

## MONTOURSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

### MINUTES FOR WORK SESSION Online Zoom Webinar

Tuesday, February 23, 2021  
7:07 PM

Call to Order - Board President

Roll Call - Board Secretary

#### MEMBER

x Daniel L. Albert  
x Susan Beery  
\_\_\_\_ 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

Mr. Shimmel announced that a revised agenda was put out today. He also announced two executive sessions prior to the work session.

Mrs. Smith gave a presentation on the 2021-2022 projected revenues.

Mr. Snell asked if the District was the insurer for the device insurance or if the revenue earned would have to be paid out to an insurance company.

Mrs. Smith said that it depends on the device insured.

Mr. Snell asked if a list was available to see what the Federal COVID Grant money could be spent on.

Mrs. Bason said she would provide the Board with the information.

Mr. Snell asked if Mrs. Smith could break down the process for when we receive the COVID related grant money after it is approved.

Mrs. Smith shared that the money is sent to the State. The amount disbursed is decided at the state level. Mrs. Bason then completes several documents on how the money will be spent. After documentation is provided, the District is reimbursed. She stated that it is not always received in the same year that it was spent.

Mrs. Bason shared information regarding the process that the state had to go through to be approved for the funds before the process described by Mrs. Smith began.

Mrs. Bason commented on the revenues being in a better place than anticipated through the pandemic.

Mr. Snell encouraged everyone to read an article from the Sun Gazette on the financial state of area residents.

#### Public Comment

Brenda Oberheim asked for clarification on when the public comment period would occur during meetings.

Mr. Snell said he thinks that there should be a second public comment period at the end of board meetings if the allotted time for public comment hasn't been exceeded.

Mr. Shimmel stated that this concern can be addressed at the end of the meeting when discussing Policy 006.

#### Agenda Items

##### **General**

G-1 Approval of the payment of Check #60325 to the Borough of Montoursville in the amount of \$21,001.60.

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

Mr. Snell hopes in the future we protect the District in these contracts in the event of a shutdown.

G-2 Approval to adopt the adjudication in the student discipline matter for student #222870 as determined in a hearing held before the board February 23, 2021.

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

##### **Personnel**

P-1 Approval to hire Connor Rutan for the position of Technical Support Specialist at an hourly rate of \$19.27 for the 2020-2021 school year and upon successful completion of a probationary period then as a full-time employee for the 2021-2022 at a salary of \$37,000.

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

Mr. Ulmer asked if this is a new position.

Mr. Snell asked if the money is in the budget.

Mrs. Bason responded with yes to both questions.

P-2 Approval to hire Sean Walker as the Varsity Girls Track & Field Head Coach for 2020-2021 season at a salary of \$4,100.

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

P-3 Approval to accept the resignation of Kama Bennett, Food Service employee, effective February 26, 2021.

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

P-4 Approval to accept the resignation of Deanna Eisley, Food Service employee, effective January 21, 2021.

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

#### Informational Items

Mr. Shimmel shared that legal consultation explained to the Board the paragraph that was of concern in Policy 006.

Mr. Albert said that any changes to public comment policy were not with intent to exclude the public. Mr. Albert thinks the sentence in question can be taken out of the policy, but a list of approved documents needs created.

Dr. Mathers stated that the public is always welcome to email the board with any comments or questions.

Mr. Ulmer said that comments do not need to be limited to the agenda with the comment section at the beginning.

Mr. Snell stated that the first comment section has to be a part of the meeting. He said that when there are time limits on meetings and people are not allowed to speak after voting that it is not in the interest of transparency. Mr. Snell shared that Muncy, Milton, Jersey Shore, and South Williamsport allow access to appropriate attachments.

Mr. Shimmel stated that the Board is aware of items that would not be included. He called for a list of items that can be provided before meetings. Mr. Shimmel listed treasurer reports and administrative reports.

Mrs. Bason said that audits need to be approved before being shared. She stated that information regarding new hires should not be shared until they are approved.

Mr. Snell listed contracts with outside entities such as with the IU or busing contractors.

Mr. Snell said the whole paragraph regarding the 10-day waiting period for attachments should be removed. He would like to see it voted on during the next board meeting.

Mr. Ulmer suggested the policy chair meet with administration to create a revised Policy 006 to be brought to the next board meeting. He suggested not listing specific items that are approved attachments.

Time permitting, Mr. Snell would like for a second comment period to be allowed at the end of meetings. He would like to see this written into policy.

Mr. Albert said that the comments can be brought up at the next meeting.

Mrs. Bason said the public is also welcome to email their questions to the Board.


Mr. Snell stated that he thinks there should be no time limits on public comment and that the public should be able to speak on items that have been discussed during the meeting.

Mr. Shimmel said that public comment will continue to be carried out as it has been until the Board acts to change the policy.

Mrs. Bason stated that for there to be true transparency time needs to be provided to research and provide background information on why certain decisions were made so that all sides of a situation can be presented fairly.

ADJOURNMENT OF THE REGULAR MEETING 8:47 PM

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



David Shimmel, President



Brandy N. Smith, Board Secretary