

MONTOURSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

MINUTES FOR BOARD MEETING

Virtual

Tuesday, November 9, 2021

7:06 PM

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Call to Order - Board President

Roll call - Board Secretary

MEMBER

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

MEMBER

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

OTHERS

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

Awards and Recognitions

Student Representative Kayla LeBeau announced that the academic decathlon team won first place in their first meet. She also gave a reminder about the upcoming school play.

Announcements

Mr. Shimmel announced the executive sessions held on 10/12, 10/19, and 10/26.

Approval of minutes for the following meetings:

- Board Meeting, Tuesday, October 12, 2021
- Special Meeting, Tuesday, October 19, 2021
- Work Session, Tuesday, October 26, 2021

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

Prior Presentation

Pastor Larry Leland, Faith United Methodist Church, offered a prayer.

Steve Bagwell, Scott Konkle and Bob Weaver gave a presentation on the updates needed for the Flight 800 Memorial Garden.

Mr. Shimmel asked what their timeline is for the project.

Mr. Weaver said they are hoping to raise enough funds to get started in the Spring.

Mr. Shimmel stated that a vote for the project would occur next meeting.

Dr. Beery asked if this would be funded fully by donations.

Mr. Shimmel said since it is a part of the District property the Board would need to look at how much they are willing to contribute.

Mrs. Smith stated that the Memorial Gardens has a separate fund, but a contribution from the general fund could be made towards the fundraiser if board approved. She said the district does provide regular maintenance.

Mr. Snell noted that the presentation lists services that Ettingers has donated to the property since its inception.

Mr. Ulmer asked if a higher target number for donations could be set so funds could be added to the perpetual care account.

Mr. Weaver stated that they were waiting for approval of the plan before fundraising efforts started.

Joseph Gnoffo shared information about a proposed roofing project.

Mr. Snell asked if the District is required to send this project out to bid due to the price.

Mr. Gnoffo explained that the company listed is registered through a state purchasing network.

Mr. Snell asked if it was out for bid could the district get a lower price than the one quoted.

Mr. Gnoffo said that it is possible, but you cannot guarantee that the product would match the other roofs or be as good of quality.

Mr. Snell asked if it would be possible to put it out for bid just to see what is returned.

Mr. Gnoffo and Mrs. Smith said that they would have to look into what would be needed to start that process.

Mr. Gnoffo said that it would be nice to go with the same company that the district has been using for roofing projects.

Mr. Ulmer asked if the district would be required to take the low bid.

Mrs. Smith replied that they can take whichever bid suits the district's needs.

Public Comment

Sharon Meyer spoke about changes she would like to see to the close contact flow chart. She also requested 360 feedback on leadership and administration. She also requested that the board vote to return to in-person meetings.

Brenda Oberheim stated that board meetings should be in person and that she believes the district only needs a curriculum coordinator not an assistant superintendent. She said that curriculum is very important and that the hiring process should not be taken lightly.

Cory Flick shared the amount of money spent on legal fees for the district in a recent lawsuit. He stated that he hopes this can all be resolved so the money can be spent elsewhere.

Carol Johnson thanked the board for their effort with the memorial gardens. She asked the board to vote to return to in-person meetings. She said she hopes the district does not teach CRT.

Mr. Snell asked if the invoices related to the lawsuit could be sent to the board.

Business Manager's Report

A. General Fund and Cafeteria Fund Treasurer's Report

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

Mr. Snell asked how the free meals are impacting the budget. He asked if it would be 100% savings.

Mrs. Smith explained how the program works with the budget.

Mr. Ulmer asked if any profits would need to be re-invested in the program.

Mrs. Smith said that they would. She also thanked Mrs. Stevenson and the staff for the work they have been doing this year.

Mr. Shimmel asked if Mrs. Smith could share how the funds are re-invested.

Mrs. Smith shared the updates made on point of sale system and equipment.

B. Budgetary Transfers – None.

C. Presentation of Bills (Roll Call)

General Fund	– \$ 4,740,708.13
Cafeteria Fund	– \$ 118,342.74

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

Mr. Snell asked for an explanation of the program purchased with check number 61933.

Mrs. Smith said it is the cost for the district's use of facilities program.

Mr. Snell asked for an explanation on check number 61906.

Mrs. Smith said that the cost was for the dance floors for the homecoming dance.

Mr. Snell brought up check number 61872 for a van rental for the mock trial. He asked why a van was rented when the district has two.

Mrs. Smith said that the vans are used for other sports and activities on a daily basis so they could not be taken for that many days.

Mr. Snell shared safety concerns about the vehicles rented from the specific vendor.

D. Business

Mrs. Smith shared that the Act 1 index allows for 4.4% increase this year; it would be a .71 mil or \$557,000 increase up to 16.94 millage rate.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Myers shared the McCall's plan for veteran's day. He also shared the new student council members. Mr. Myers also shared the winners of the McCall against bullying poster contest. He also shared what will be purchased with recently received grant funds.

Mr. Hanner gave an update on his entry plan for the district. Mr. Hanner also shared information on the Pennsylvania alternate system of assessment update. Mr. Hanner provided an update on the district special education plan.

Mr. Yonkin thanked his staff for their hard work. He shared information about the walk-a-thon and pep rally. Mr. Yonkin shared some of the incentives that students can earn throughout the year. He gave a summary of some of the events that the students have participated in this fall.

Agenda Items

• General

G-1 Approval of an agreement between Montoursville Area School District and BLaST IU#17 for ARP IDEA funds in the amount of \$75,575 to be used between July 1, 2021 and September 30, 2023. (Attachment)

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

G-2 Approval to return to in-person School Board Meetings to be held at Montoursville Area High School, effective for the December 7, 2021 meeting.

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

Dr. Beery asked if the holiday concert schedule allowed for the meeting to take place.

Mr. Shimmel said there didn't look to be any conflicts.

Dr. Beery asked if we have the technology to have attendees virtually and in-person.

Mr. Shimmel said that there would need to be an investment into some technology to do it right. He said that he is concerned with having members of the community not wearing masks. He stated that he does not want to ask people to leave.

Mr. Snell said that the community should be given the chance to show they can comply.

Dr. Mathers said she has been told by members of the community that they will not wear masks. She said it makes sense to her to wait for two more meetings until the mask mandate is to be lifted.

Mr. Snell stated that he would be willing to stand at the door and ask people to put on a mask.

Mr. Shimmel shared what would need to happen if someone showed up without a mask. He stated that he does not want to have police remove members of the community.

Mr. Snell asked why the district would be any different from other districts in the area who are holding in-person meetings.

Dr. Beery said that other districts probably aren't following the mandate.

Mr. Shimmel stated that other districts are not involved in a federal lawsuit which puts the district in a different situation. He then called for a vote.

Mr. Snell said he is not saying that the district should look the other way or do anything illegal, but give the community a chance.

Dr. Beery asked that the item be added to the next meeting agenda.

G-3 Approval of an Act 1, Special Session of 2006, resolution to limit the 2022-2023 real estate tax increase to the established Act 1 index. (Attachment)

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

- **Personnel**

P-1 Approval of the following addition to the Extracurricular Activity position for the 2021-2022 school year:

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Stipend</u>	<u>Replacement for:</u>
Sandra Trick	High School Newspaper Advisor	\$523.00	Emily Sweeney

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

P-2 Approval of the following leave of absence from a member of the Professional staff:

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Leave Dates</u>
101923	February 14, 2022 to May 30, 2022

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

P-3 Approval of the following addition to the coaching staff for the 2021-2022 school year:

<u>Coach</u>	<u>Sport</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Stipend</u>	<u>Replacement for:</u>
Dylan Casale	Boys Basketball	9 th Grade Coach	\$2,600	Mike Heinbach

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

P-4 Approval of the following addition to the Support Staff, effective November 10, 2021:

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Rate of Pay</u>	<u>Replacement for:</u>
Fawn Carr	Paraprofessional	4.0	\$12.50/hour	Matthew Fortin

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

- **Transportation**

T-1 Approval of Promiseland Bussing rates in the amounts of \$2,366.64 and \$2,303.72 for October 2021.
(Attachment)

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

- **Policies**

PY-1 Approval of the second and final reading of the following policy: (Attachment)
Policy 218.3 Bullying/Cyberbullying

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

Dr. Beery recommended a public policy meeting as members of the community have contacted her for community input as the current policy is the minimum. She asked to postpone the agenda item.

Mr. Shimmel said that a meeting could be held and revisions could be made after it is passed.

Mr. Snell said it could also be voted down and put on the next meeting.

Dr. Beery asked for clarification that it could be passed with the understanding that it would be re-visited in the upcoming months.

Mr. Galtman said that there is no issue with passing the policy and updating it later. He stated that it is important to be in compliance with Title IX.

Mr. Snell asked for a roll call vote.

- **Academics**

A-1 Approval for a waiver of tuition be granted to student 221140, grade 12, for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year.

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

Motion to extend the meeting by thirty minutes.

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

Other Reports

A. Committee Reports

- PSBA – Dr. Mathers shared that on 10/23 voting delegates had a virtual meeting to adopt 2022 legislation platform
- Policy Committee – Dr. Beery asked if the final reading of Policy 006 could be on the next agenda.
- IU Rep. – Nothing to report
- LCTC Rep. – Mr. Shimmel shared that a new executive director was appointed.
- Memorial Gardens – Mr. Konkle thanked the board for the time to present during the meeting.
- Budget – Nothing to report
- Buildings and Ground – Nothing to report
- Montoursville Foundation – Mr. Ulmer shared that a Natural Gas company is interested in funding a 2-day program for Middle School students.
- Extra-Curricular Activities – Mr. Konkle shared that the girls' soccer team lost their state playoff game. He congratulated the team on a job well done.

Mr. Snell requested that the following two items be added to the next agenda:

Motion to rescind the vote to establish the position of assistant superintended for curriculum and communication.

Motion to fill the position of curriculum coordinator with a job description attached.

Public Comment

Tanya Shafer thanked Dr. Beery for her work on the bullying policy. She said that a public meeting should be held with the parents to strengthen the policy. She also thanked Mr. Hanner for his work with her son and a masking issue he was having.

Brenda Oberheim thanked Mr. Snell and Dr. Beery for trying to get meetings in-person.

Mr. Shimmel thanked Mrs. Marriott, Mr. Konkle, and Mr. Ruffing for their years of service on the board.

ADJOURNMENT OF THE REGULAR MEETING 9:09 PM

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



David Shimmel, President



Brandy N. Smith, Board Secretary