

MONTOURSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

MINUTES FOR WORK SESSION McCall Middle School

Tuesday, April 27, 2021
7:07 PM

Pledge to The Flag
Call to Order - Board President
Roll Call - Board Secretary

MEMBER

 x 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

 Breon, Amy - Elementary School Principal
 Feerrar, Darrin - Elementary School Principal
 x Gnoffo, Joseph - Supervisors of Buildings and Grounds
 King, Christopher - Assistant High School Principal
 Myers, Curtis - Middle School Principal
 Peipher, Sebastian – Lead Network Administrator
 x Taormina, Daniel - High School Principal
 Williamson, Michele - Supervisor of Special Education
 x Residents Media x Students

Prior Presentation

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

Mr. Snell asked about a change in state revenue.

Mrs. Smith responded that the funds were received in a different year.

Mr. Snell asked about the amount of federal COVID relief funds.

Mrs. Smith explained that it can be spread over the next few years.

Mr. Ulmer asked what the total budgeted amount for cyber charter schools will be.

Mr. Snell asked about total money budgeted for PSERS.

Christian Smith spoke to the Board regarding the use of masks for the rest of the school year. He stated that masks are needed to keep not only the students safe but their families as well. He said that the school year is almost over, and that students can handle wearing them a little longer.

Student representative Zachary Smith presented survey information on masks.

Mr. Shimmel spoke about the mask mandate and the implications of not following the order.

Public Comment

Mark Oberheim presented information about mask effectiveness and why he doesn't want the students to wear them.

Joyann Rinker spoke to why she thinks the mask mandate should be lifted.

Greg Stapp presented information he found about the negative impact masks can have.

Scott Metzger invited the audience to a little league event. He asked the Board how many employees are on the health plan and what the cost was for it. He then said that the mask situation isn't going away after this year and that they should lift the rule now.

Aidan Connor stated that from the implications the Board outlined, the students will have to keep wearing masks. He asked everyone to consider students with weakened immune systems.

Jack Callahan brought up the new Warrior Run sports complex and opening the track back up.

Lanie Mussina stated that for every study showing masks are ineffective there is another showing that they work. She said she would rather be safe and protect the people around her. She shared that students would rather be in person with masks than have to be remote.

Bill Emick said that people have a right to choose whether they wear a mask or not.

Paul Rinker stated that he believes masks do not work and he asked the Board to take a stand.

Motion to extend the meeting by one half hour

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

Mrs. Smith addressed the questions raised earlier in the meeting regarding health care costs and the budget.

Mr. Albert spoke about the graduation rate for cyber charter schools as well as the cost. Mr. Albert spoke about his faith and freedom as well as the division in the country which he believes is being fueled by masks. He said that he believes action needs to be taken now.

Mr. Snell said that he believes sports have not been following the guidelines. He said that the desk shields were purchased and students should be allowed to take the masks off during class if they have the shields. Mr. Snell read an email from the State regarding the mask mandate.

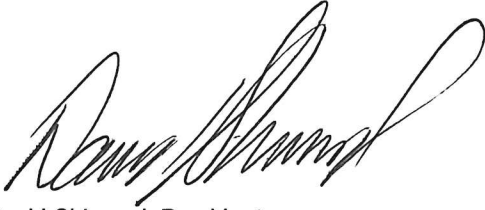
Dr. Mathers stated that the email doesn't mean the District can just refuse to wear masks.

Mr. Albert said he believes the virus won't go away with the different variants that keep appearing.

Mr. Snell read information from the CDC regarding gatherings.

ADJOURNMENT OF THE REGULAR MEETING 9:20 PM

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

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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