

MONTOURSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

MINUTES FOR BOARD MEETING High School

Tuesday, February 8, 2022
7:16 PM

Pledge to the Flag
Call to Order - Board President
Roll Call - Board Secretary
Executive Session for Personnel

MEMBER

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

MEMBER

 x Ronald E. Snell
 x Dale Ulmer
 x David J. Young
 x *Richard Galtman, Solicitor
 *Christina Bason, Superintendent
 x *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, Timothy - Supervisor of Special Education
 King, Christopher - Assistant Middle/High School Principal
 x Myers, Curtis - Middle School Principal
 x Peipher, Sebastian - Lead Network Administrator
 x Taormina, Daniel - High School Principal
 x Yonkin, Jamie - Elementary School Principal
 x Residents x Media x Students

Announcements

Mr. Shimmel announced the executive session held prior to the Board Meeting.

Awards and Recognitions

Zachary Smith gave an update on the academic decathlon team.

Kayla LeBeau shared the High School success at the journalism competition.

Approval of minutes for the following meetings:

- Board Meeting, Tuesday, January 11, 2022
- Work Session, Tuesday, January 25, 2022

Motion: Mathers Second: LeCrone
Yes: Beery, LeCrone, Mathers, Shimmel, Snell, Ulmer, Young
No: None
Absent: Albert, Badger
Result: **Motion Carried**

Prior Presentation

Pastor Leeland read a poem and offered a prayer.

Public Comment

Brenda Oberheim asked the board to reconsider the decision to require masks for close contact asymptomatic students.

Sharon Meyer said that she doesn't like the flow chart that was posted. She said that she would like to see more specificity in the Health and Safety Plan. She asked why the district was using Zoom in the proposed hybrid meeting plan and not Microsoft Teams.

Business Manager's Report

A. General Fund and Cafeteria Fund Treasurer's Report

Motion: Ulmer Second: Mathers
Yes: Beery, LeCrone, Mathers, Shimmel, Snell, Ulmer, Young
No: None
Absent: Albert, Badger
Result: **Motion Carried**

Mr. Ulmer stated that the real estate taxes collected are above what was budgeted.

B. Budgetary Transfers

C. Presentation of Bills (Roll Call)

General Fund	– \$ 2,605,956.12
Cafeteria Fund	– \$ 95,186.75

Motion: Ulmer Second: LeCrone
Yes: Beery, LeCrone, Mathers, Shimmel, Snell, Ulmer, Young
No: None
Absent: Albert, Badger
Result: **Motion Carried**

Mr. Snell asked if the costs for iPad repairs from check 6239 were covered by insurance.

Mr. Peipher explained how the process works for the iPad insurance.

Mrs. Smith shared that she does evaluate programs like the device insurance each year to make sure it makes financial sense for the district.

D. Business

Mrs. Smith shared borrowing summaries for the potential project options based off the feasibility study.

Mr. Snell asked for a borrowing summary for 12 million and that he would like the district to complete work as it is needed.

Mr. Shimmel said that the next work session should be used to figure out what direction the district should go with the projects. He asked how the interest rates are currently compared to when the district borrowed around 2014.

Mrs. Smith said they are around the same, but higher than they have been recently.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Feerrar recognized student accomplishments.

Mr. Myers shared that the semi-formal was canceled, but it has been rescheduled. He thanked the High School Honors Society for presenting during the science fair.

Mr. Yonkin thanked everyone who participated in the drive to help a member of the community who had a house fire.

Mr. Hanner provided an update on the upcoming extended school year program and transition conference at Penn College. He also shared information about a recognition program that was started for the paraprofessionals.

Mr. Peipher gave an update on the fiber issues that were occurring at McCall.

Mr. Gnoffo provided an update on the ice clearing and salt supply for the district.

Agenda Items

- **General**

G-1 Approval of an agreement between Montoursville Area School District and Penn College, for an internship. (Attachment)

Motion: LeCrone Second: Mathers
Yes: Beery, LeCrone, Mathers, Shimmel, Snell, Ulmer, Young
No: None
Absent: Albert, Badger
Result: **Motion Carried**

G-2 Approval of an agreement between Montoursville Area School District and New Story. (Attachment)

Motion: Snell Second: LeCrone
Yes: Beery, LeCrone, Mathers, Shimmel, Snell, Ulmer, Young
No: None
Absent: Albert, Badger
Result: **Motion Carried**

G-3 Review of the Proposed 2022-2023 General Operations Budget for the BLAST IU #17. (Attachment)

Motion: Beery Second: LeCrone
Yes: Beery, LeCrone, Mathers, Shimmel, Snell, Ulmer, Young
No: None
Absent: Albert, Badger
Result: **Motion Carried**

G-4 Approval of a Use of Facilities request from Phillip Buehrer, Montoursville Rotary Club, C. E. McCall Middle School Commons, June 11, 2022 and June 18, 2022, 5:00 AM – 11:00 AM. (Attachment)

Motion: Ulmer Second: LeCrone
Yes: Beery, LeCrone, Mathers, Shimmel, Snell, Ulmer, Young
No: None
Absent: Albert, Badger

Result: **Motion Carried**

Mr. Snell asked if it was for blood testing or a blood drive.

Mr. Myers said that it was an annual blood testing for community members.

G-5 Discussion of Item 3e in the Health and Safety Plan. (Attachment)

Motion to keep item 3e as is in the Health and Safety Plan

Motion: Mathers Second: Ulmer

Yes: Beery, LeCrone, Mathers, Shimmel, Ulmer

No: Snell, Young

Absent: Albert, Badger

Result: **Motion Carried**

Mr. Young said that item 3e is too vague. He proposed adding that the parent of any close contact of a confirmed positive case should be notified. He suggested that asymptomatic students who are a close contact of a confirmed positive case would no longer be required to quarantine and have the option to mask for 5 days. Any optional quarantine would be marked as a COVID absence. Close contacts would continue to be monitored and would not report to school if symptoms develop. Quarantine protocol of students who test positive would remain the same.

Dr. Mathers said that she trusts the expertise of the school nurses and administration to make the decisions based off the guidance received. She said that she does not want to make the plan so specific that if things changed, they can't react appropriately.

Mr. Snell said that the Board needs to give administration guidance on what to do.

Mr. Ulmer said that the Board is providing nursing and administration with an explanation of what they want done and it is up to them to get to that result in the way they feel is best.

Mr. Young said that the Board is responsible and the Board should make it more specific. He said that if changes are made then it should be Board approved.

G-6 Discussion of Hybrid Board Meetings. (Attachment)

Motion to approve the system for the board room.

Motion: Snell Second: Young

Yes: Beery, LeCrone, Snell, Young

No: Mathers, Shimmel, Ulmer

Absent: Albert, Badger

Result: **Motion Carried**

Mr. Peipher elaborated on the two proposals presented to the board for hybrid meetings.

Mr. Snell asked why the proposal for the board room was more than the auditorium cost and what the annual costs were.

Mr. Peipher said the board room set up involved more equipment and the only annual cost would be the Zoom license.

Mr. Ulmer said he would want to know what the labor cost would be for someone to run the system during meetings.

Mr. Peipher recommended someone in the tech department be paid through a stipend.

Mr. Shimmel stated that he would like the board meetings to remain as they are. He said that he prefers to face the public in person rather than through a screen.

Dr. Beery said that she would like to optimize public participation.

Mr. Snell said that history has shown that more people participate over Zoom. He said that would be worth the money.

Dr. LeCrone asked if it would be free to have the live stream as is and allow people to call in to ask questions.

Mr. Peipher said there would be no cost. He said that public could comment over the phone or through Zoom on a laptop but it is up to the board on what their expectation is.

Mr. Snell said that he did not want to table the topic.

- **Personnel**

P-1 Approval of the following retirements from members of the Professional Staff:

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Years of Service</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Bonnie Bair	Remedial Reading Teacher	33 Years	End of the 2021-2022 School Year
Gloria Jean	Elementary Teacher	31 Years	End of the 2021-2022 School Year

Motion: LeCrone Second: Beery
Yes: Beery, LeCrone, Mathers, Shimmel, Snell, Ulmer, Young
No: None
Absent: Albert, Badger
Result: **Motion Carried**

P-2 Approval of the following retirements from members of the Support Staff:

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Years of Service</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Tammy Carey	Health Care Aide	26 Years	End of the 2021-2022 School Year
Jack Hawkins	Maintenance	30 Years	June 30, 2022

Motion: Ulmer Second: Young
Yes: Beery, LeCrone, Mathers, Shimmel, Snell, Ulmer, Young
No: None
Absent: Albert, Badger
Result: **Motion Carried**

P-3 Approval to rescind a date to retire from a member of the Professional Staff:

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Years of Service</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Debra Taylor	Art	17 Years	June 30, 2022

Motion: Mathers Second: Beery
Yes: Beery, LeCrone, Mathers, Shimmel, Snell, Ulmer, Young
No: None
Absent: Albert, Badger

Result: **Motion Carried**

P-4 Approval of a retirement from a member of the Professional Staff:

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Years of Service</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Debra Taylor	Art	17 Years	February 25, 2022

Motion: Ulmer Second: LeCrone
Yes: Beery, LeCrone, Mathers, Shimmel, Snell, Ulmer, Young
No: None
Absent: Albert, Badger
Result: **Motion Carried**

P-5 Approval of the following leave of absence from members of the Professional Staff:

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Leave Dates</u>
101560	February 1, 2022 to August 22, 2022
101701	March 7, 2022 to the end of the 2022-2023 school year

P-6 Approval of the following long-term substitute Teaching position:

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Replacement for:</u>
Megan Hayes	Elementary	February 1, 2022 to the End of 2021-2022 School Year	101560

P-7 Approval of the following addition to the Teacher substitute list for the 2021-2022 school year:

<u>Substitute</u>	<u>Certification</u>
Francis Johnson	Biology/General Science
Alicia Blizzard	Math

P-8 Approval of the following additions to Guest teacher list for the 2021-2022 school year:

<u>Guest Teacher</u>
Lauryn Watkins
Kaylie Schans

Motion: LeCrone Second: Ulmer
Yes: Beery, LeCrone, Mathers, Shimmel, Snell, Ulmer, Young
No: None
Absent: Albert, Badger
Result: **Motion Carried**

P-9 Approval to establish a Substitute Custodian rate of pay at \$15.00 per hour for those retired as Montoursville Custodians.

P-10 Approval of the following addition to the Substitute Custodian list for the 2021-2022 school year:

Substitute
Marc Guthrie

P-11 Approval of the following additions to the Support Staff:

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Rate of Pay</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Replacement for:</u>
Vicki Eberhart	Paraprofessional	5.5	\$12.50/hour	January 12, 2022	Anne Strein
Kim Rockwell	Paraprofessional	5.5	\$12.50/hour	February 9, 2022	Valarie Mowrey
Ashley Stackhouse	Paraprofessional	5.5	\$12.50/hour	February 9, 2022	Ranae Savidge

P-12 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>
Kirstin Gist	Drama Director	\$4,350	Jacqueline Engel
Jared Gist	Music Director	\$1,000	Lorie Lewis
Jared Gist	Set Designer	\$1,000	Gene Clark
Adam Wright	Conductor	\$500	Jacqueline Engel
Jordan Miller	Technical Director – New Position (Sound/Light Technician)	\$700	Jordan Miller
Rebecca Ashton-Hall	Stage Manager – New Position	\$300	NA

Motion: Ulmer Second: Mathers
 Yes: Beery, LeCrone, Mathers, Shimmel, Snell, Ulmer, Young
 No: None
 Absent: Albert, Badger
 Result: **Motion Carried**

P-13 Approval to hire an additional permanent full-time Health Care Aide.

Motion: Ulmer Second: LeCrone

Mr. Ulmer said that he thought this was to be a temporary hire. He wanted to know if the position was needed and have further discussion about the longevity of the position.

Motion to table agenda item P-13

Motion: Ulmer Second: Snell
 Yes: Beery, LeCrone, Mathers, Shimmel, Snell, Ulmer, Young
 No: None
 Absent: Albert, Badger
 Result: **Motion Carried**

- Transportation**

T-1 Approval of Promiseland Bussing rates in the amount of \$2,255.86 and \$2,345.34 for January 2022. (Attachment)

Motion: Ulmer Second: LeCrone
 Yes: Beery, LeCrone, Mathers, Shimmel, Snell, Ulmer, Young

No: None
Absent: Albert, Badger
Result: **Motion Carried**

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

<u>Driver</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Bus Contractor</u>
Michael Koehler	January 24, 2022	Koser Bussing

Motion: LeCrone Second: Ulmer
Yes: Beery, LeCrone, Mathers, Shimmel, Snell, Ulmer, Young
No: None
Absent: Albert, Badger
Result: **Motion Carried**

- **Budget and Finance**

BF-1 Recommend approval of the school tax year 2021 settlement reports for the real estate and interim real estate taxes. (Attachment)

Motion: Ulmer Second: Snell
Yes: Beery, LeCrone, Mathers, Shimmel, Snell, Ulmer, Young
No: None
Absent: Albert, Badger
Result: **Motion Carried**

Other Reports

A. Committee Reports

- PSBA – Dr. Mathers shared that the Spring Advocacy Day is on April 25th Mr. Snell attended their webinar regarding ESSER funding and how they can be spent. He asked for a monthly report on how the money is spent.
- Policy Committee – nothing to report.
- IU Rep. – IU gifted each district with a book.
- LCTC Rep. – Meeting next week.
- Memorial Gardens – Meeting next week to work on fundraising campaign.
- Budget – nothing to report.
- Buildings and Ground – nothing to report.
- Montoursville Foundation – nothing to report
- Extra-Curricular Activities – nothing to report.

Motion to extend the meeting by 30 minutes

Motion: Shimmel Second: Snell
Yes: Beery, LeCrone, Mathers, Shimmel, Snell, Ulmer, Young
No: None
Absent: Albert, Badger
Result: **Motion Carried**

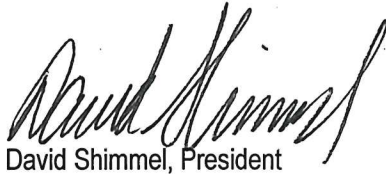
Public Comment

Brenda Oberheim asked the board to look at Microsoft Teams before spending the money on Zoom. She said she appreciated Mr. Ulmer wanting to table the nursing addition to be sure the position is needed.

Sharon Meyer said she appreciates the work the nurses do and she said she hopes when the contact tracing information is updated that it is posted to the website.

ADJOURNMENT OF THE REGULAR MEETING 9:23 PM

Motion: Ulmer Second: LeCrone
Voice Vote: **Unanimous**



David Shimmel, President



Brandy N. Smith, Board Secretary