

MONTOURSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

MINUTES FOR WORK SESSION High School Auditorium

Tuesday, January 25, 2022
7:03 PM

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

MEMBER

☒ Daniel L. Albert
☐ Todd A. Badger
☒ Susan Beery
☒ Joseph B. LeCrone
☒ Dottie M. Mathers, Vice President
☒ David Shimmel, President

MEMBER

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

OTHERS

☐ Feerrar, Darrin - Elementary School Principal
☐ Gnoffo, Joseph - Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds
☐ Hanner, Timothy - 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

Prior Presentation

Scott Cousins of Crabtree, Rohrbaugh, & Associates gave a presentation on the Facility Study completed for the District.

Mr. Snell asked if the enrollment figures included homeschool, cyber, or charter students.

Mrs. Smith said it only includes the WOL students, but not other cyber, charter, or homeschool students.

Mr. Snell stated that years impacted by COVID used in projections for enrollment numbers would skew the numbers.

Mr. Snell asked if the tile flooring at Loyalsock Valley was an issue.

Mr. Cousins explained the ways it could be handled.

Mr. Snell asked if the hot water boiler was recently replaced at Lyter.

Mr. Cousins said he would double check on that item.

Mr. Shimmel asked the Board if they would like to discuss some of the options that they would not like to consider. He also asked Mr. Cousins what the time frame would be for the projects.

Mr. Cousins said that it could be a 2-3-year timeline after a decision is made.

Mr. Snell asked why an option wasn't presented to have K-1 at Loyalsock Valley and 2-4 at Lyter.

Mr. Cousins said that it is usually broken down by instruction level with K-2 and 3-4 or 3-5 being the usually groupings.

Mr. Snell said he would like to see an option where improvements are made to Loyalsock Valley with the current funds available rather than taking on more debt.

Mr. Albert said he was concerned with completing small projects as the district is able and still having major issues to address down the road. He said he is concerned with duplicating costs.

Mr. Snell asked Mrs. Smith to prepare numbers to see what the district could borrow without increasing the millage rate.

Mrs. Smith said the payment remains the same on current debt even though the district has paid ahead on it. She said that she was waiting to see the direction the Board was leaning before getting numbers prepared.

Mr. Ulmer wanted to know what the operational cost savings would be from consolidation of buildings in options 3 and 6. He also wanted to know what the debt would cost.

Mr. Shimmel stated that he would like to stay away from construction at the Middle School.

Mrs. Smith said that she does not believe options 5 and 7 are possible.

Mr. Albert said he would like to see the operational cost savings. He said he would hate to see discontinued use of Loyalsock Valley, but the numbers might not support maintaining two elementary schools.

Mr. Snell said there are benefits to having two neighborhood schools with decreased campus sizes.

Mr. Shimmel said that the benefit of neighborhood schools has to be considered in the decision-making process.

Mr. Shimmel asked Mrs. Smith to create borrowing scenarios for options 1, 2, 3, & 6.

Mr. Snell said he would like to also see numbers if the district used the capital reserve and ESSER funding to minimize borrowing.

Mr. Young asked what the profit margin would be for a construction company for a \$15 million project.

Mr. Cousins said a few years ago it could be 2%, but currently it would look a lot different.

Public Comment

Lisa F. asked how much the High School project cost the District. She asked how much that differed from the quoted price.

April Kinker shared the experience her and her daughter had with COVID 19.

Agenda Items

- General

G-1 Approval of an agreement between Tyler Technologies Inc. and Montoursville Area School District. One-time cost of \$68,759.00. Annual cost of \$42,870.00. (Attachment)

Motion: Ulmer Second: Shimmel
Yes: Albert, Beery, LeCrone, Mathers, Shimmel, Ulmer, Young
No: Snell
Absent: Badger
Result: **Motion Carried**

Mr. Snell shared the cost of systems that the district currently uses. He said that ESSER funds should only be used to cover the portion that is not already budgeted for. He asked if there would be any savings.

Mrs. Smith shared that the current software increases in cost annually. She said that the initial cost won't all be at once. She said the cost could come under the quote if the on-site training takes less time.

Mr. Albert asked how old the current software is.

Mrs. Smith shared that the current software is 20 years old, but they would be upgrading it so the cost would be increased for it as well.

Mr. Albert asked if that software would provide what is needed for the district.

Mr. Shimmel asked what each software program that would be replaced does. He asked what type of improvements the proposed software will bring compared to the other alternatives.

Mrs. Smith provided an explanation on what the Tyler software provides.

Mr. Ulmer said that the need for new software outweighs the initial cost to get it up and running.

ADJOURNMENT OF THE REGULAR MEETING 9:11 PM

Motion: Beery Second: Young
Result: **Motion Carried**



David Shimmel, President



Brandy N. Smith, Board Secretary