

MONTOURSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

MINUTES FOR BOARD MEETING Virtual

Tuesday, October 12, 2021
7:10 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 *Richard Galtman, Solicitor
_____*Christina Bason, Superintendent
_____*Brandy N. Smith, Business Mgr./Bd. Secretary
_____(Non-Voting Member)

OTHERS

x Feerrar, Darrin - Elementary School Principal
x Gnoffo, Joseph - Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds
x Hanner, Tim – Supervisor of Special Education
x King, Christopher - Assistant Middle/High School Principal
x Myers, Curtis - Middle School Principal
x Peipher, Sebastian – Director of Technology
x Taormina, Daniel - High School Principal
x Yonkin, Jamie - Elementary School Principal
x Residents x Media x Students

Approval of minutes for the following meetings:

- Board Meeting, Tuesday, September 14, 2021
- Work Session, Tuesday, September 28, 2021

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

Prior Presentation

Zachary Smith shared that the mock trial team will be attending a Harvard seminar. He provided updates on upcoming band performances, theater club and improv performances, academic decathlon competitions, and homecoming.

Pastor Matthew Waggoner offered a prayer.

Public Comment

Catherine Burns asked the board to reconsider making masks optional.

Brenda Oberheim said that she is not in favor of the assistant superintendent position.

Corey Flick said that he believes the money being spent on agenda item G-1 is an unfortunate waste of tax payer money.

Dan Asiello recommended changing details of the position in agenda item P-3 to include grant writing duties.

Carol Johnson asked the board to consider moving meetings back to an in-person format.

Winifred Christman said she believes that parents should be able to choose whether their children wear masks. She asked what people can do if they are having issues with raising their hand to speak during zoom meeting.

Amanda Wright said that Mr. Myers has done a great job communicating regarding contact tracing. She said she would like a better plan for student instruction while they are quarantining.

Business Manager's Report

A. General Fund and Cafeteria Fund Treasurer's Report

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

B. Budgetary Transfers – None

C. Presentation of Bills (Roll Call)

General Fund	– \$ 3,369,872.99
Cafeteria Fund	– \$ 116,882.79

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

Mr. Snell asked what check number 61628 to Forecast Analytics was for.

Mr. Peipher said that it was for financial software.

Motion to remove checks 61627, 61628, and 61739 from the list for approval.

Motion: Snell Second: None
Result: **Motion Failed**

Mr. Snell shared his concerns regarding the three checks.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Taormina gave an update on AP Scholars, the medical careers program, and club and activity participation. He also congratulated the marching band for their high scores in their most recent competition. He invited the board to Ag Day on October 14th.

Mr. Myers gave an update on the Builders Club, Student Council, the choral concert, the science festival through Penn College, and bullying prevention month.

Mr. Yonkin thanked the staff at Loyalsock Valley. He gave an update on the Valley Garden and the walk-a-thon. He thanked Mr. DeLong and the homecoming court for reading to the students. He also thanked the parent volunteers and PTO for their support.

Mr. Feerrar thanked Mr. DeLong and the homecoming court for reading to the students at Lyter Elementary. He gave updates on fire prevention activities and the walk-a-thon. He shared that the kindergarteners are doing well and he thanked the staff for their hard work.

Mr. Hanner gave an update on his start with the district. He provided information how he works with new students entering the district. He thanked the staff for their hard work in creating IEPs for the students.

Agenda Items

- G-1 Approval of concurrent representation of the Montoursville Area School District, the Montoursville Area School Board, David Shimmel, and Christina Bason in the matter of M.O. and B.O., Parents of G.O.E.O., Minor Children; J. at al. vs Bason, et al., in accordance with the acknowledgement of consent as presented. (Attachment)

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

- G-2 Approval to contract Conrad Siegel to provide mandatory Affordable Care Act reporting for 2021 at the cost of \$6,800.00. This is the same as 2020. (Attachment)

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

- G-3 Approval of PSBA Officers:
President Elect – David Schaap
Vice President – Allison Mathis
PSBA Insurance Trust Trustees – William Lacoff, Nathan Mains, and Richard Frerichs

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

- G-4 Approval to accept a check in the amount of \$14,300 from the Montoursville Area Education Foundation for the purpose of auditorium lighting.

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

Absent: None
Result: **Motion Carried**

Mr. Snell asked if this was for the Blackbox Theater. He also asked for the amount that is in the fund.

The Board thanked the foundation for their donation.

G-5 Approval of a Use of Facilities request from Joseph Shimko, Faith United Methodist Church, C. E. McCall Middle School, Parking Lot, October 31, 2021, 5:00 PM to 8:15 PM. (Attachment)

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

G-6 Approval of an agreement between Montoursville Area School District and Bloomsburg University Nursing Program. (Attachment)

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

G-7 Approval for Montoursville Area High School Mock Trial students to have an overnight trip to Cambridge, MA to attend Harvard University for a workshop, October 14 to October 18, 2021. This trip is no cost to the district.

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

G-8 Approval for Montoursville Area High School Ski Club to have an overnight trip to Killington Vermont, February 25 to February 27, 2022. This trip is no cost to the district.

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

- **Personnel**

P-1 Approval of the following additions to the coaching staff for the 2021-2022 school year:

Coach	Sport	Position	Stipend	Replacement for:
Matthew Bolt	Wrestling	Assistant Jr High Coach	\$2,600	Chris Molino
Robert Labatch	Girls Basketball	Volunteer Coach	NA	NA

Motion: Marriott Second: Mathers

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

P-2 Approval of the following additions to the support substitute list for the 2021-2022 school year:

<u>Substitute</u>	<u>Position</u>
Cheyenne Hogue	Paraprofessional Substitute
Quincy Waldron	Substitute Health Care Aide

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

P-3 Approval to establish the position of Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Communication as well as the job description. (Attachment)

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

Mr. Snell stated that he is not opposed to a Curriculum Coordinator position, but he is opposed to an Assistant Superintendent position. He said that the district needs to be mindful of spending.

Dr. Beery stated that she would like to see more work done on the job description to fit what the position should be.

Mr. Snell said he does not agree with the responsibilities taken from the Superintendent and given to this new position.

Dr. Mathers asked Mr. Snell for examples of that happening in the job description. She said that this position offers a lot of flexibility and that the district would be getting more for the money spent.

Mr. Snell said that due to the time the district has been without a curriculum coordinator that the person will have their hands full with that aspect of the position.

Mr. Ruffing commented on the extra amount of work that has been placed on the Superintendent in the past two years. He said that he believes the district does need this position and he is in favor of it.

Mr. Shimmel proposed the following addition to the job description: this job description is not to be determined as comprehensive as other duties may be assigned as determined by the Superintendent of Schools.

Dr. Mathers agreed to the amendment on her motion.

Mr. Konkle stated that he supports a Curriculum Coordinator position but does not support an Assistant Superintendent position.

P-4 Approval of the following additions to the Guest Teacher Substitute List for the 2021-2022 school year:

<u>Guest Teacher</u>
Michael Board
Eric Fraley
Gerald Hammaker
Jesse Rocco

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

P-5 Approval of the following additions to the Extracurricular Activity positions for the 2021-2022 school year:

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Stipend</u>	<u>Replacement for</u>
Benjamin Kutay	Assistant Band Director	\$1,000	Michael Wrench
Kirstin Gist	High School Drama Production Director	\$1,000	Rebecca Hall
Jordan Miller	High School Drama Production Lighting Director	\$300	Rebecca Hall
Rebecca Hall	High School Drama Production Stage Manager	\$100	New Position
Jared Gist	High School Drama Production Set Design	\$190	Gene Clark
Jared Gist	High School Chorus Accompanist	\$680	Bethany Fisher

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

Mr. Snell asked if the district always had a production stage manager.

Mr. Taormina said that there is a budgeted amount and each year the director assigns the positions.

- **Transportation**

T-1 Approval of Promiseland Bussing rates in the amounts of \$2,493.93 and \$2,712.55 for September 2021. (Attachment)

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

T-2 Approval of the following addition to the School Bus Driver list for the 2021-2022 school year:

<u>Driver:</u>	<u>Bus Contractor</u>
Jonathan Katzmaier	Koser Bussing

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

- **Policy**

PY-1 Approval of the first reading of the following policy: (Attachment)

Policy 218.3 Bullying/Cyberbullying

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

Mr. Shimmel said that he believes the district cannot take on the responsibility of monitoring bullying outside of a school setting.

Mr. Galtman said that it does not mean that the district must monitor bullying outside of school but that information about bullying conduct off of school grounds could be used depending on how it relates to conduct within the school district.

Dr. Beery said she agreed with Mr. Galtman's viewpoint.

Mr. Snell asked which parts of the policy were new.

Dr. Beery shared which sections were highlighted as new.

Mr. Snell said he is in favor of keeping the box checked that addresses bullying outside of school property as it relates to the school district.

Mr. Shimmel said he agreed after hearing the discussion.

Other Reports

A. Committee Reports

- PSBA – Virtual Advocacy Day on 10/14 announced
- Policy Committee – Nothing to report
- IU Rep. – Nothing to report
- LCTC Rep. – GOC interviewed for the executive director position and it will be assigned soon.
- Memorial Gardens – Nothing to report
- Budget – Nothing to report
- Buildings and Ground – Nothing to report
- Montoursville Foundation – The foundation partnered with FFA group at the fall festival to raise funds. In April of 2022 they are planning a larger event with more details to follow.
- Extra-Curricular Activities – Nothing to report

Public Comment

Tanya Shafer thanked the Board for the first reading of the bullying policy. She said that there is no room for bullying in the district.

Dan Asiello offered suggestions for communication processes for the district. He asked if evaluations are made public and offered his support for the bullying policy.

Jenna Gerardi said sending the students to Geisinger during the pandemic doesn't seem to be safe. She also said some students struggle when they can't see their teachers face when they're teaching with masks on. She said she does not support an assistant superintendent position.

Motion to extend the meeting by 30 minutes

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

Brenda Oberheim requested that the board move back to in-person meetings.

Mr. Snell said that he wants the meetings to go back to in-person format.

Mr. Shimmel said the meetings went virtual because there won't be mask compliance.

Mr. Snell said the meetings should be in person with a virtual option.

Dr. Mathers said some districts are allowing public comment to be emailed in.

Mr. Shimmel said it would be too expensive to have an interactive virtual option with in-person meetings.

Mr. Konkle stated he attended the band performance that was discussed earlier in the meeting. He said the crowd really enjoyed the Montoursville Band.

ADJOURNMENT OF THE REGULAR MEETING 9:16 PM

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



David Shimmel, President



Brandy N. Smith, Board Secretary