

# MONTOURSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

## MINUTES FOR BOARD MEETING McCall Middle School

Tuesday, March 9, 2021  
7:03 PM

Pledge to The Flag  
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  
x \*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 Clark, Denise – WOL Coordinator  
       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 x Students

### Awards and Recognitions

Student Representative Zachary Smith presented.

### Approval of minutes for the following meetings:

- Board Meeting, Tuesday, February 9, 2021
- Work Session Meeting, Tuesday, February 23, 2021

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

### Prior Presentation

Brenda Oberheim said she would like to have a public comment period at the end of board meetings. She said she does not want virtual meetings and that they needed to be in person. She also stated that she wants to start the board meetings on time.

Scott Metzger said he was upset that he sat through the entire meeting in January and did not get a chance to speak. He would like to see the second public comment period added back to the end of the meeting. He requested the county grant expenditures be on the website and he wants the District to leverage their funds.

Pastor Leland of Faith Church offered his blessings.

#### Public Comment

Jack Callahan asked a question about the alumni.

Greg Stapp said he does not think it is reasonable to limit public comment to three minutes. He asked if the Board read the CDC announcement on Friday. He said he believes masks do not work and he wanted the Board to take back the children's freedoms.

Paul Rinker said he is in favor of the second comment period. He said people are elected to represent the people not to rule over them.

Carol Johnson spoke about the second comment period. She wanted to know if the 1619 project is taught in the curriculum. She stated that she wants newsletters out to the public to save time.

Pamela Nelson stated that she does not think mailing surveys is costs effective. She suggested emailing them out. She shared that a District where her friend moved had a 20-year plan.

Catherine Burns wanted to make the Board aware that CNN is being played in the Middle School and High School. She doesn't think the news should be played.

#### Business Manager's Report

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

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

##### B. Budgetary Transfers

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

General Fund	– \$2,217,929.49
Cafeteria Fund	– \$ 74,414.82

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

Mr. Snell had a question regarding check 60409 to Lezzer Lumber. Mr. Snell asked if this was submitted to different companies for prices. Mr. Gnoffo said they did shop for the best price.

Mr. Snell asked if we are now putting key card readers on interior doors in reference to check 60488. Mr. Gnoffo responded no.

D. Business

Mrs. Smith stated that at the next work session she will provide a review of current expenditures and expenditure projections for the 2021-2022 budget. She then provided a timeline for 2021-2022 budget.

Superintendent's Report

Mrs. Bason thanked Zachary Smith for being a part of the school play and congratulated the students on their great production. Mrs. Bason shared that the District was allotted 101 vaccines for the first allotment. The District was also provided 12 more.

Agenda Items

• General

G-1 Discussion of Revision of Policy 903. (Attachment)

G-2 Review of the Proposed 2021-2022 General Operations Budget for BLaST IU#17. (Attachment)

G-3 Approval of an agreement between Montoursville Area School District and Community Services Group. (Attachment)

G-4 Approval of an agreement between Montoursville Area School District and The Meadows Psychiatric Center. (Attachment)

G-5 Approval of an agreement between Montoursville Area School District and Merakey. (Attachment)

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

G-1A To amend Policy 903 to reinstate the second comment period and eliminate the language of a 45-minute limitation on public comment.

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

Mr. Snell commented that the District has always had a second public comment period.

Mr. Shimmel said they should just eliminate that whole paragraph regarding time limitations.

Mr. Snell also wanted to eliminate the language that states public may not speak more than once.

G-1B Amend Policy to include approved attachments prior to the public meeting.

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

Mr. Shimmel stated that the section saying that attachments must be requested 10 days in advance should be removed from the policy as discussed. Under work sessions, he said that the policy should state they will be held at a specified location, not the High School Library. He also stated that the policy should read that the agenda will include the appropriate attachments.

G-6 Approval of an agreement between Montoursville Area School District and CXTEC. (Attachment)

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

- **Personnel**

P-1 Approval of the following addition to fill a long-term position:

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Replacement for:</u>
Megan Green	Elementary	April 22, 2021 to the end of the 2020-2021 school year	101690

P-2 Approval of the following additions to the guest teacher list for the 2020-2021 school year:

<u>Guest Teacher</u>
Thomas Gargiulo
Cammy Hemenway
Bryan Patel
Carly Rogers
Joseph Titman

P-3 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>
Nathan Kimble	Girls Track and Field	Assistant Coach	\$2,6000	Gary Stiner

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

- **Transportation**

T-1 Approval of Promiseland Bussing rates in the amounts of \$2,616.54 and \$2,418.13 for February 2021. (Attachment)

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

- **Academics**

A-1 Approval for a waiver of tuition to be granted to student 200910, 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**

- **Supplemental**

G-7 Approval of an agreement between Montoursville Area School District and Southwood Psychiatric Hospital. (Attachment)

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

P-4 Approval of the following additions 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>
Chad Eberhart	Track and Field	Volunteer	NA	NA
Rick Wurster	Baseball	Volunteer	NA	NA
Rick Robertson	Softball	Volunteer	NA	NA
Caleb McCombie	Boys Tennis	Volunteer	NA	NA

P-5 Approval of the following resignations from the coaching staff for the 2020-2021 school year:

<u>Coach</u>	<u>Sport</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Craig Weaver, Sr	Girls Basketball	JV Coach	March 4, 2021
Jonathan Weaver	Girls Basketball	Head Coach	February 26, 2021
Olivia Erb	Girls Basketball	First Assistant	February 26, 2021

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

- **Budget and Finance**

BF-1 Discussion on PlanCon A for Loyalsock Valley Elementary School, expiration as of July 1, 2021.

Mrs. Bason said that she emailed the board about this matter in February.

Mr. Shimmel asked if the District can extend it? Mrs. Bason replied that they cannot.



Dr. Mathers asked if it can be applied for again. Mrs. Bason replied that it could be applied for again.

Mr. Snell stated that the District cannot take on additional debt. He said that if the new ESSERS Bill is passed we can use the money on HVAC for Loyalsock Valley and Lyter.

Mrs. Bason asked permission to let Jim Vogal know we will not be taking the PlanCon.

#### Other Reports

##### A. Committee Reports

- PSBA – Will be bringing a resolution to adopt for next meeting. PSBA will have virtual and in person training. There is a survey everyone can take online before the meeting. Monday, March 22 is advocacy day. Mr. Snell commented that the Principals didn't present their reports.
- Policy Committee – Nothing to report
- IU Rep. – Mr. Ruffing asked the board members to sign the ballot and return it to him if they would like him to continue as representative.
- LCTC Rep. – Hands on exams have become a problem because of COVID.
- Memorial Gardens – Nothing to report
- Budget – Reminder that in two weeks expenditures will be reviewed.
- Buildings and Ground – Mr. Albert not present
- Montoursville Foundation – Nothing to report
- Extra-Curricular Activities – Recognized the athletes who made the playoffs.

Dr. Breon provided a report on Loyalsock Valley. Dr. Breon highlighted their random acts of kindness. She also thanked everyone for their participation in the Mr. Sticky coupon fundraiser.

Mr. King shared that three wrestlers are going to states this weekend.

Mr. Myers noted the PRIDE letters added this year and that yesterday was the virtual science fair.

Mr. Taormina had nothing to report

#### Public Comment

Jack Callahan donated three pictures and wanted to know if they were framed and put up.

Brenda Oberheim thanked the Board and stated she doesn't want the masks.


Scott Metzger thanked the board members. He stated that he believes approval is not a good word to have on an agenda because of the perception. He stated that he does not like mask mandates and that people should not be called out for wearing them wrong.

Cathrine Burns stated that she believes the masks are harmful to the children.

Pamela Nelson said she disagrees with the people who do not want to wear masks. She said she is sick of masks, but she thinks we still should be wearing them.

ADJOURNMENT OF THE REGULAR MEETING 8:57 PM

Motion: Marriott      Second: Konkle  
Voice Vote: **Unanimous**

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David Shimmel, President

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Brandy N. Smith', with a long, horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Brandy N. Smith, Board Secretary