

# MONTOURSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

## MINUTES FOR FEASIBILITY STUDY MEETING Online Zoom Webinar

Wednesday, June 10, 2020  
7:05 PM

### MEMBER

x Daniel L. Albert  
x Susan Beery  
x Scott W. Konkle  
x Jennifer L. Marriott  
x Dottie M. Mathers, Vice President  
x William S. Ruffing

### MEMBER

x David Shimmel, President  
x Ronald E. Snell  
x Dale Ulmer  
x \*Fred Holland, Solicitor  
x \*Christina Bason, Superintendent  
x \*Brandy N. Smith, Business Mgr./Bd. Secretary  
\*(Non-Voting Member)

### OTHERS

x Breon, Amy - Elementary School Principal  
x Feerrar, Darrin - Elementary School Principal  
x Gnoffo, Joseph - Supervisors of Buildings and Grounds  
x King, Christopher - Assistant High School Principal  
x Myers, Curtis - Middle School Principal  
x Peipher, Sebastian - Lead Network Administrator  
x Taormina, Daniel - High School Principal  
x Williamson, Michele - Supervisor of Special Education  
x Residents x Media \_\_\_ Students

### Presentation

Mrs. Bason started the meeting by giving a summary of the events that preceded the current feasibility study to provide context for the evening's presentation.

Scott Cousin of Crabtree, Rohrbaugh, & Associates gave a summary of what details were included in the study as well as the goals of the District. Mr. Cousin's presentation highlighted the following topics for each building within the District: building capacity, projected enrollment, building deficiencies, existing facility conditions, and the costs to upgrade.

### Public Comment

Mr. Snell encouraged the public to go back and watch the meeting from June third to listen to the public comments and questions.

Mr. Shimmel asked that board comments be left for last and to allow public comment first.

Romuald Andracka asked if an increase in homeschool enrollment was expected due to the pandemic.

Kaye Schuman Blair asked what the current retention rates are for the elementary schools. She also asked if the Lyter PTO has been approached about helping with the purchase of playground equipment.

Brittany McLaughlin asked how much was available from the PlanCon A funding.

William Schlachter wanted to know where the District stood financially with the last building project.

Jason Hurwitz stated that he thinks a lot of the updates needed at the Elementary Schools would have an impact on the student's education if not addressed. He asked where some of these things rank in terms of 'wants' and 'needs' for the District.

Mr. Snell wanted to clarify that the PlanCon funding would be disbursed on an annual basis and that the payment would not cover the cost of the debt.

Kaye Schuman Blair asked if the plans to be presented will include tax percentage increases.

Jason Hurwitz wanted to say that he believes the condition of the building and environment have a big impact on education. He believes while our educators are excellent, their job shouldn't be made harder with negative conditions.

Mr. Snell stated that he believes there needs to be balance in what we can do financially and what we want to do.

Mr. Shimmel asked Mr. Cousin for clarification on when a decision should be made based off the PlanCon sunset date.

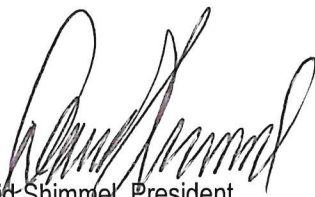
Mr. Albert wanted to comment that the purpose of the feasibility study is to give them the information needed to make the best decisions for the students, community, and the District finances.

Mr. Snell asked what the year end enrollment numbers were for Lyter Elementary as well as the functional building compacity.

Kaye Schuman Blair thanked everyone for the time and effort they are putting into these projects and meetings.

Mr. Snell thanked the public for participating.

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David Shimmel, President



Brandy N. Smith, Board Secretary