

MONTOURSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

MINUTES FOR BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, May 11, 2021
7:02 PM

Pledge to the flag
Call to Order - Board President
Roll Call - Board Secretary

MEMBER

x Daniel L. Albert
 Susan Beery
x Scott W. Konkle
 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
 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

Pastor Matthew Waggoner offered a prayer.

Approval of minutes for the following meetings:

- Board Meeting, Tuesday, April 13, 2021
- Work Session Meeting, Tuesday, April 27, 2021

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

Mr. Snell asked Mr. Shimmel about a statement on the minutes from April 13, 2021 regarding a special meeting to discuss the health and safety plan. He wanted to know if that was something that could be scheduled.

Mr. Ulmer asked about changing the health and safety plan as well.

Mr. Shimmel said that these items can be discussed later in the meeting.

Public Comment

Karen Disalvo gave her thoughts on the mask order. She stated that the state website says masks do not need to be worn if they are deemed harmful. She presented a book that she encouraged the Board to read regarding a correlation between extended mask use and sickness.

Mark Oberheim stated his support for Karen Disalvo but said that he believes no one will read the information. He doesn't think the state will hit the 70% vaccination rate needed to lift the mask order. He shared his hesitation with the vaccinations and said he will not be a clinical trial.

Brenda Oberheim said she wants a special meeting held. She does not want the students to be wearing masks. She also said she doesn't believe meetings should end if there is time left and some board members still want to discuss issues.

Jack Callahan commented on the prom, FFA, art show, and football banquet. He did not hear about the at show and wishes it was advertised in a better way. He shared a list of schools that are changing their names and mascots.

Paul Rinker said he believes the Board will not stand up for the people only against the people.

Business Manager's Report

A. General Fund and Cafeteria Fund Treasurer's Report

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

B. Budgetary Transfers –

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

Mr. Snell requested another line be added to the form, so the signatures can be read clearly.

C. Presentation of Bills (Roll Call)

General Fund	– \$2,090,945.53
Cafeteria Fund	– \$ 92,860.02

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

D. Business

Budget Update: Mrs. Smith provided a budget update, including a few changes from the previous presentation.

Superintendent's Report

Mrs. Bason provided background information on Agenda Items G-12 and G-13 for the Summer Skills Program and the agreement between the District and The Warren County School District.

Dr. Breon reported on the PBIS score of 82 with the minimum required being a 70. Dr. Breon also shared that Elementary PSSAs are done and the bookfair is going on right now.

Mr. Myers reported on annual essay contest winners and thanked Mr. Ravert. He shared that PSSAs went well.

Mr. Taormina reported on prom where over 270 students attended. He shared that the Celebration of the Arts went really well last weekend. Mr. Taormina also gave an update on the Boys Tennis team. They are 14-2 and won the first round of districts.

Agenda Items

- **General**

G-1 Approval of an agreement between Montoursville Area School District and Transfinder. (Attachment)

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

Mr. Ulmer asked about what Transfinder was used for.

Mr. Snell asked if it will be included in the budget.

Mrs. Bason stated that it would be coming from other funding.

Mr. Konkle asked if the reoccurring costs would be a part of the budget next year.

Mrs. Bason responded that they would be.

G-2 Approval of an agreement between Montoursville Area School District and Synovia Solutions. (Attachment)

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

Mr. Snell asked what Synovia Solutions was used for with the transportation changes.

Mrs. Bason explained that this was for the parent application.

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

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

Mr. Snell asked what this agreement was for.

Mr. Peipher explained that it was a replacement for Blackboard.

G-4 Approval of the 2021-2022 school calendar for the second and final reading. (Attachment)

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

Dr. Mathers shared that a parent said that they would like the calendar to be approved earlier.

G-5 Consider the nomination and election of Brandy N. Smith as school board secretary, effective July 1, 2021 to fulfill the four-year term ending on June 30, 2025.

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

G-6 Approval of an agreement between Montoursville Area School District and BLAST IU #17 for E-Rate Services. (Attachment)

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

G-7 Approval of an agreement between Montoursville Area School District and Nittany Learning. (Attachment)

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

G-8 Approval of the election of Daniel Albert as temporary school board president for the purpose of signing his daughter's high school diploma.

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

G-9 Approval of an agreement between Montoursville Area School District and Lycoming Career and Technology Center, 2021-2022 Budget. (Attachment)

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

Mr. Snell asked where the fund balance is located within the documents and questioned the increase in cost to the District compared to operating costs.

Mrs. Smith provided an explanation.

G-10 Approval of a one-year extension of the agreement dated May 8, 2007 with the borough of Montoursville to provide a school resource officer for the 2021-2022 school year. In accordance with the agreement, the District shall pay the Borough a yearly sum equal to 39/52 of the Borough's yearly cost of salary, benefits, vehicle and other expenses of the school resource officer. (Attachment)

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

Mr. Ulmer asked to see a current contract. Mr. Ulmer also said he wants an updated contract.

Mr. Snell said he is concerned about section number 4 regarding pension shares.

He wanted to know if the District will be paying a pension share.

Mr. Ruffing asked if school is shut down would we still be paying and what would he be doing.

Mrs. Bason shared the things he would continue to do if the District were shut down.

- G-11 Approval of Montoursville Area High School summer programs, pursuant to Board Policy #124. The six-week programs will run from June 21, 2021 to July 30, 2021.
Programs consist of:

Enrichment Courses - \$200 per course

- CSS
- World History

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

A student asked if the courses will be in person or online. Mr. Taormina responded that it will be online but that needs to be revisited.

- G-12 Approval of a 2020-2021 Summer Skills Program for Tier II/Tier III students in grades K through 11th.

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

Mr. Snell asked if it was the WOL program. Mrs. Bason responded that it was not.

- G-13 Approval of an agreement between Montoursville Area School District and Warren County School District, effective for the 2021-2022 school year. (Attachment)

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

Mr. Snell commented on Section C. He stated that this contract doesn't include us only paying when the students attend and he asked about a reimbursement.

Mr. Ulmer commented about costs staying the same.

Mrs. Bason stated that there was an increase.

Dr. Mathers asked if we could purchase half year.

Mr. Snell asked if the success rate changed at all. Mrs. Bason responded that it depends on the grade level but updated numbers will be coming soon.

G-14 Approval to adopt the Pennsylvania School Boards Association Principles for Governance and Leadership. (Attachment)

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

G-15 Approval of an agreement between Montoursville Area School District and BLaST IU #17 for Technology Services. (Attachment)

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

Mr. Snell asked if there was an increase over last year. Mr. Peipher responded that there is an increase.

G-16 Approval of an agreement between Montoursville Area School District and BLaST IU#17 for shared Special Education Services for the 2021-2022 school year. (Attachment)

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

- **Personnel**

P-1 Approval of the following additions to the support staff:

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Rate of Pay</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Replacement for:</u>
Joey Lowmiller	Custodian	\$14.84	May 12, 2021	Dwayne Rodriguez
Misty Emick	Paraprofessional	\$11.40	May 12, 2021	Jessica Cole

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

P-2 Approval of the following additions to the professional staff:

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Certification</u>	<u>Rate of Pay</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Replacement for:</u>
Payton Robbins	School Nurse (pending)	Daily Rate \$248.30 (20-21) Bachelor's Step 1 \$46,680 (21-22)	May 12, 2021	Joan Baier
Michaela Mathis	Special Education	Bachelor's Step 2 \$50,264	2021-2022 SY	Emily Haywood
Tiffany Steppe	English	Bachelor's Step 3	2021-2022	Alicia Betz

		\$51,948	SY	
Holley Fuller	Art	Bachelor's Step 2 \$50,264	2021-2022 SY	Victoria Stettis

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

P-3 Approval of an addition to the teacher substitute list for the 2020-2021 school year:

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Certification</u>
Kyle Essick	English

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

P-4 Approval of the following change in dates for a leave of absence from a member of the professional staff:

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Effective date change:</u>
101700	Original start date of leave was May 10, 2021 New start date of leave is now April 30, 2021

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

P-5 Approval of the following addition to the administrative staff:

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Rate of Pay</u>	<u>Replacement for:</u>
Jamie Yonkin	Elementary Principal	July 1, 2021	\$81,500	Dr. Amy Breon

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

Mr. Yonkin thanked the Board and shared how excited he was to be working in the District.

P-6 Approval of the following resignation from a member of the professional staff:

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Jaclyn Gilbert	Music	End of the 2020-2021 school year

Motion: Snell Second: Mathers
 Yes: Albert, Konkle, Mathers, Ruffing, Shimmel, Snell, Ulmer
 No: None

Absent: Beery, Marriott
Result: **Motion Carried**

P-7 Approval of the following changes to the coaching staff for the 2020-2021 school year:

<u>Coach</u>	<u>Sport</u>	<u>Position</u> <u>From:</u>	<u>Position To:</u>	<u>Stipend</u>	<u>Replacement for:</u>
Rick Robertson	Softball	Assistant	1 st Assistant	\$2,400	Sean Gair

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

- **Transportation**

T-1 Approval of Promiseland Bussing rates in the amounts of \$2,704.07 and \$2,474.34 for April 2021. (Attachment)

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

- **Academics**

A-1 Approval for graduation of those members of the senior class of 2021 who will have met all state and district requirements as of June 1, 2021 (146 potential graduates as of May 11, 2021).

Special dates for the senior class as follows:

Awards Ceremony – June 4, 2021 at 7:00 PM
Commencement – June 10, 2021 at 7:00 PM

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

- **Policy**

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

Policy 126 Class Size
Policy 237 Electronic Devices
Policy 703 Sanitary Management
Policy 709 Building Access
Policy 803 School Calendar

Motion: Ruffing Second: Ulmer

Yes: Albert, Konkle, Mathers, Ruffing, Shimmel, Ulmer

No: Snell

Absent: Beery, Marriott

Result: **Motion Carried**

Mr. Snell commented under authority on 237. Mr. Snell wanted to leave the list of electronic devices in the policy.

Regarding Policy 803, Dr. Mathers asked for clarification on the verbiage for the number of school days. She also asked about the number of act 80 days.

Mrs. Bason provided clarification.

Mr. Snell asked how many daily instruction hours are included.

- **Budget and Finance**

BF-1 Approval of the proposed final General Fund budget in the amount of \$32,581,013 for the fiscal year 2021-2022 including salary and work schedules as proposed. (Attachment)

Motion: Ulmer Second: Konkle

Yes: Albert, Konkle, Mathers, Ruffing, Shimmel, Snell, Ulmer

No: None

Absent: Beery, Marriott

Result: **Motion Carried**

Mr. Shimmel commented that it is with no tax increase.

Motion to extend meeting 30 minutes to 9:32.

Motion: Ruffing Second: Snell

Yes: Albert, Konkle, Mathers, Ruffing, Shimmel, Snell, Ulmer

No: None

Absent: Beery, Marriott

Result: **Motion Carried**

Other Reports

A. Committee Reports

- PSBA – Nothing to report
- Policy Committee – Nothing to report
- IU Rep. – Mr. Ruffing shared the success of the bike donation program
- LCTC Rep. – Announcement of a meeting next Thursday.
- Memorial Gardens – Last weekend was the cleanup. Bushes were taken out, but the bricks need fixed. Mr. Konkle shared that the key club did a great job.
- Budget – Nothing to report
- Buildings and Ground – Mr. Albert said a bus driver told him that there has been increased speeding around Loyalsock Valley. He asked if we can get bigger signs around the school.
- Montoursville Foundation – Nothing to report
- Extra-Curricular Activities – Nothing to report

Public Comment

Jack Callahan clarified why he brought up the school mascot name changes. He said he wants the playground equipment looked at to make sure it is safe. He spoke about how summer school used to be and said he would like to see basketball players and wrestlers' names up in the gym. He stated that there are pros and cons to everything.

Brenda Oberheim asked who is on the health and safety committee.

Mrs. Bason and Mr. Shimmel responded.

Brenda Oberheim asked Mr. Ulmer that if the health and safety committee met if anything would change. She also asked what certain members of the Board have done to change the masking requirements.

Mr. Snell asked why the committee brought up the department of health but don't acknowledge the section regarding desk shields.

Mr. Snell made a motion to review the health and safety plan to make masks optional when behind a desk shield.

Mr. Ruffing gave a second to the motion.

Dr. Mathers said a motion couldn't be made off of public comment, and that time needs to be given for research.

Mr. Shimmel suspended the meeting at 9:18 and the meeting resumed at 9:34.

Motion to have the health and safety committee to reassess the use of desk shields in leu of masks.

Motion: Snell Second: Ruffing
Yes: Albert, Konkle, Mathers, Ruffing, Shimmel, Snell, Ulmer
No: None
Absent: Beery, Marriott
Result: **Motion Carried**
Mr. Snell said that masks during recess should be assessed too.

Mr. Ruffing clarified on his second to the motion. He will not support anything that will put the kids back into remote education.

Mr. Snell asked for public comment.

Public Comment

Gregg Stapp commented that people are awake now and they were not before. He said he wants the Board to use critical thinking for this issue.

Paul Rinker said this is not a legislative issue. He said that these are not laws but only policies and suggestions. He said he believes the board needs to push back and get more clarification.

Mrs. Bason responded by saying she did ask for clarification regarding medical conditions and masks but has not heard back.

Karen Disalvo stated that this is not a legislative issue.

ADJOURNMENT OF THE REGULAR MEETING 9:48 PM

Motion: Ruffing Second: Konkle
Voice Vote: Unanimous


David Shimmel, President


Brandy N. Smith, Board Secretary