

MONTOURSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

MINUTES FOR WORK SESSION Virtual

Tuesday, October 26, 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 *Richard Galtman, Solicitor
x *Christina Bason, Superintendent
x *Brandy N. Smith, Business Mgr./Bd.Secretary
*(Non-Voting Member)

OTHERS

 Feerrar, Darrin - Elementary School Principal
 Gnoffo, Joseph - Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds
x Hanner, Tim – Supervisor of Special Education
 King, Christopher - Assistant Middle/High School Principal
 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

Prior Presentation

Jessica Cover shared her professional background and how she got into teaching.

Hilary Dellapenta shared her professional background and how she got into teaching.

Mrs. Smith gave a presentation on the early payoff of the bond in agenda item G-2 and G-3.

Mr. Snell asked if the capital reserve fund could be paid back early to fund a project.

Mrs. Smith said that it could be paid back early any time during the 2022-2023 school year.

Mr. Shimmel asked if G-2 and G-3 need to be approved together.

Mrs. Smith stated that it would be crucial for budgetary purposes.

Public Comment

Dan Asiello said that he agreed with paying the bonds early. He said that he believes there should be a defined amount of time for each of the responsibilities under the assistant superintendent position.

Brenda Oberheim said she believes there are not a lot of people commenting because they feel the board does not listen.

Agenda Items

- **General**

- G-1 Approval of a collective bargaining agreement between Montoursville Area School District and Montoursville Area Education Association effective July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2027. (Attachment)

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

Mr. Snell stated that he did not agree with the professional staff paying the same as the support staff in insurance contributions. He said it was not fair to the support staff.

- G-2 Approval to authorize the Administration to work with the bond underwriter, bank, and paying agent to call for early redemption the Series 2015B Bonds in the amount (principal plus interest) of \$2,547,342.00 being paid from General Fund and Capital Reserve Fund. (Attachment)

- G-3 Approval of a resolution to repay the Capital Reserve Fund for early redemption at the series 2015B Bond. (Attachment)

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

- **Personnel**

- P-1 Approval of the following addition to the support staff substitute list for the 2021-2022 school year, effective October 20, 2021:

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Position</u>
Vicki Eberhart	Paraprofessional Substitute

Motion: Konkle Second: Snell
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 guest teacher substitute teacher list for the 2021-2022 school year:

<u>Substitute</u>
Jeffrey Lacoe
Lindsey Tawney
Matthew Solomon

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

Information Items

Mr. Shimmel brought up the idea of working on a solution to allow students to return early from quarantine if requirements are met. He said that this cannot be State funded.

Dr. Mathers asked for clarification on the state funding.

Mr. Shimmel stated that it has been brought up, but it is not an option right now. He asked if the board agreed that this should be pursued.

Dr. Beery asked if costs related to tests could be reimbursed to families.

Mr. Albert said this issue should be brought up to the State for funding.

Dr. Mathers brought up a Test to Stay Program that is being implemented in other states.

Mr. Konkle shared that Memorial Garden cleanup will be on November 6th at 9:00 am. He said that there will be a short presentation at the beginning of next meeting on planned improvements.

Mr. Albert shared that the boys' soccer team made the playoffs.

Public Comment

Carol Johnson shared information on vaccines for children. She asked if the board can resume in-person meetings and if the board could answer questions as the public asks them. She asked if the board was pursuing a federal program for vaccines.

Mr. Shimmel said he has not heard of any such program.

Dan Asiello thanked Mr. Snell for his comments on the support staff. He asked for the board to hold off on hiring someone for the position of assistant superintendent until a new school board has been seated in December.

Mr. Shimmel said the expectation is that a new hire would not occur until next year.

Brenda Oberheim said that testing should not happen on school grounds.

Mr. Snell asked that the board resume in-person meetings. He said it is an assumption that people would not wear masks.

Dr. Mathers said she has been told by community members that they would not wear masks.

Mr. Albert said that if someone won't wear a mask then they shouldn't be let in the building.

Mr. Shimmel said that he would rather have virtual meetings than need to remove members of the community from the meetings.

Mr. Snell called for a vote to be taken on the next agenda.

The Board thanked Mr. Ruffing for his years of service.

ADJOURNMENT OF THE REGULAR MEETING 8:08 PM

Motion: Marriott Second: Konkle
Result: **Unanimous**



David Shimmel, President



Brandy N. Smith, Board Secretary