

MONTOURSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

MINUTES FOR WORK SESSION High School

Tuesday, March 22, 2022
7:03 PM

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

MEMBER

x Daniel L. Albert
x 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
David J. Young
*Richard Galtman, Solicitor
*Christina Bason, Superintendent
x *Brandy N. Smith, Business Mgr./Bd. Secretary
*(Non-Voting Member)

OTHERS

Feerrar, Darrin - Elementary School Principal
x 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
x Peipher, Sebastian – Lead Network Administrator
x Taormina, Daniel - High School Principal
x Yonkin, Jamie - Elementary School Principal
x Residents x Media x Students

Presentations

Randall DiPalo, Larson, Kellett & Associates PC, presented the June 30, 2021 audit.

Mr. Snell asked if Administration gave a plan for how findings would be corrected.

Mr. Snell asked if the review process recommendation will take place in the future.

Mr. DiPalo said that the review is just a method of control to prevent potential mistakes.

John Solarczyk, Pyramid Engineering, presented renovation option eight to the Board.

Mr. Shimmel asked if it was possible to install just AC and have two separate systems for heat and air conditioning.

Mr. Solarczyk said it is possible but they do not recommend it as the heating equipment is older as well.

Mr. Snell asked if the auxiliary heat was electric or gas.

Mr. Solarczyk stated that this heat pump does not need one as it runs at 100% to -13 degrees.

Mr. Shimmel asked about the difference between the two systems at the Elementary Schools.

Ken Phillips, of Raymond James, presented bond options.

Public Comment

Jack Callahan said he would like the school plays to be publicized a little bit more in the newspaper. He commented on sports divisions for Jersey Shore, Southern Colombia, and South Williamsport. He said that wrestling performed well this year.

Brenda Oberheim said that heat pumps are not good. She wanted the board to keep in mind that the presenters make more money if the Board chooses a bigger project.

Scott Metzger said that the timing is not right for a project. He said that money is going to get tight and people cannot afford any more taxes. He said he would like to know who is responsible for where the federal money is spent.

Agenda Items

- **General**

G-1 Approval of the revised 2022-2023 school calendar for the second and final reading. (Attachment)

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

G-2 Approval to appoint Jessica Breon to the MASD Foundation Board as a faculty representative. Mrs. Breon will take the place of Mrs. Logue.

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

G-3 Approval of the purchase of Cafeteria Tables, at a price of \$28,725.00 for Lyter and C. E. McCall Middle School. (Attachment)

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

Dr. LeCrone asked if these were ordered to replace broken tables.

Mrs. Smith said that the tables are over 20 years old and parts cannot be ordered for them anymore.

G-4 Approval for professional employees providing instructional services outside of the school day between March 7, 2022 to April 14, 2022 to be compensated at an hourly rate of \$31/hour. Total cost not to exceed \$1,250.00 to be paid out of ARP ESSERS 7% Set Aside Funds for the purpose of After School Programming.

Motion: Mathers Second: LeCrone
 Yes: Albert, Badger, Beery, LeCrone, Mathers, Shimmel, Snell, Ulmer
 No: None
 Absent: Young
 Result: **Motion Carried**
 Mr. Snell asked if the hourly rate listed is the going rate in the area for the service.

Mrs. Smith stated that it was the contract rate. She said the approval is for the difference in hourly rates that will be covered by ESSERS.

- **Personnel**

P-1 Approval of the following addition 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>
Shalea Aikey	Paraprofessional	5.5	\$12.50/hour	March 9, 2022	Ashley Stackhouse

P-3 Approval of the following addition to the Guest Teacher list for the 2021-2022 school year:

<u>Guest Teacher</u>
Benjamin Landon

P-4 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>
Gary Evans	Football	Volunteer Coach	NA	NA

P-5 Approval of the following resignation from a member of the Business Office staff:

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Darren Tull	Business Office Specialist	March 30, 2022

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

P-2 Approval of the following addition to the Substitute Support Staff list for the 2021-2022 school year:

<u>Substitute</u>	<u>Position</u>
Amanda Phlegar	Paraprofessional

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

- **Transportation**

T-1 Approval of the following Transportation Contracts for July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2027. (Attachment)

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

Mr. Snell asked why the contracts were being paid over the state formula. Mr. Snell asked about the guaranteed compensation and remote learning compensation as it relates to state reimbursement. He said that he understands the fuel clauses, but he doesn't understand paying contractors for work not being completed. He said it isn't something the district should do.

Mr. Shimmel said that our bus contractors do a lot of extra work that other corporate contractors do not. He said he can't see the guaranteed compensation clauses ever being invoked. He said the probability is extremely low.

Mr. Snell said that if there is another pandemic situation he does not think the State will reimburse for transportation expenses if schools are closed.

Mr. Ulmer said the guarantee of 175 days worries him as well.

Mrs. Smith gave examples of the contractors going above and beyond. She said that the guaranteed days are related to what banks require for loans for new busses. Mrs. Smith provided details on what other districts pay for transportation.

Mr. Ulmer asked if there would be any other type of language that could be used in the contract that would address bank concerns other than the guarantee.

Mr. Snell asked if there was proof that the banks required the guarantee.

Mr. Ulmer proposed a motion for a friendly amendment to change the verbiage from 102% to 2% in section 3.1.

Dr. Beery gave a second to the motion.

- **Budget and Finance**

BF-1 Acknowledgement of the Montoursville Area School District's financial statements for the year ending June 30, 2021, as well as the related audit report from Larson, Kellett and Associates, PC. (Attachment)

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

Motion to extend the meeting by thirty minutes

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

Mrs. Smith gave a presentation on the 2021 audit.

Mr. Shimmel brought up getting a survey out to the community to get an idea of what they want the district to do with the building project.

Dr. LeCrone asked what the deadline was to be able to start in 2024.

Mr. Shimmel said that if the Board wants to get input from the community and have meetings at the buildings then the project would have to be pushed back one year.

Motion to set aside time constraints for the meeting

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

Dr. LeCrone suggested the District complete a survey on what the public thinks.

Dr. Beery said that a sheet with information and facts should be sent out with information before the survey.

Mr. Taormina said that the plan was to hold meetings in different parts of the District to go over the information before COVID hit.

Dr. Beery asked how many people would be attending the meetings if there aren't high numbers at regular board meetings.

Mr. Shimmel said that it takes time to build interest.

Mr. Shimmel asked the board if they would like to have a special session to determine how the board would move forward with a plan.

ADJOURNMENT OF THE REGULAR MEETING 9:43 PM

Motion: LeCrone Second: Badger
Result: **Motion Carried**



David Shimmel, President



Brandy N. Smith, Board Secretary