

MONTOURSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

MINUTES FOR BOARD MEETING High School

Tuesday, March 8, 2022
7:01 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
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
*Brandy N. Smith, Business Mgr./Bd. Secretary
*(Non-Voting Member)

OTHERS

Feerrar, Darrin - Elementary School Principal
x Gnoffo, Joseph - Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds
x Hanner, Timothy - Supervisor of Special Education
x 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 that Mr. Cousins was in attendance to present on option 8 for the board, but no deliberation would occur.

Awards and Recognitions

Zachary Smith shared that the academic decathlon team is advancing to the state playoffs and that the celebration of the arts will be held in April. He also shared information about the school musical and spring sports.

Kayla LeBeau gave an update on sports, choir, and band as well as club activities.

Approval of minutes for the following meetings:

- Special Meeting, Tuesday, February 1, 2022
- Board Meeting, Tuesday, February 8, 2022
- Work Session, Tuesday, February 22, 2022

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

Prior Presentation

Scott Cousins gave a presentation on heating and cooling in Lyter and Loyalsock Valley Elementary Schools.

Dr. LeCrone asked if Mr. Cousins has ever seen a public survey go out to communities to gauge what they value in a project.

Mr. Cousins said that he has experience with communities sending out surveys or holding workshops. He said that it is common.

Public Comment

Tina Marie Kline congratulated the academic decathlon team and listed their achievements. She acknowledged Nathan Gilbert for posting detailed class materials daily on his Google Classroom and being quick to respond to quarantined students. She said she did not agree with the Superintendent being absent from board meetings or the Assistant Superintendent position.

Brenda Oberheim said she does not agree with the Assistant Superintendent position being created. She said that if his child could attend the district tuition free then all employee's children should be able to do so. She asked the board to consider where they are spending money.

Jack Callahan acknowledged the wrestlers at States. He asked for more events to come back to Montoursville surrounding sports for the community.

Daniel Rodgers shared disappointment that students cannot take 4 years of business courses at the High School. He said that the classes have helped him immensely while furthering his education. He asked the board to look into getting the classes reinstated.

Pamela Nelson said she is also disappointed in the lack of business class options for her children.

Business Manager's Report

A. General Fund and Cafeteria Fund Treasurer's Report

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

B. Presentation of Bills (Roll Call)

General Fund	– \$ 1,989,634.97
Cafeteria Fund	– \$ 130,383.78

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

Mr. Snell asked if the District was having issues losing access cards in reference to check 62578.

Mr. Gnoffo said that names are printed on the cards so with new hires and coaches recently the stock needed refilled.

Mr. Snell asked why the cost for check 62588 was assigned to travel.

Mr. Snell asked what check 62585 was used for.

Mr. Taormina said it was on stage lights for theater and it was paid from a grant.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Myers provided an update on events at McCall and some of the activities going on with the Middle School Clubs.

Mr. King shared the success of some of the athletes.

Mr. Yonkin updated the board on some of the recent activities at Loyalsock Valley.

Mr. Hanner shared information on the Pennsylvania post school outcome survey and other special education programs.

Agenda Items

- **General**

G-1 Approval of an agreement between Montoursville Area School District, Lycoming County Emergency Management Agency, and the American Red Cross of Mid Central Pennsylvania. (Attachment)

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

G-2 Discussion on District COVID case data.

Mr. Shimmel said that a meeting is scheduled with the Superintendent to go over the data. He asked the Board if they would like to table the discussion until after the meeting.

Mr. Young said that he would like to wait.

Mr. Snell said he would like to see a vote taken after the information is supplied to instruct the Superintendent to supply the Board and public with the District COVID case data.

- **Personnel**

P-1 Approval of the following unpaid leave of absence from members of the staff:

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Effective Dates</u>
100015	February 16, 2022 until end of the 21-22 SY
101757	March 11, 2022 until April 22, 2022

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>
Samantha Caseman	Paraprofessional

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

<u>Substitute</u>	<u>Certification</u>
Diane King	Special Education
Diane Oliva	Elementary K-6

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

P-4 Approval of the following Long-Term Professional position:

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Replacement for:</u>
Diane Oliva	Special Education	February 28, 2022 to the end of the 2021-2022 School Year	101626

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

P-5 Approval of the changes/additions 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>
Marissa Hall	Girls Basketball	Assistant JV Coach	\$3,200	Ashley Burger
Dan Fredericks	Softball	Assistant Coach	\$1,500	Steve Tate
Wyatt Entz	Football	Assistant Coach	\$3,000	Dan Heinrichs
Dan Tucker	Football	Assistant Coach	\$3,100	Eli Skinner
Tom Ott	Baseball	JV Coach	\$2,000	Stephen Stopper
Rick Wurster	Baseball	JV Coach	\$2,100	Corey Twigg
Corey Twigg	Baseball	Volunteer	NA	NA
Jacob Stoner	Baseball	Volunteer	NA	NA
Tom George	Softball	Assistant Coach	\$2,400	Rick Robertson
Tom George	Softball	Assistant Jr High Coach (Fall)	\$2,000	Vacant
Aaron Runkle	Track and Field	Assistant	\$1,300	Sadie Kreighbaum
Connor Rutan	Track and Field	Assistant	\$1,300	Sadie Kreighbaum
Susan Wertz	Track and Field	Volunteer	NA	NA
Chad Eberhart	Track and Field	Volunteer	NA	NA

Motion: Beery Second: LeCrone
 Yes: Albert, Badger, Beery, LeCrone, Shimmel, Snell, Ulmer, Young
 No: None
 Absent: Mathers
 Result: **Motion Carried**
 Mr. Young asked how the stipends are determined.

Mr. Taormina said that there is a base stipend and then additions based on years of service.

Mr. Snell asked if years of service from one sport apply if the coach switches sports.

Mr. Taormina said that most times they restart at the base, but it depends on the spreadsheet.

P-6 Approval of the following retirement from members of the Support Staff:

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Years of Service</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Linda Rolley	Library Aide	21 Years	June 9, 2022

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

P-7 Approval of the following resignations from members of the Support Staff:

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Ashley Stackhouse	Paraprofessional	February 18, 2022
Kim Rockwell	Paraprofessional	February 18, 2022

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

P-8 Approval of Daniel Taormina as the Assistant Superintendent, effective July 1, 2022. (Attachment)

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

Mr. Snell stated that he has nothing personal against Mr. Taormina and he thinks that he is a great principal. He said in regards to fiscal responsibility, the district does not need an assistant superintendent. He said the district needs an experienced curriculum coordinator. He said that he did not agree with the raises, bonuses, and tuition waiver for children.

- **Transportation**

T-1 Approval of Promiseland Bussing rates in the amount of \$2,757.92 and \$3,023.65 for February 2022. (Attachment)

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

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

<u>Substitute Aide</u>	<u>Bus Contractor</u>
Kristie Tawney	Promiseland Busing

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

Other Reports

A. Committee Reports

- PSBA – nothing to report.
- Policy Committee – nothing to report.
- IU Rep. – nothing to report.
- LCTC Rep. – Mr. Shimmel shared that the new director is doing well so far and the culinary program is adjusting its operations.
- Memorial Gardens – Mr. Ulmer said that the fundraising campaign will be publicly announced soon.
- Budget – nothing to report.
- Buildings and Ground – nothing to report.
- Montoursville Foundation – nothing to report
- Extra-Curricular Activities – nothing to report.

Mr. Snell asked when the ESSERS report would be presented to the Board.

Mr. Shimmel said that he believes something should be ready for next regular board meeting.

Mr. Ulmer said that he would like to see a work session on the information.

Mr. Albert asked Mr. Myers if the presidential fitness awards could be reinstated.

Public Comment

Jack Callahan said he would like to see a pep band at basketball games if it is possible. He also said he would like to see a sign at games that tells fans when the next home match or game is. He also said he would like a banner that lists the wrestlers and basketball players so fans know who is playing. He also asked where the school newspaper could be picked up.

Tina Marie Kline said that when situations start to impact the district and students then they need to be addressed. She asked why the superintendent wasn't at the meeting.

Brenda Oberheim said she feels that Mr. Ulmer shouldn't have criticized Mr. Snell for questioning the position in Item P-8. She said the District needs to be fiscally responsible and that the Board should be representing the parents.

Kayla LeBeau thanked Mrs. Rolley and Mrs. Bair for everything they have done and wished them a happy retirement.

Pamela Nelson asked if there was any information out there for why an assistant superintendent was chosen over a curriculum coordinator as she hasn't been able to attend some of the meetings. She said she would like to see a plan for what the District is planning for the future with position openings, building projects, and other future needs.

Mr. Snell said he was elected by his constituents and his decisions are based off of what they want. He said none of the decisions are personal.

Mr. Ulmer said that he does the same thing.

Mr. Albert asked Mr. Snell if he was implying that Board members are voting for themselves.

Mr. Shimmel said that he understood what Mr. Snell was saying. He said that it was off-topic and could be discussed outside of the meeting.

Mr. Albert said it was not off topic.

Mr. Shimmel called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Mr. Snell said he didn't point fingers at anyone.

Mr. Shimmel suspended the meeting.

Mr. Shimmel re-convened the meeting and called for a motion to adjourn.

ADJOURNMENT OF THE REGULAR MEETING 8:19 PM

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



David Shimmel, President



Brandy N. Smith, Board Secretary