

MONTOURSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

MINUTES FOR BOARD MEETING
High School

Tuesday, May 10, 2022
7:10 PM

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

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

OTHERS

x Farrar, 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
x Myers, Curtis - Middle School Principal
x Peipher, Sebastian – Director of Technology
x Taormina, Daniel - High School Principal
x Yonkin, Jamie - Elementary School Principal
x Residents x Media x Students

Awards and Recognitions

Zach Smith commented the Jazz band is headed to Central Columbia for a jazz festival and Prom was held on May 7, 2022.
Kayla LeBeau announced that NAHS is holding an SPCA drive. The senior class is going to Dorney Park and the elementary walkthroughs will be held on June 7th. She also reflected on the May 2nd Choir concert.

Approval of minutes for the following meetings:

- Work Session, Tuesday, April 26, 2022
Motion: Mathers Second: LeCrone
Yes: Albert, Badger, Beery, LeCrone, Mathers, Shimmel, Ulmer, Young
No: None
Absent: None
Abstain: Snell
Result: **Motion Carried**

Prior Presentation

Pastor Larry Leland offered a prayer. He also gave a word of personal thanks to the District.

Mr. Hart introduced the academic decathlon team. He praised the team for hard work and dedication to the club. Christian Smith, Captain of the team shared that the team returned from the competition earning 10 medals. Lainey Mussina demonstrated a math problem that was solved during the competition and a part of the speech she gave. Eddie Brown demonstrated an economic problem with graphs. Christian Smith presented on literature. Sarah Kline presented on the topic of art pieces. Zach Smith gave a presentation on music. The team offered a 2-verse musical presentation. Melody Rzeszotarski presented on social science and history. Kayla LeBeau presented the interview portion of the competition. She interviewed board members as an example.

Mr. Taormina commented that Mr. Hart volunteers his time to the team it is not part of his duties. He gave students a chance to speak about the hours they spend practicing. Mr. Shimmel presented certificates and offered words of praise.

Public Comment

Jack Callahan stated he would like to see the scoreboard reflect the 2022 date of graduation.

Mr. Taormina responded it is graduation and not a sporting event which is why the scoreboard is turned off.

Tina Marie Kline wanted to know what the executive session was for as part of the requirement to announce what the board was discussing. She also thanked the Board for their attendance.

Mr. Shimmel responded the executive session was for personnel.

Business Manager's Report

A. General Fund and Cafeteria Fund Treasurer's Report

Motion: Ulmer Second: Badger

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

No: None

Absent: None

Result: **Motion Carried**

B. Budgetary Transfers –

Motion: Ulmer Second: Mathers

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

No: None

Absent: None

Result: **Motion Carried**

C. Presentation of Bills (Roll Call)

General Fund – \$ 2,605,956.12

Cafeteria Fund – \$ 95,186.75

Motion: Ulmer Second: LeCrone

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

No: None

Absent: None

Result: **Motion Carried**

Mr. Snell referenced check number 62978 for 97 smart boards followed by asking where the boards will be installed.

Mr. Peipher responded with every classroom of both elementary schools and the middle school.

Mr. Snell wanted to know if the boards were replacements and the age of the boards.

Mr. Peipher thought most of the boards would be replacements and the estimated age is twelve years.

Mr. Snell would like to know what policy is in place to pay district employees \$50.00 per day for food when out of the district.

Mrs. Smith responded it is in the teachers' contract and perhaps policy also.

Mr. Snell used check number 62843 as an example and would like the verbiage to read up to \$50.00 per day.

Mr. Taormina and Mrs. Smith both stated it is worded up to \$50.00 per day on the form and explained how to read the receipts and form.

Mr. Snell referenced check number 62823 for mileage dates being recorded from this date forward.

Mrs. Smith confirmed dates will be required from this day forward.

D. Business

Budget Update: Mrs. Smith provided a budget update, including the homestead credit increase.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Myers reflected on the progress of the Academic Decathlon students. He offered a recap of the chorus fest and future chorus concerts including a taco truck for students. He mentioned summer school programs available for K-7 students including stem, academics, and field trips.

Mr. Feerrar spoke about end-of-year activities, some old traditions, some new. Spring festival, fourth-grade chorus concert, and Mother's Day deliveries to nursing homes.

Mr. Yonkin recapped the Mystery dinner the high school students participated in with Loyalsock Valley students, the Spring fling, and the 4th-grade chorus concert.

Mr. Taormina spoke about graduation, closing out the school year, and a recap of prom ticket sales. He would like to see student attendance return to normal.

Mr. Shimmel asked if graduating students' photos will be placed on the outside fence area this year. He expressed his desire to have the photos displayed.

Mr. Taormina explained the budget did not allow for the \$1200.00 expense.

Agenda Items

- **General**

G-1 Approval of Montoursville Area High School summer programs, pursuant to Board Policy #124. The six-week program will run from June 13- to July 29, 2022.

Motion: Snell Second: Beery

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

No: None

Absent: None

Result: **Motion Carried**

Enrichment Courses - \$200 per course

- CSS
- World History

G-2 Approval of an agreement between Montoursville Area School District and River Valley Regional YMCA. (Attachment)

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

G-3 Approval to purchase and install new playground equipment at Lyter Elementary School from Ely associates. The total cost \$141,121.00. Funding will come from the Capital Reserve Account. (Attachment)

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

Mr. Young asked if this is a bid.
 Mr. Snell thinks it is pretty elaborate.
 Dr. Beery likes the inclusion of those with mobility issues and added that it is required by law.
 Dr. Mathers shared an email that a family will donate to a Lyter playground upgrade for future pieces.
 Mr. Feerrar mentioned replacement parts on the rusted pieces of equipment have been discontinued and the ongoing efforts of PTO to raise funds for new equipment.
 Mr. Young inquired if there was concern regarding the footprint of the layout and future projects.
 Mr. Gnoffo responded there are no concerns about having to tear new equipment down.
 Mr. Snell inquired of the vendor.
 Mr. Gnoffo and Mr. Feerrar confirmed the vendor and the recommended installer of the equipment.
 Mr. Gnoffo will give a future update on the process.

G-4 Approval of a 2021-2022 Summer Skills Program for Tier II/ Tier III students in grades K through 7. (Amended from the agenda from K-1 to K-7)

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

- **Personnel**

P-1 Approval of the following additions to the Professional Staff, effective 2022-2023 school year:

Employee	Certification	Rate of Pay	Effective	Replacement for:
Kiersha Whitehead	Special Education	Master's Step 14 \$78,146	2022-2023 SY	Transfer of Entity
Stephanie Matlack	Special Education	Bachelor's Step 7 \$60,304	2022-2023 SY	Transfer of Entity
Erick Edler	Secondary School Counselor	Master's Step 14 \$79,146	2022-2023 SY	Elijah Skinner
Faith Dunkleberger	Reading Specialist	Master's Step 1 \$52,600	2022-2023 SY	Bonnie Bair
Megan Daily	Science	Bachelor's Step 1 \$50,200	2022-2023 SY	Steven Tressler

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

P-2 Approval to add the position of Assistant Business Manager as the job description. (Attachment)
 Motion: Ulmer Second: Mathers
 Yes: Albert, Badger, Beery, LeCrone, Mathers, Shimmel, Ulmer, Young
 No: Snell
 Absent: None
 Result: **Motion Carried**

Mr. Snell commented the administration needs to quit making up new job titles and cannot justify the Assistant Business Manager and Assistant Superintendent positions. He would like to see stellar employees rewarded with merit bonuses. He addressed the Business Manager on cutting the budget.
 Mr. Shimmel reminded Mr. Snell to beware of speaking specifically about personnel issues and also that Mrs. Smith has worked hard to trim the budget.

P-3 Approval to appoint Jessica Reich to the position of Assistant Business Manager, effective May 11, 2022, at \$53,000 pro-rata for the remaining 2021-2022 school year with no increase for the 2022-2023 school year.
 Motion: Ulmer Second: Badger
 Yes: Albert, Badger, Beery, LeCrone, Mathers, Shimmel, Ulmer, Young
 No: Snell
 Absent: None
 Result: **Motion Carried**

P-4 Approval to accept the resignation of Nathan Kimble, Head Cross Country Coach, effective March 25, 2022.
 Motion: Young Second: LeCrone
 Yes: Albert, Badger, Beery, LeCrone, Mathers, Shimmel, Snell, Ulmer, Young
 No: None
 Absent: None
 Result: **Motion Carried**

P-5 Approval of the following additions to the Substitute Teacher list for the 2021-2022 school year.

<u>Coach</u>	<u>Sport</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Stipend</u>	<u>Replacement For:</u>
Aaron Runkle	Cross Country	Head Coach	\$3,000	Nathan Kimble

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

P-6 Approval of the following additions to the Substitute Teacher list for the 2021-2022 school year:

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Certification</u>
Kiley Nierzwicki	Elementary PK-4, Special Education
Tearra Brezan	Elementary PK-4, Special Education
Melissa Walburn	Elementary PK-4

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

P-7 Approval of the following addition to the Support Staff, effective for the 2022-2023 school year:

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Rate of Pay</u>	<u>Replacement For:</u>
Lauren Guinter	Health Care Aide	\$14.25/hour	Tammy Carey

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

P-8 Approval of the following resignation from a member of the Support Staff:

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Douglas Sauter	Custodian	May 13, 2022

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

P-9 Approval of the following addition to the Guest Teacher list for the 2021-2022 school year:

<u>Guest Teacher</u>
Ryan Bastian
Jordana Wagner
Robert Lynn Jr.

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

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

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Position</u>
Karen McCourt	Substitute Secretary

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

- **Transportation**

T-1 Approval for Promiseland Bussing rates in the amounts of \$3,563.45 and \$2,692.31 for April 2022.
(Attachment)

Motion: Mathers Second: Young

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

No: None

Absent: None

Result: **Motion Carried**

- **Academics**

A-1 Approval for the graduation of those members of the senior class of 2022 who will have met all state and district requirements as of June 1, 2022 (135 potential graduates as of May 10, 2022).

Special dates for the senior class are as follows:

Awards Ceremony- June 8, 2022

Commencement- June 9, 2022, 7:00 p.m.

Motion: Snell Second: LeCrone

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

No: None

Absent: None

Result: **Motion Carried**

Other Reports

A. Committee Reports

- PSBA – None
- Policy Committee – None
- IU Rep. – None
- LCTC Rep. – Attendance is up from last year. Benton students will join next year and are beginning to attend.
- Memorial Gardens – Mr. Ulmer stated the target goal by fall is \$120,000. The overall goal is \$200,000.
- Budget – None
- Buildings and Ground – None
- Montoursville Foundation –The meeting was moved to May 23rd.
- Extra-Curricular Activities – None

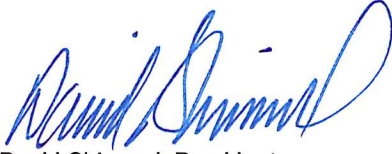
Public Comment

Mr. Feerrar will have a proposal for a new math curriculum for grades K-6. He stated they are doing extensive research.

Brenda Oberheim commented parents should be able to see the curriculum.

ADJOURNMENT OF THE REGULAR MEETING - 8:40 PM

Motion: LeCrone Second: Young
Voice Vote: all



David Shimmel, President



Brandy N. Smith, Board Secretary