

MONTOURSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

MINUTES FOR BOARD MEETING
High School

Tuesday, July 12, 2022
7:00 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
 x *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
 x Hanner, Timothy - Supervisor of Special Education
 x Johnson, Matthew – High School Principal
 King, Christopher - Assistant Middle/High School Principal
 x Myers, Curtis - Middle School Principal
 x Peipher, Sebastian –
 x Taormina, Daniel – Assistant Superintendent
 x Yonkin, Jamie - Elementary School Principal
 x Residents x Media x Students

Awards and Recognitions

Zach Smith reported a lot is going on this summer.

Approval of minutes for the following meetings:

- Board Meeting, Tuesday, June 14, 2022
Motion: Mathers Second: Young
Yes: Albert, Badger, Beery, LeCrone, Mathers, Shimmel, Snell, Ulmer, Young
No: None
Absent: None
Result: **Motion Carried**
Mr. Snell voted no on P2

Add the Supplemental Agenda Item P3

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

Mr. Shimmel explained adding P3 to the agenda is considered de minimis. The agenda item is for a coaching position that has already been budgeted for and approved. The item was held from the agenda due to waiting on clearances.

Mr. Shimmel shared there was an executive session held on security after the last meeting, and another discussion will be held to further discuss the safety of students, staff, technology, and buildings.

Public Comment

Tina Marie Kline commented on the security staff.

Mr. Snell asked if it was true that changes have been made to the security staff.

Mr. Shimmel did not have knowledge of the matter.

Sharron Myer commented on the health and safety plan.

Business Manager's Report

- A. General Fund and Cafeteria Fund Treasurer's Report
- B. Budgetary Transfers – None
- C. Presentation of Bills (Roll Call)
- D. Business

The Business Manager's report will be given in August so the Board has time to review the report.

Mr. Snell asked why the information was received later than he expected.

Mrs. Smith explained the district was closed the first week of July and historically reports are delayed for July.

Mrs. Smith gave a brief update on what the passing of the Pennsylvania State budget means to the District.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Myers finished the summer program and thanked Mr. Yonkin, Mr. Gnoffo, and Mr. Peipher for their help with various projects. Mr. Myers concluded with the student scheduling process that will continue for the rest of the summer.

Mr. Yonkin echoed Mr. Myers's praise for Mr. Peipher and his team putting up smartboards, and Mr. Gnoffo's team continuing to clean Loyalsock Valley. He is looking forward to the return of the students.

Mr. Hanner's team has started training staff on Quality Behavior Solutions a de-escalation and physical management process. This training is being headed up by Mr. Loudesnslauger and Mrs. Lorson and will have 3 sessions.

Mr. Johnson is working on scheduling students as well as learning the policies and procedures at Montoursville. Mr. Johnson also has been reaching out to staff and gathering information on future needs.

Mr. Taormina finished the community tours for the elementary schools and ended with 29 total participants. Mr. Taormina also thanked Mr. Gnoffo and Mr. Snell for attending and felt it was a positive experience.

Mr. Peipher and his team have completed the smartboard project at Loyalsock Valley, are finishing up at Lyter, and will be headed to McCall next. The team continues to process and collect devices as summer school wraps up. At the end of last month, there was an issue with the internet fibers and over 2,000 feet of fiber have been replaced and under budget.

Agenda Items

- **General**

G-1 Approval for an agreement between Montoursville Area School District and BLaST IU#17 for Website Hosting. (Attachment)

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

G-2 Approval of the Montoursville Area School District Health and Safety Plan. (Attachment)

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

Mr. Shimmel suggested amending 3a and having it say after considering the unique needs of our District and taking public input the District will maintain mask optional status for the 2022-2023 school year. He would like to have the control needed locally.

Dr. Mathers respectfully disagrees and would prefer to amend it to say the District will follow the recommendations of the CDC and the department of health. She would also like to note, that currently there are no mask mandates just recommendations, but there are recommendations for when we are at a high community risk. Dr. Mathers would like to send a message to students and faculty on the importance of community health and good citizenship by following recommendations from experts. She does not think it is wise for the Board to make decisions on health.

Mr. Snell agrees with Mr. Shimmel.

Mr. Albert would like the wording to say consider and not follow the recommendations of the CDC and department of health.

Dr. Mathers feels liability is an issue for the District when not considering expert advice on masking.

Mr. Young feels it should be the parent's choice to mask their children.

Dr. Beery suggested combining both stating the District will seek to maintain mask optional status and will continue to consider recommendations from the CDC on masking making sure that the community understands there will be ongoing discussions.

Mr. Shimmel is confident in leaving the decision to mask in the hands of the District based on the nursing staff. The nursing staff is constantly reviewing the protocols, recommendations, and guidance communicating those findings to the Superintendent's office.

Amend the verbiage in A the phrase the School Board voted on May 24, 2021, would be struck and replaced with the words the District.

Use 3E as currently stated in the health and safety plan.

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

Mr. Snell asked if testing will be offered at the school.

Mr. Taormina gave an example of high school students requiring a negative covid test to attend a Key Club conference. Students were able to test at the high school and the administration was able to sign a document clearing students to attend the trip. Mr. Taormina also stated that testing is used to keep students in the building learning.

G-3 Approval of an agreement between Montoursville Area School District and Lycoming-Clinton Joinder Board for Student Assistant Program Services, for the 2022-2023 school year. (Attachment)

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

- Personnel**

P-1 P-1 Approval of the following resignations from members of the support staff:

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Brenda Lewis	Cafeteria	June 9, 2022
Lauren Ginter	Health Care Aide	June 15, 2022

P-2 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/hours</u>	<u>Replacement for:</u>
Angelina Santalucia	Paraprofessional	\$12.75/5.5 hours per day	New IU position

P-3 Approval of the following addition to the Coaching Staff for the 2022-2023 school year:

<u>Coach</u>	<u>Sport</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Stipend</u>	<u>Replacement for:</u>
Mikayla Arnold	Softball	Head Coach	\$3,000	Michael Tate

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

- **Transportation**

T-1 Approval of Promised Land Busing rates in the amounts of \$ \$2,320.52 and \$ \$2,220.07 for June 2022. (Attachment)

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

T-2 Approval of the following Transportation Contract for July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2027. (Attachment)

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

Mr. Snell disagrees with paying for services not rendered. He does not like verbiage that states if the District operates for less than a full school year the contractor will be guaranteed compensation for at least 175 days. Mr. Snell also disagrees with the amount over state formula that the District will be paying.

Mr. Ulmer asked about contractors that bid on the special education bus contract.

Mrs. Smith stated the contract was not put out to bid.

Mr. Ulmer asked Mrs. Smith's opinion if there would be competition for the contract.

Mrs. Smith thought maybe some larger companies would bid.

Mr. Ulmer commented that the current contractor is reliable and has done a good job.

Dr. Beery commented this is for our special education students and quality Contractors matter.

Mr. Albert asked if special education funds can be used for special education transportation.

Mrs. Smith explained where the funds come from.

Mr. Albert and Dr. Beery spoke about student safety and the importance of quality bus drivers.

- **Policy**

PY-1 Approval of the first readings of the following policies: (Attachment)

Policy 122.1 Participation in Extracurricular Activities and School-Sponsored Events
Policy 123.1 Ineligibility Based on Use of Controlled Substances or Criminal Activity

Motion: Le Crone Second: Badger

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

Mr. Snell asked when the meeting was held to suggest the changes to the policies. He was also inquiring if the policy changes were coming from the state.

Mr. Taormina responded sometime in March and further explained the need for the policies to be reviewed and updated due to a specific incident.

Dr. Beery inquired if nicotine, tobacco, and vaping were considered unlawful controlled substances. She also inquired about parental and student knowledge of the 30-day suspension for violating school policy.

Other Reports

A. Committee Reports

- PSBA – None
- Policy Committee – None
- IU Rep. – Dr. Beery gave out a summary and highlighted the IU's focus on technology policies. Mr. Peipher responded that he will be specifically reviewing policies concerning the Districts technology and will participate in the poll. Dr. Beery also reported additional mental health bills are going through Harrisburg, but nothing has been approved yet.
- LCTC Rep. – None
- Memorial Gardens – The anniversary of the Flight 800 tragedy is approaching. Fundraising is moving along.
- Budget – None
- Buildings and Ground – Grass at middle school brown
- Montoursville Foundation – None
- Extra-Curricular Activities – None

Mr. Snell had questions about summer school busing.

Public Comment

None

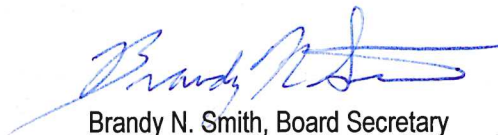
ADJOURNMENT OF THE REGULAR MEETING 8:20 PM

Motion: LeCrone Second: Albert

Voice Vote: All



David Shimmel, President



Brandy N. Smith, Board Secretary