

# MONTOURSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

MINUTES FOR BOARD MEETING  
McCall Middle School

Tuesday, April 13, 2021  
7:02 PM

Pledge to The Flag  
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  
 \*Fred Holland, 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  
 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

### Awards and Recognitions

Mrs. Marriott shared that Marc Haas was chosen as an outstanding teacher.

Student Representative Zachary Smith presented information regarding wrestling states.

### Approval of minutes for the following meetings:

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

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

### Public Comment

Jack Callahan discussed wrestling. He also said that he would like to see the District get some type of a sign that displays what events are going on.

### Business Manager's Report

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G-3 Approval to send approximately 38 Montoursville Area School District students to the Extended School Year Program, operating by BLaST Intermediate Unit #17. The program will run for five weeks, Monday through Thursday, 8:30 AM to 11:30 AM, June 21, 2021 to July 22, 2021. The approximate cost for the program is: \$72,950. (Attachment)

Motion: Marriott Second: Beery  
Yes: Albert, Beery, Marriott, Mathers, Ruffing, Shimmel, Snell, Ulmer  
No: None  
Absent: Konkle  
Result: **Motion Carried**  
Dr. Mathers asked how the number of students compare to last year.

Mrs. Smith replied that last year was virtual. She had the costs, but would have to look up the number of students.

G-4 Approval to establish a Montoursville Area High School Chorus Student Club and Activity Account with Bylaws.

G-5 Approval to establish a Montoursville Area High School Custom Cut (Wood Shop) and Activity Account with Bylaws.

Motion: Ruffing Second: Marriott  
Yes: Albert, Beery, Marriott, Mathers, Ruffing, Shimmel, Snell, Ulmer  
No: None  
Absent: Konkle  
Result: **Motion Carried**  
G-5, Mr. Snell asked for more details on the Custom Cut Wood Shop.

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

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

G-7 Approval for the Montoursville Area High School trip to Costa Rica, June 17, 2021 to June 25, 2021.

Motion: Marriott Second: Ulmer

Mr. Taormina provided background and update on the trip including insurance requirements and other difficulties related to COVID.

Mr. Snell asked why money was put into this when it was not previously approved.

Dr. Mathers also asked the same question.

Mr. Taormina stated that it was an error. It was thought that the trip was already approved three years ago.

Mr. Shimmel suggested delaying the vote to see how things work out with the COVID related issues.

Mrs. Marriott rescinded her motion and Mr. Shimmel consented.

- **Personnel**

- **Transportation**

T-1 Approval of Promiseland Busing rates in the amounts of \$2,553.17 and \$2,291.62 for March 2021.  
(Attachment)

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

- **Policy**

PY-1 Approval of the first and final reading of the following revised policies: (Attachment)

006 – Meetings  
903 – Public Participation of Board Meetings

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

Other Reports

A. Committee Reports

- PSBA – Dr. Mathers presented a handout to be reviewed and voted on at the next meeting.
- Policy Committee – nothing to report
- IU Rep. – nothing to report
- LCTC Rep. – Mr. Shimmel gave an update on changes made to the programs and recognized students who made the honor society.
- Memorial Gardens – Mrs. Smith announced the cleanup session on May 1<sup>st</sup>
- Budget – nothing to report
- Buildings and Ground – nothing to report
- Montoursville Foundation – nothing to report
- Extra-Curricular Activities – nothing to report

Public Comment

Mr. Albert shared that he thinks the Board should consider lifting the mask requirement.

Mr. Shimmel responded that the District would have to change the health plan with PDE.

Mr. Snell stated that he agrees with Mr. Albert.

Dr. Beery stated that she is open to mask breaks.

Dr. Mathers commented about students and their family members with medical conditions.

Mr. Albert said he has not heard any COVID numbers for Lycoming county.

Brenda Stapp said when she wears a mask she is coughing and hacking the next day. She said she knows someone who got COVID and she wears a mask. She asked if the District was doing anything to get the students more Vitamin D in the winter months to help boost their immune system. She said if people are concerned then they should stay home or only wear a mask if they want to. She stated that her kid's face is breaking out and they have allergies. She asked the Board what they are doing about liability for wearing masks that are not needed.

ADJOURNMENT OF THE REGULAR MEETING 8:39 PM

Motion: Marriott      Second: Mathers

Voice Vote: **Unanimous**



David Shimmel, President



Brandy N. Smith, Board Secretary