MONTOURSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT 50 NORTH ARCH STREET MONTOURSVILLE, PA 17754

January 27, 2015 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

A meeting of the Montoursville Area School District Board of School Directors was held on January 27, 2015 in the Library of the Montoursville Area High School, 50 North Arch Street, Montoursville, PA 17754. The president, Thomas P. McNamara, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Call to Order

<u>Directors Present</u>: Mr. Hagemeyer, Mr. Konkle, Mrs. Marriott, Mr. McNamara, Mr. Ruffing, Mr. Schans, and Mr. Ulmer

Roll Call

Administration Present: Dr. Bowers, Mr. Briggs, Mr. Kunze, and Mr. Sauers

Others Present: Mr. Rich Marriott, Mrs. Brandy Smith and Mr. Mike Reuther, Williamsport Sun-Gazette

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Mr. Sauers presented information regarding the School Performance Profile (SPP) and the score assigned to each building within the District. Mr. Sauers described general background information regarding the profile scores, the method of calculation, and comparisons among 67 school buildings located within Intermediate Unit #17.

Presentation School Performance Profile

Mr. Saul presented a draft 2015-2016 General Fund Proposed Preliminary Budget and reviewed the major revenue and expenditure assumptions that were used to develop the budget. The Board discussed the merits of adopting a Preliminary Budget in order to apply for Act 1 exceptions allowed under Act 1 of Special Session 2006, which would allow the District to increase the real estate tax rate above the index amount calculated in accordance with Act 1. The Board also discussed the merits of passing a resolution indicating the real estate tax rate for fiscal year 2015-2016 would not exceed the index amount calculated in accordance with Act 1.

Presentation and adoption of 2015-2016 General Fund Proposed Preliminary Budget

Following deliberation, a motion was made by Mr. Ulmer and seconded by Mr. Konkle to adopt the proposed preliminary budget, authorize public display of the proposed budget, and authorize advertisement of the intent to adopt the 2015-2016 preliminary budget on February 17, 2015. All members present voted yes, except Mr. Hagemeyer voting no, the motion carried.

ACTION ITEMS

Dr. Bowers presented a recommendation for approval to create a new Educational Interpreter position due to the resignation of an interpreter employed through BLaST IU#17. A motion was made by Mr. Konkle and seconded by Mr. Schans to approve the recommendation. All members present voted yes, the motion carried.

Approve the creation of a new position

Mr. Saul presented a recommendation for approval of a resolution to eliminate the medical and dependent care reimbursement components of the District's flexible spending plan. A motion was made by Mr. Ulmer and seconded by Mrs. Marriott to approve the recommendation. All members present voted yes, the motion carried.

Approve a flexible spending account resolution

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The president, Mr. McNamara, announced that an executive session would be held following the meeting related to a personnel matter.

Executive Session

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Ulmer and seconded by Mr. Hagemeyer to adjourn the meeting. All members present voted yes, the meeting epded at 9:41 p.m.

Adjournment

Thomas P. McNamara President Robert E. Saul Secretary