

# MONTOURSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

## MINUTES FOR BOARD ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING Online Zoom Webinar

Tuesday, December 1, 2020  
 7:06 PM

Call to Order - Board Secretary  
 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  
☒ \*Fred Holland, Solicitor  
☒ \*Christina Bason, Superintendent  
☒ \*Brandy N. Smith, Business Mgr./Bd.Secretary  
 \*(Non-Voting Member)

### OTHERS

☒ Breon, Amy - Elementary School Principal  
☒ Clark, Denise – WOL Coordinator  
☒ 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

### Appointment of Temporary Board President

Mrs. Smith called for nominations for a Temporary President.

Mr. Konkle nominated Mrs. Marriott. Dr. Mathers gave a second for that nomination.

Mrs. Smith asked if there were any further nominations. There were none. Mrs. Smith declared the nominations closed.

The vote was unanimous in favor of Mrs. Marriott.

Mrs. Marriott took the chair of Temporary President.

### Nominations for Board President

Mrs. Marriott called for nominations for the 2021 President of the Montoursville Area School Board. Mr. Ruffing nominated Mr. Shimmel. Mrs. Marriott called for any additional nominations. No additional nominations were made.

Mr. Ulmer called for nominations to close and Mr. Konkle gave a second. Mrs. Marriott called for a vote.

Motion: Ruffing  
 Yes: Beery, Konkle, Marriott, Mathers, Ruffing, Shimmel, Ulmer  
 No: Snell

Absent: Albert  
Result: **Motion Carried**

Mr. Shimmel took the chair of President.

Nominations for Board Vice President

Mr. Shimmel called for nominations for the 2021 Vice-President of the Montoursville Area School Board.

Mrs. Marriott nominated Dr. Mathers.

Mr. Shimmel called for any additional nominations. No additional nominations were made.

Mr. Ulmer moved to close the nominations, and Mrs. Marriott seconded the motion.

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

Dr. Mathers took the chair of Vice President.

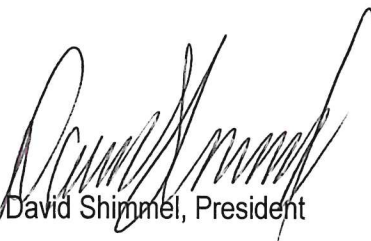
Meeting Place, Time, and Dates

Mr. Shimmel announced that the regular meeting of the Board of School Directors would be held the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. and work sessions will be the fourth Tuesday except in July, August, November and December. Meetings will be held at the Montoursville Area High School in the conference room. A supplemental advertisement will be published if meetings are to be held virtually via Zoom.

Yes: Beery, Konkle, Marriott, Mathers, Ruffing, Shimmel, Snell, Ulmer  
No: None  
Absent: Albert  
Result: **Motion Carried**  
The Board discussed Board Policy changes regarding public comment and meeting times.

ADJOURNMENT OF THE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING 7:22 PM

Motion: Marriott      Second: Ruffing  
Voice Vote: Unanimous



David Shimmel, President



Brandy N. Smith, Board Secretary

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### Public Comment

Tina Marie Kline wanted to congratulate the High School academic decathlon team.

Alexandra LeCrone stated that she hasn't seen enforcement of rules regarding masks. Alexandra said she thinks the District should go to remote learning.

Dan Asiello asked how next year's board meetings will be held. Mr. Asiello stated that he didn't like how much stuff his daughter was being sent home with and that mask rules need to be heavily enforced.

### Business Manager's Report

#### A. General Fund and Cafeteria Fund Treasurer's Report

These reports will be emailed out later in the week for the January meeting due to the timing of the current meeting

#### B. Budgetary Transfers - None

#### C. Presentation of Bills (Roll Call)

General Fund	– \$2,435,766.70
Cafeteria Fund	– \$ 47,605.17

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

Mr. Snell requested that check number 60022 be taken out and voted on separately.

Approval of payment for check number 60022

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

Mr. Snell questioned the number of signs received from the order.

Mr. Taormina and Mr. Myers provided the order details.

#### D. Business

Mrs. Smith gave an audit update – auditors will be at the January 12<sup>th</sup> board meeting. She will provide an overview on January 26<sup>th</sup> allowing time for everyone to review so questions can be answered.

For the budget, cyber enrollments remained consistent in November.

### Superintendent's Report

Dr. Breon, Mr. Feerrar, Mr. Myers, Mr. King, and Mr. Taormina each gave updates on their schools.

Mr. Taormina thanked Mr. Keefer for everything he has done during his time as Head Coach of the football team.



Mrs. Bason shared that meetings are ongoing with staff and administration to find the best ways to provide remote education when it is necessary.

### Agenda Items

- **General**

- G-1 Approval of an agreement between Montoursville Area School District and BLaST IU 17 for IDEA 619 Early Intervention agreement. (Attachment)

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

- G-2 Approval of the designation of Brandy N. Smith, Business Manager, as agent for the Montoursville Area School District for the purpose of obtaining financial assistance under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act. (Attachment)

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

Mr. Snell asked for an overview on what the approval was for.

- **Personnel**

- P-1 Approval of the following change of leave of absence from a member of the professional staff:

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Leave Dates</u>	<u>Changed To</u>
101342	December 6, 2020 to January 31, 2021	December 1, 2020 to February 28, 2021

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

- P-2 Approval of the following resignation from a member of the coaching staff, effective November 10, 2020:

<u>Coach</u>	<u>Sport</u>	<u>Position</u>
John Keefer	Football	Head Coach

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

Mr. Ruffing, Mr. Konkle, and Mr. Shimmel thanked Mr. Keefer for all that he has done for the football program as a coach and as a strong mentor and role model for the students.

P-3 Approval of the following changes to the coaching staff for the 2021-2022 school year:

<u>Coach</u>	<u>Sport</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Stipend</u>	<u>Replacement for:</u>
Michael Boughton	Varsity Football	Head Coach	\$6,860	John Keefer

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

P-4 Approval of the following addition to fill a long-term position:

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Replacement for:</u>
Erica Hepburn	Elementary	January 26, 2021 until the end of the 2020-21 School Year	100830

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

- **Transportation**

T-1 Approval for Promiseland Bussing rates in the amount of \$2,394.68 for November 2020. (Attachment)

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

T-2 Approval of the following additions to the School Bus Drivers list for the 2020-2021 school year:

<u>Driver:</u>	<u>Bus Contractor</u>
Arielle Rood	Promiseland Bussing
Tiffany Rood	Promiseland Bussing

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

Motion to add supplemental item P-5 to the agenda

Motion: Marriott Second: Ruffing  
Yes: Beery, Konkle, Marriott, Mathers, Ruffing, Shimmel, Snell, Ulmer

No: None  
Absent: Albert  
Result: **Motion Carried**

P-5 Approval of the following addition to the coaching staff for the 2020-2021 school year:

<u>Coach</u>	<u>Sport</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Stipend</u>	<u>Replacement for:</u>
Dylan Casale	Boys Basketball	Volunteer	NA	NA

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

#### Supplemental Agenda

Motion to approve Mr. Shimmel and Mrs. Bason as signers on the Attestation Ensuring Implementation of Mitigation Efforts

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

Mr. Snell asked when this attestation was submitted.

#### Other Reports

##### A. Committee Reports

- PSBA – Nothing to report
- Policy Committee – Nothing to report
- LCTC Representative – They are adjusting to some schools being remote. They are working out details of adding another School District
- IU Rep. – They will continue to meet virtually
- Memorial Gardens – Nothing to report
- Budget – Nothing to report
- Buildings and Ground – Nothing to report
- Montoursville Foundation – They have awarded a grant to Mr. Tucker and the Ag Program
- Extra-Curricular Activities – Nothing to report

#### Public Comment

Dan Asiello asked if there could be a policy sent out to parents outlining the disciplinary actions that will take place in each building as a result of not wearing masks.

Alexandra LeCrone said she appreciates what is being done, but still wanted to reiterate that she has seen a high number of students with masks below their nose.

Miya Gillin voiced her support for full remote instruction.

Blade Snyder shared that he doesn't feel there are students being picked on for wearing their masks. Blade asked if there was going to be any more efforts to have a swim season. He also stated that he is in favor of in-person learning.

Mrs. Marriott said she appreciated the students who spoke at the meeting.

Mr. Snell agreed with Mrs. Marriott's comments. He also stated that to make everything work it will take the whole community.

Mr. Ruffing wanted to be sure the public was made aware that the next meeting will be January 12<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Konkle thanked Mr. Shimmel and Dr. Mathers for their work as President and Vice President for 2020 and also for taking it on in 2021.

Nathan Kline thanked Mr. Snell.

Caroline LeCrone said she appreciates everything the board does. She also commented on the next election.

Mr. Ruffing stated that every Board Member listens to the tax payers.

ADJOURNMENT OF THE REGULAR MEETING 8:54 PM

Motion: Marriott      Second: Ulmer  
Voice Vote: Unanimous



David Shimmel, President



Brandy N. Smith, Board Secretary