

MONTOURSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

MINUTES FOR BOARD MEETING

McCall Middle School

Executive Session Announced

Pledge to the Flag

Roll Call – Board President

Monday, July 19, 2021

7:20 PM

MEMBER

x Daniel L. Albert
x Susan Beery
x Scott W. Konkle
x Jennifer L. Marriott
Dottie M. Mathers, Vice President
x William S. Ruffing

MEMBER

x David Shimmel, President
x Ronald E. Snell
x Dale Ulmer
x *Richard Galtman, Solicitor
x *Christina Bason, Superintendent
*Brandy N. Smith, Business Mgr./Bd. Secretary
*(Non-Voting Member)

OTHERS

Feerrar, Darrin - Elementary School Principal
x Gnoffo, Joseph - Supervisors of Buildings and Grounds
King, Christopher - Assistant High School Principal
x Myers, Curtis - Middle School Principal
x Peipher, Sebastian – Lead Network Administrator
Taormina, Daniel - High School Principal
x Yonkin, Jamie – Elementary School Principal
x Residents ___ Media x Students

Recognitions and Presentations

Dr. Beery thanked the public for their input on the health and safety plan.

Student representative, Zachary Smith, announced a 1 act play directed by Dylan Eck at the High School on July 29th and 30th. He also announced a band camp at the beginning of August.

Approval of minutes for the following meetings:

- Board Meeting, Tuesday, June 8, 2021
- Work Session Meeting, Tuesday, June 22, 2021

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

Prior Presentation

Pastor Larry Leland of Faith United Methodist Church shared a verse and offered a prayer.

Brenda Oberheim stated that she would like to see public comments included in posted board meeting videos again. She also called for a change to Policy 006 and presented information on a health and safety plan drafted by the public.

Mr. Shimmel shared that item G-3 relating to the revision of Policy 006 will be moved to the August board meeting.

Public Comment

Michael Kraft discussed school taxes and the health and safety plan while expressing concern about the long-term financial outlook of the district.

Pamela Nelson shared that she agreed with the information in the posted health and safety plan.

Greg Stapp cited information that would not put school buses in the classification of public transportation. He also shared information from a study in Europe about carbon dioxide and mask use among children.

Jack Callahan recognized a little league contest participant. He also recommended using the score board for graduation next year.

Paul Rinker shared his thoughts on the health and safety plan. He stated that he thinks we should only follow laws, not mandates or guidelines.

Sharon Meyer thanked everyone for their hard work on the health and safety plan. She brought up concerns about masks being required on school buses. She also questioned the decision on agenda item P-5.

Business Manager's Report

A. General Fund and Cafeteria Fund Treasurer's Report

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

Mr. Shimmel noted that a \$37.00 refund check to him was from a closed lunch account of his graduated student.

B. Budgetary Transfers –

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

C. Presentation of Bills (Roll Call)

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| General Fund | – \$ 3,492,737.50 |
| Cafeteria Fund | – \$ 65,945.56 |

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

Action Items

- **General**

G-1 Approval to resume allowing public comment on the District's YouTube videos.

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

Mr. Ruffing shared his concerns with the re-broadcasting of public comment. He stated that he wasn't in favor of putting the district at risk and wanted to follow the solicitor's advice.

Mr. Snell shared why he is in favor of the motion. He cited transparency and stated that questionable comments can be edited out as recommended by the solicitor.

Dr. Beery shared her agreement with Mr. Snell.

G-2 Approval of the Montoursville Area School District Health and Safety Plan. (Attachment Online)

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

Mr. Albert called for change under sections i and h from "will follow" to "will consider".

Dr. Beery asked if it would be easier to list laws and not mandates.

Mrs. Snell said he would like to see the wording changed to "will consider" as well.

Mr. Shimmel suggested the wording, "The district will follow Pennsylvania law and consider recommendations made by PDE and DOH"

Mr. Snell called for a change to section f. from school buildings to school property.

Mr. Snell had concerns about every family having the ability to get tests to be exempt from quarantine. He said he would like to use ESSER funding on tests for families who need assistance. He said that it doesn't necessarily need to be in the Health and Safety Plan, but something to back it up and give all students the same opportunity.

The board discussed the verbiage under section e.

The board discussed removing the second paragraph under section a. regarding masks.

G-4 Approval of an agreement between Montoursville Area School District and STEP Inc. (Attachment)

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

G-5 Approval of a request from Michael Tate, Montoursville Silver Bullets, C.E. McCall Middle School softball field, June 15, 2021 to August 5, 2021, 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM. (Attachment)

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

G-6 Approval of a request from Justin Jones, FC Montour, C. E. McCall Middle School and Loyalsock Valley Elementary School, soccer fields, August 2, 2021 to November 14, 2021, 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM. (Attachment)

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

G-7 Approval of a request from Andrea Lucas, Montoursville Little League, Lyter Elementary, baseball field, June 11, 2021 to October 22, 2021. (Attachment)

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

G-8 Approval of an agreement between Montoursville Area School District and River Valley Regional YMCA. (Attachment)

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

G-9 Approval of an agreement between Montoursville Area School District and Williamsport Area School District. (Attachment)

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

- **Personnel**

P-1 Approval of the following addition to the Professional Staff, effective 2021-2022 school year:

| <u>Employee</u> | <u>Certification</u> | <u>Rate of Pay</u> | <u>Replacement for:</u> |
|-----------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| Melissa Balliet | Health and Physical Education Teacher | Master's Step 1 \$50,980 | Michael Cillo |

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| Melissa Balliet | Athletic Director | \$4,000 | Stephen Alexander |
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Motion: Ulmer Second: Ruffing
Yes: Albert, Beery, Konkle, Marriott, Ruffing, Shimmel, Snell, Ulmer
No: None
Absent: Mathers
Result: **Motion Carried**

P-2 Approval of the following resignation from a member of the coaching staff:

| <u>Coach</u> | <u>Sport</u> | <u>Position</u> | <u>Effective</u> |
|--------------|---------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Olivia Erb | Girls' Soccer | Assistant Coach | June 30, 2021 |

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

P-3 Approval of the resignation from a member of the support staff:

| <u>Employee</u> | <u>Position</u> | <u>Effective</u> |
|-----------------|------------------|------------------|
| Tricia Moser | Paraprofessional | July 8, 2021 |

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

P-4 Approval of the following unpaid leave of absences from a member of the staff:

| <u>Employee</u> | <u>Effective Date(s)</u> |
|-----------------|--------------------------------|
| 101287 | July 12, 2021 to July 27, 2021 |

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

P-5 Approval of the following additions to the Administrative staff:

| <u>Employee</u> | <u>Position</u> | <u>Salary</u> | <u>Effective</u> | <u>Replacement for:</u> |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|
| Timothy Hanner | Supervisor of Special Education | \$104,000 pro-rata | September 20, 2021 | Contracted by BLAST IU #17 |

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

Mr. Hanner shared his professional background with the board.

Mr. Snell asked when the IU contract ends.

Mrs. Bason replied that it has already ended.

Mr. Snell asked who would be covering the duties until the September 20th start date.

Mrs. Bason replied that arrangements have already been made for coverage.

Mr. Snell asked what the monetary savings would be for the move.

Mr. Konkle asked for an executive session before the vote.

The board held a brief executive session.

- **Transportation**

T-1 Approval of Promiseland Bussing rates in the amounts of \$2,701.38 and \$2,133.41 for June 2021.
(Attachment)

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

Other Reports

A. Committee Reports

- PSBA – nothing to report
- Policy Committee – Dr. Beery said she will have a draft for Policy 006 for next meeting
- IU Rep. – nothing to report
- LCTC Rep. – Mr. Shimmel could not attend the last meeting
- Memorial Gardens – Mr. Konkle mentioned that they had a tree down and he thanked Mr. Gnoffo and his staff for their help. He also thanked the anonymous donor of \$10,000.
- Budget – nothing to report
- Buildings and Ground – Mr. Albert asked about the roof systems at the High School. Mr. Gnoffo said they are improving.
- Montoursville Foundation – nothing to report
- Extra-Curricular Activities – nothing to report

Public Comment

Pamela Nelson suggested including that all legal requirements will be followed in the health and safety plan. She mentioned that vaccines are offered at no cost.

Brenda Oberheim asked how much the new solicitor costs compared to the previous one. She also asked how much the district is paying for him to travel from his county. She said she was disappointed with the decision not to bring Mrs. Williamson back. She said she hoped that her friendships didn't play a role in the decision.

Sharon Meyer expressed concern over class size at Lyter Elementary.

Motion to extend the meeting by a few minutes

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

Mr. Snell said that at the next board meeting he would like to have a motion to approve a resolution for the Montoursville Area School District to oppose public school and publicly funded charter school's curriculum, instruction, or material promoting critical race theory or advocating similar concepts relating to sex, race, ethnicity, color, or nationality.

ADJOURNMENT OF THE REGULAR MEETING 9:33 pm

Motion: Marriott Second: Konkle
Voice Vote: Unanimous


David Shimmel, President


Brandy N. Smith, Board Secretary