

MONTOURSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

MINUTES FOR BOARD MEETING High School

Tuesday, April 12, 2022
7:03 PM

Pledge to the flag
Call to Order - Board President
Roll call - Board Secretary
Executive Session for personal

MEMBER

 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
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 - Supervisors of Buildings and Grounds
x Hanner, Timothy - Supervisors 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

Awards and Recognitions

Kayla LeBeau shared prom will be held on May 7th. The daddy-daughter dance was held and the district-wide celebration of the arts was both a huge success. She also mentioned the volleyball finals took place and were entertaining. The band is headed to Boston for a week, and a small portion of the band is performing at first Friday. Improv Troupe is beginning the last Friday of every month. Spring sports are in full swing, and the art case in the hallway has been updated. The arrowhead and mock trail both recently competed.

Zachary Smith shared that the academic decathlon team took 4th in the state. The rest of the competition will take place next week.

Approval of minutes for the following meetings:

- Board Meeting, Tuesday, March 8, 2022
- Work Session, Tuesday, March 22, 2022

Motion: Mathers Second: Beery

Yes: Badger, Beery, LeCrone, Mathers, Shimmel, Snell, Ulmer, Young

No: None

Absent: Albert

Result: **Motion Carried**

Public Comment

None

Business Manager's Report

A. General Fund and Cafeteria Fund Treasurer's Report

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

B. Budgetary Transfers

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

Mr. Snell thanked Mr. Taormina, Mr. Meyers, and Mr. Peipher for putting their names on balance transfers.

Mr. Snell asked Mr. Taormina why there was a budget transfer completed concerning homecoming dance mask requirements in April.

Mr. Taormina explained the bill was from the fall and the transfer was completed to balance budget accounts.

C. Presentation of Bills (Roll Call)

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

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

Mr. Snell asked if check number 62652 was for cheerleading.

Mrs. Smith confirmed it was for cheerleading uniforms.

Mr. Snell asked Mr. Shimmel if the charges from Levin Legal Group were duplicate charges for emails sent to Mr. Shimmel and Mrs. Bason.

Mr. Shimmel said he would look into the dates and charges, but his communication would be different from Mrs. Basons.

D. Business

Mrs. Smith explained on behalf of Mrs. Bason concerning the timeline of the county grant that resulted in an audit finding. Mrs. Smith explained that after further communication and review with the auditor and the county commissioner's office the funds were spent correctly. Mrs. Smith has all of the information and documentation available for review.

Mr. Snell would like to know when the list of used funds will be available. He reminded Mr. Shimmel according to PSBA there should be a report presented to the board listing where the money is being spent, and how much is left.

Mr. Shimmel said Mrs. Bason is working on the list of funds, and not all the funds have been used at this time. He again stated he would speak with Mrs. Bason about that report.

Mrs. Smith presented the projections for FY 22-23 as a first presentation of the budget. Mrs. Smith is waiting on the IU contract, but transferring two entities over to the District should create savings. There are bids and other information that will change the estimated projections.

Mr. Snell asked what the cost savings will be from moving from the IU to the "in-house".

Mrs. Smith explained the projected savings is \$40,000. The numbers are not exact to date, but solid numbers will be presented in the final budget.

Mr. Snell wanted to be certain it would not cost more by moving services out of the district.

Mrs. Smith confirmed it would not cost Montoursville Area School District more money.

Superintendent's Report

Lyter Elementary- Mr. Feerrar said the kids are excited about spring and Easter break. The kids are working hard and the 3rd and 4th grades are preparing for PSSA testing. Lyter kids are working on science experiments and the 4th grade is preparing for the Spring music concert.

Loyalsock Valley- Mr. Yonkin said Loyalsock Valley is also preparing for PSSA testing and the 4th grade Spring concert. The last session of parent-teacher conferences will also be held. PBIS review scored 93 out of 100 he was very proud of the team for hard work to achieve the high score. Mr. Yonkin said they will continue to do fun things with the kids. 13 kids earned a trip to FlyWorld as a reward. Mr. Yonkin is working with Mr. Taormina and parents to set up elementary students spending lunchtime with seniors as another reward. PTO is working on bringing a Spring festival back to the valley on May 13, 2022. Mrs. Bair is continuing to push the kids to read. She set up a March Madness bracket and the final is tonight. The kids look at the bulletin board every day they are excited to read.

Mr. Snell asked when Mr. Yonkin will be taped to the wall again.

Mr. Yonkin said he will not be taped to the wall again. He will sit in a dunk tank in June as a reward for students.

Mr. Feerrar mentioned that Lyter's is having a Spring event set for May 12, 2022.

Special Education- Mr. Hanner is finalizing numbers for the extended school year program. Currently, there are 74 qualified for the end-of-year services. Of those students, 45 will be attending various EYS programming through the county. Our district is providing services from our speech therapist and a few other students will be participating in the explorer program held through the IU. Enrollment updates are as follows: 348 students are receiving services through special and gifted education. 38 students have 504 service agreements. It is projected that 15 of the special education students will be graduating at the end of the school year and a plan is in motion for 10 students to transiting from early intervention to school age in August. He also said that 30 students are in the process of being

evaluated for services. Mr. Hanner thanked two paraprofessionals that are retiring. Martha Diaz with 24 years of service and Valerie Mowery with 19 years of service.

High School- Mr. Taormina said the high school is looking forward to Keystone and AP testing, along with District sports qualifiers and graduation. He thanked the Montoursville foundation for contributing \$60,000 through EITC funds to secure all of the lighting for the black box theater. Rigging and motors are still needed. He also listed the after-school programs homework club, fitness club, and gaming club. The benefit has been tapping into a group of kids that do not usually like school. The foundation donated \$2,484.00 specifically to the gaming club. He went on to say having the Foundation as a partner is critical to the District.

Montoursville Foundation- Mr. Ulmer added the foundation needs persons interested in serving on the board. He asked that anyone interested in getting involved to contact Dale Ulmer or anyone on the foundation.

Project Update- Mr. Shimmel the administration working on setting April and May dates for project presentations to the community. Mr. Shimmel and Mr. Taormina would like the administration to speak to the community and not have an outside source do so.

Mr. Snell asked if there was approval to use the PowerPoint presentation.

Mr. Shimmel stated Mr. Taormina is working on some form of the PowerPoint presentation to make sure there are no copyright issues.

Mr. Taormina stated that some of the bullet points need to be adjusted. The presentation is not a sales pitch. It will be informational and factual. The administration will present and then listen. Questions will be gathered and answered on the website.

Mr. Shimmel said they will take to process one step at a time.

Mr. Snell asked if contact has been made on the survey.

Mr. Shimmel responded yes, Mrs. Bason is in contact.

Agenda Items

- **General**

G-1 Approval of an agreement between Montoursville Area School District and Bloomsburg University. (Attachment)

Motion: Ulmer Second: Mathers

Yes: Badger, Beery, LeCrone, Mathers, Shimmel, Snell, Ulmer, Young

No: None

Absent: Albert

Result: **Motion Carried**

G-2 Approval of an agreement between Montoursville Area School District and BLaST IU17 for Notice of Adoption LEA Policies, Procedures, and Use of Funds. (Attachment)

Motion: Ulmer Second: Mathers

Yes: Badger, Beery, LeCrone, Mathers, Shimmel, Snell, Ulmer, Young

No: None

Absent: Albert

Result: **Motion Carried**

G-3 Approval to send approximately 45 Montoursville Area School District students to the Extended School Year Program, operating by BLAST IU 17. The program will run for five weeks, Monday through Thursday, 8:30 AM to 11:10 AM, June 20, 2022 to July 21, 2022. The approximate cost for the program is: \$91,636. (Attachment)

Motion: Ulmer Second: Mathers

Yes: Badger, Beery, LeCrone, Mathers, Shimmel, Snell, Ulmer, Young

No: None

Absent: Albert

Result: **Motion Carried**

G-4 Approval of an agreement between Montoursville Area School District and Lycoming Career and Technology Center, 2022-2023 Budget. (Attachment)

Motion: Ulmer Second: Mathers

Yes: Badger, Beery, LeCrone, Mathers, Shimmel, Snell, Ulmer, Young

No: None

Absent: Albert

Result: **Motion Carried**

G-5 Approval of the election of Joseph LeCrone as temporary school board president for the purpose of signing his daughter's high school diploma.

Motion: Ulmer Second: Mathers

Yes: Badger, Beery, LeCrone, Mathers, Shimmel, Snell, Ulmer, Young

No: None

Absent: Albert

Result: **Motion Carried**

G-6 Approval of the election of Todd Badger as temporary school board president for the purpose of signing his daughter's high school diploma.

Motion: Ulmer Second: Mathers

Yes: Badger, Beery, LeCrone, Mathers, Shimmel, Snell, Ulmer, Young

No: None

Absent: Albert

Result: **Motion Carried**

G-7 Approval of MOU agreement between Montoursville Area School District and Montoursville Area Education Association. (Attachment)

Motion: Ulmer Second: Mathers

Yes: Badger, Beery, LeCrone, Mathers, Shimmel, Snell, Ulmer, Young

No: None

Absent: Albert

Result: **Motion Carried**

G-8 Approval between Montoursville Area School District and Montoursville Area Administrative Act 93 Compensation Plan Agreement. (Roll Call)

Motion: Ulmer Second: Badger

Yes: Badger, Beery, LeCrone, Mathers, Shimmel, Snell, Ulmer, Young

No: None

Absent: Albert

Result: **Motion Carried**

Mr. Shimmel made a verbiage change to the Act 93 compensation plan. He stated that is the correct and legal term and would like the record to reflect that change.

Mr. Feerrar as the lead representative would like to thank the Board, students, staff, and community for continued support.

G-9 Approval to establish Montoursville Area High School Bible Study Group and Activity Account with Bylaws.
Motion: Ulmer Second: Mathers
Yes: Badger, Beery, LeCrone, Mathers, Shimmel, Snell, Ulmer, Young
No: None
Absent: Albert
Result: **Motion Carried**

G-10 Approval to establish Montoursville Area High School Musical Theater Club and Activity Account with Bylaws.
Motion: Ulmer Second: Mathers
Yes: Badger, Beery, LeCrone, Mathers, Shimmel, Snell, Ulmer, Young
No: None
Absent: Albert
Result: **Motion Carried**

G-11 Approval to transfer of entity of two learning support classrooms from BLaSSt IU #17 to Montoursville Area School District. (Attachment)
Motion: Ulmer Second: Mathers
Yes: Badger, Beery, LeCrone, Mathers, Shimmel, Snell, Ulmer, Young
No: None
Absent: Albert
Result: **Motion Carried**

G-12 Approval of the date change for the Montoursville Area High School trip to Costa Rica and Panama, June 16-24, 2022. The trip has been previously approved.
Yes: Badger, Beery, LeCrone, Mathers, Shimmel, Snell, Ulmer, Young
No: None
Absent: Albert
Result: **Motion Carried**

Mr. Young asked why there was a change from Costa Rica to Panama.

Mr. Taormina said they are combining Costa Rica and Panama, and dates have been shifted.

Mr. Snell asked what the political climate is in Costa Rica and Panama at the present time.

Mr. Taormina said they are working with a group called EF Tours that monitors the countries. Everything is ok with covid.

G-13 Approval to renew the contract between Montoursville Area School District and The Nutrition Group, July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 (Attachment)
Motion: Ulmer Second: Mathers
Yes: Badger, Beery, LeCrone, Mathers, Shimmel, Snell, Ulmer, Young
No: None
Absent: Albert
Result: **Motion Carried**

G-14 Approval of an agreement between Montoursville Area School District and Central Susquehanna IU #16 for Student Information Software for the 2021-2022 school year. Based on enrollment estimated at \$32,519.60 (Attachment)
Motion: Ulmer Second: Mathers
Yes: Badger, Beery, LeCrone, Mathers, Shimmel, Snell, Ulmer, Young
No: None
Absent: Albert
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>
Nicole Hoinoski	Art Chairperson	\$234.00	Debra Taylor

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

P-2 Approval of the following additions/changes 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>
Jessica Reich	Cheerleading	Volunteer	N/A	NA
Alivia Boroch	Cheerleading	Jr High Coach	\$2,300	Jessica Reich

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

P-3 Approval of the following addition to the Business Office

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Rate of Pay</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Replacement for:</u>
Kristy Seese	Business Office Specialist	\$35,000 pro rate	April 13, 2022	Darren Tull

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

P-4 Approval of the following retirement from a member of the Support Staff

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Years of Service</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Martha Diaz	Paraprofessional	24 Years	June 9, 2022

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

P-5 Approval of the following addition to the Substitute Teacher list, effective May 1, 2022:

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Certification</u>
Samantha Caseman	Emergency Certification K-12

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

P-6 Approval of the following leave of absence from a member of the Professional Staff:

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Position</u>
101342	May 31, 2022 to September 30, 2022

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

P-7 Approval of the following addition to the Support Staff:

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Rate of Pay</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Replacement for:</u>
Candi Leisenring	Paraprofessional	\$12.50/hour 5.5 hours per day	April 19, 2022	Kim Rockwell

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

- **Transportation**

T-1 Approval of Promiseland Bussing rates in the amount of \$2,936.20 and \$3,048.41 for March 2022.
(Attachment)

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

BG-1 Approval of the following change order: (Attachment)

Company	Change Order #	Reason	Amount:
Weatherproofing Technologies, Inc	1	Contract Deduct to change the Coverboard to ¼" Tremboard AC due to nationwide material availability issues with Densdeck coverboard	-\$3,277.27

Weatherproofing Technologies, Inc	2	Contract Deduct to remove the gutter and downspout replacement from the line item proposal and the scope of work	-\$5,132.69
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Motion: Mathers Second: Snell
Yes: Badger, Beery, LeCrone, Mathers, Shimmel, Snell, Ulmer, Young
No: None
Absent: Albert
Result: **Motion Carried**
Mr. Snell asked how far along they are on the project.
Mr. Gnoffo said the job was completed today and will be cleaned up the following day.

• **Budget and Finance**

BF-1 Approval to transfer \$1,020,000 from the General Fund to the Capital Reserve Account.

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

Motion to extend

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

Other Reports

A. Committee Reports

- PSBA – Dr. Mathers has two pieces of legislation drafted and introduced. The first is a house bill to help public schools to provide for students' mental health needs. It is a grant the school could use with flexibility to cover a variety of different purposes. The second is a senate bill that would increase the amount that the state pays to the school districts, counties, and townships for the land they own as payment in lieu of tax.
Mrs. Smith – the current is approximately \$45,00 per year.

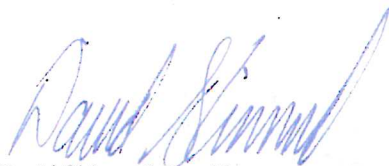
- Policy Committee – Dr. LeCrone met with Mrs. Bason and Mr. Taormina regarding policy 006- regarding items being presented to the Board outside of the agenda. Policies 122.1 and 123 were also discussed regarding drug and alcohol use and the consequences. One policy deals with extracurricular activities and the other athletics.
Mr. Snell asked why policy 006 is being reviewed again.
Dr. LeCrone said it was not officially approved and the Board will go over the policy line by line according to the state legislature and approve it.
Dr. Berry said last year Dr. Matthers asked a question that was tabled and it now is being reviewed.
- IU Rep. – Dr. Berry stated nothing new, the meeting is next Wednesday.
- LCTC Rep. – Mr. Shimmel shared Criminal Justice students took first place in the state on a crime scene event.
Mr. Snell asked if the same courses will be available next year.
Mr. Shimmel answered no.
- Memorial Gardens – Mr. Ulmer there are brochures available with information on how to donate to the \$200,00 goal.
Mrs. Smith stated a deposit of \$16,000 was made to the fund.
Dr. Mathers asked if any business is willing to match donations.
Mr. Ulmer stated an anonymous donor is willing to donate as long as the project goes through.
Mrs. Smith added the fund is not eligible for Raise the Region due to Montoursville Area School District owning the land the gardens are on.
- Budget – Mr. Ulmer thanked Mrs. Smith for all the work and looks forward to the deficit being reduced and the tax increase being lowered.
- Buildings and Ground – none
- Montoursville Foundation – Mr. Ulmer reported the Montoursville Foundation has \$24,000 available funds.
- Extra-Curricular Activities – none

Public Comment

None

ADJOURNMENT OF THE REGULAR MEETING 9:05 PM

Motion: Dale Second: Dave
Voice Vote: all



David Shimmel, President



Brandy N. Smith, Board Secretary