki Eberhart	Ruth McGuire	Danielle Rohler
Brittany Ellison	Brittany McLaughlin	Joseph Shimko
Valerie Foley	MaryEllen Miele	Don Smith
Sherry Francis	Heidi Mnkandhla	Maja Susanj
Elizabeth Haldeman	John Mott	Patricia Walker
Ryan Helminiak	Annette Pennella	Sarah Weiss
Erica Bolden	Fillin Peace	Jennifer Phillips
Brenna Segraves	Diane Souter	Brianna Stroup
Lacy Wahlers		

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

P-7 Approval of the following Covid Compliance Volunteer Staff, effective for the 2020-2021 school year:

<b>Volunteer</b>
Jean Moll
Scott Moll
Philip Young
Patsy Schmalhofer
John Schmalhofer
Kelly Young
Cynthia Anderson
Keith Bennett
Stacy Bennett
Gina Weber
Raymond Anderson
Warren Carson
Melissa Carson
Alaina Jones
Bruce Jones

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

Mr. Shimmel asked Mrs. Bason to share what those volunteers will be doing for our community.  
 Mr. Snell asked if these volunteers would still need clearances.



- **Transportation**

T-1 Approval of the School Bus Drivers and Monitors for the 2020-2021 school year. (Attachment)

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

- **Policies**

PY-1 Approval of the first reading first reading of the following new policy: (Attachment)

816 – Electronic Records/Signature

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

Other Reports

A. Committee Reports

- PSBA – They are working on advocacy to help with any liability issues related to COVID.
- Policy Committee – Reviewing adjustments to the Use of Facilities Policy.
- LCTC Representative – Students are back to school with masks. Benton School District is sending students this year and may become a partner with LCTC.
- IU Rep. – Meeting virtually, nothing to report at this time.
- Memorial Gardens – Nothing to report
- Budget – Nothing to report
- Buildings and Ground – Thanked Joe Gnoffo and his staff for how hard they have worked.
- Montoursville Foundation – Nothing to report
- Extra-Curricular Activities – Nothing to report

Executive Session Announced prior to the start of the meeting.

Public Comment

Julie Waldman asked if there has been any feedback on the Warrior Online Learning Program. Her daughters have not had a smooth day yet. She shared concerns that she still has no materials.

Amanda Wright shared her opinions on WOL. She stated that it has not been a great experience so far.

Denise Clark shared that workbooks were ordered August 20 and she will look into why they were not received by some students. They are also available as PDFs on the system.

Kimberly Rehn wanted to share that she has been really happy with the hybrid model.

Mr. Snell asked if all of the students have received Chromebooks and iPads. Mr. Snell asked what we would do if a parent does not sign the acceptable use policy. He also wanted to know when students are expected to download their assignments.

Tina Marie Kline stated that her child is having issues with download speed while at school.

Dr. Mathers asked Dr. Schwartz where he is seeing the numbers given in the earlier public comment session.

Mr. Ulmer asked if we are reviewing plans if we can go full time as the numbers call for it.

Mr. Snell stated that he believes if we are allowing contact sports then we should be going five days a week.

Mr. Albert wanted to thank the administration, teachers, and coaches for all of their hard work. He stated that as a board they needed to stand with them as this is new for everybody.

ADJOURNMENT OF THE REGULAR MEETING 9:20 PM

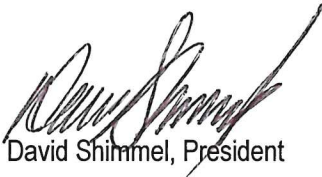
Motion: Konkle                      Second: Ruffing

Yes: Albert, Beery, Konkle, Mathers, Ruffing, Shimmel, Ulmer

No: Snell

Absent: Marriott

Result: **Motion Carried**

  
David Shimmel, President

  
Brandy N. Smith, Board Secretary