

MONTOURSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

MINUTES FOR WORK SESSION High School

Tuesday, September 27, 2022
7:02 PM

Pledge to the Flag and Moment of Silence
Call to Order - Board President
Roll Call - Board Secretary

MEMBER

☐ Daniel L. Albert
☒ Todd A. Badger
☒ Susan Beery
☒ Joseph B. LeCrone
☐ Dottie M. Mathers, Vice President
☒ David Shimmel, President

MEMBER

☒ Ronald E. Snell
☒ Dale Ulmer
☒ David J. Young
☐ *Richard Galtman, Solicitor
☐ *Christina Bason, Superintendent
☒ *Brandy N. Smith, Business Mgr./Bd. Secretary
*(Non-Voting Member)

OTHERS

☐ Blaise, Tyler - Elementary School Principal
☐ Feerrar, Darrin - Elementary School Principal
☐ Gnoffo, Joseph - Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds
☐ Hanner, Timothy - Supervisor of Special Education
☒ Johnson, Matthew - High School Principal
☐ King, Christopher - Assistant Middle/High School Principal
☐ Myers, Curtis - Middle School Principal
☒ Peipher, Sebastian -
☒ Taormina, Daniel - Assistant Superintendent
☒ Residents ☒ Media ☒ Students

Presentations

Mrs. Earl and the Mock Trial team gave a presentation on the Yale Bulldog Invitational. The team competed virtually due to ongoing covid restrictions. Mrs. Earl shared the team gave the strongest Yale start in club history thanks to strong student leadership and returning core group of students and the countless hours spent studying and preparing outside of school hours. This is the largest group of mock trailers in club history boasting 19 students. Due to the students' dedication and hard work, the club can now compete "toe to toe" with schools that have won National titles in seven out of the last ten competitions. Another advantage to the team having 19 competitors, several students were able to participate in various impromptu teams that allowed the students extra time and experience. Six students are able to compete at one time. The team's Jr. Captain spoke about her experience working with lawyers in the mock trial and the team winning twice in the competition and what that meant to her personally. Additional members of the team spoke about what they took away from the experience giving specific details on their roles, what they did well, and where they need to work for the next competition. At the end of the presentation, Mrs. Earl gave a fundraising update. The club asks for \$125.00 for the case packet, the opportunity to travel to compete, and a small \$200.00 cushion, otherwise, they fundraise and fund themselves. Registration for the team is typically \$1800.00, the entire Harvard competition costs between \$7,000 and \$8,000. The Fall Festival was a way to fundraise and earn enough money to send the team to Penn State and Pitt this year to compete.

Public Comment

None

Action Items

- General

- G-1 Approval of a Use of Facilities request from Mandi Westphal, Faith United Methodist Church, C.E. McCall parking area, October 31, 2022, 5:00 PM to 8:30 PM. (Attachment)

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

- Personnel:

- P-1 Approval of the updated job description for the position of Assistant Principal for C.E. McCall Middle School. (Attachment)

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

- P-2 Approval to hire Dan Tucker as an Assistant Girls Junior High Basketball Coach to replace Marissa Hall. The stipend will be paid in the amount of \$2,600.00

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

- P-3 Approval to change the daily hours of Fawn Carr from 4 hours/day to 5.5 hours/day due to a position change as a paraprofessional.

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

- P-4 Approval to hire Susan M. Palazzo as a substitute at a rate of \$110.00/day

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

Mr. Snell asked if the is a long-term position or if someone is being replaced.

Mr. Taormina stated it is the other half of the music teacher position for Loyalsock Valley Elementary.

P-5 Acknowledgment of Employee #105080, to take intermittent FMLA leave during the 2022-2023 school year beginning September 1, 2022.

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

Mr. Snell asked for someone to explain what intermittent FMLA leave means.

Mrs. Smith explained the details of how FMLA leave works.

Mr. Snell inquired about the progress of moving work sessions to different locations.

Mr. Shimmel gave an update on the progress and plans for moving the work sessions and moving forward on security throughout the District.

Mr. Snell inquired what the hold up is on taking a vote concerning what is happening with the schools. Stating the longer the Board waits to take action the higher the interest rates climb.

Mr. Shimmel would like the State Police Safety report but also stated it is not a major component of the vote.

Dr. Beery made comment about the report being helpful in what needs to be replaced. Based on the communities desire Dr. Beery would like to weigh Option 8 and Option 0 perhaps waiting a year to reevaluate. She would like to verify enrollment numbers based on the projections of the future drop in enrollment.

Mr. Ulmer agreed with Dr. Beery to wait another year for the day 3 enrollment numbers. He does not want to spend 10 million dollars now and turn around and consolidate buildings. Mr. Ulmer also shared his concerns about families having students in multiple buildings.

Mr. Young gave an explanation of the report breaking down the differences between bulletproof glass and the structural integrity of the buildings.

Mr. Shimmel is in favor of option 8. He would like to keep the Loyalsock Valley building sellable.

Mr. Snell is in favor of updating the HAVC at Loyalscock Valley and Lyter to make students and staff more comfortable. He also made comments about closing the Valley building will still require building upkeep.

Mr. Young would like the Board to make a decision and move forward. He would also like to make a five-year outlook for the future.

Dr. LeCrone is still weighing the options and made points about not being able to predict the future.

Mr. Taormina gave input and suggestions and made a note to bring the administration's recommendation to the next Board meeting.

Mr. Badger shared he wanted to be fiscally responsible, would like to move forward, and would also like hear what the administration would like to see happen.

Mr. Shimmel asked the Board to plan on a target date of November for a decision to be made.

Mr. Ulmer asked Board members to go back and review the goals and objectives given to the architect to come up with options.

Public Comment

Brenda Oberheim made comments on past town hall meetings and building projects.

Tina McCoy made comments on enrollment and the basics of education.

Dr. Beery and Mr. Taormina shared that the majority of opinions during the town hall meeting were to do nothing to the buildings, maintain what the District has.

ADJOURNMENT OF THE REGULAR MEETING 8:08 PM

Motion: Young Second: Beery

Result: **Motion Carried**



David Shimmel, President



Brandy N. Smith, Board Secretary