

MONTOURSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

MINUTES FOR BOARD MEETING High School

Tuesday, November 8, 2022
7:01 PM

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

MEMBER

x Daniel L. Albert
x Todd A. Badger
x Susan Beery (7:12)
x Joseph B. LeCrone
Dottie M. Mathers, Vice President
x David Shimmel, President

MEMBER

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

OTHERS

x Albert, Ronda - Assistant Middle School Principal
x Blaise, Tyler - Elementary School Principal
x 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 High School Principal
x Myers, Curtis - Middle School Principal
x Peipher, Sebastian – Director of Technology
x Taormina, Daniel – Assistant Superintendent
x Residents x Media x Students

Awards and Recognitions

Mr. Shimmel recognized and thanked members of the board and audience members that serve/served in the Military.

Mr. Snell served 3 years in the Military stationed in Germany.

Mr. Badger served 24 years in the Air Force and served all over the world.

Mr. Callahan served for two years in Alabama.

Zach Smith reported the Academic Decathlon is set to compete in the first competition of the year, Thursday, November 10, 2022.

Approval of minutes for the following meetings:

- Board Meeting, Tuesday, October 11, 2022
- Work Session, Tuesday, October 25, 2022

Motion: LeCrone Second: Young

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

No: None

Absent: Beery, Mathers

Result: **Motion Carried**

Mr. Shimmel reported that an executive session was held on November 1, 2022, to discuss safety and security.

Mr. Snell made note Dr. Beery was recorded as voting yes and no on October 25th, page 3 of the meeting minutes.

Mr. Snell requested that the air quality report be added to the district website.

Approval of adding the supplemental agenda item.

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

Public Comment

Jack Callahan made comments on a volleyball team, Mr. Routnom, pep buses, and pep bands.

Business Manager's Report

A. General Fund and Cafeteria Fund Treasurer's Report

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

B. Budgetary Transfers – None.

C. Presentation of Bills (Roll Call)

Motion: Ulmer Second: Badger
Yes: Albert, Badger, LeCrone, Shimmel, Ulmer, Young
No: Snell, Beery
Absent: Mathers
Result: **Motion Carried**

Mr. Snell would like the description of the bills to be added to the report from the new software system. Mr. Snell would like to table the vote of paying invoices until the description is added.

D. Business

Mrs. Smith reported the Auditors are now working on the single audit. The Business Office has completed the first full month with the new Tyler software.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Feerrar gave an update on the canned food drive for the Harvest of Hope food pantry that supports Lyter's backpack program. The students call it "The Turkey Trot" and have a friendly competition tracking the classroom that donates the most food items. He also shared the Veteran's Day program will be a combined program held in the High School auditorium.

Mr. Myers thanked everyone for making Mrs. Albert the Assistant Vice Principal at the Middle School. He looks forward to working with Mrs. Albert. He also touched on the McCall Veteran's Day program as well as PBIS rewards day. He encouraged everyone to stop by and check out the Scarecrows.

Mr. Blaise recapped Loyalsock Valley's Trunk or Treat activities. He shared the after-school program had 104 kids sign up for the various clubs. The clubs meet every Tuesday and Thursday for the next 4 weeks.

Mr. Johnson shared that the marking period one report cards went live without any problems. He gave dates for parent-teacher conferences. Mr. Johnson thanked the Board for supporting the relationship between Montoursville Area School District and Commonwealth College admissions. He concluded the report with the pep rally and course selections for next year.

Mr. Hanner shared the dates and details for the transition meeting with local intermediate units and students. The meeting is designed to discuss the next steps for eleventh and twelfth-grade special education students. This meeting brings local agencies in to help students understand what services are available to them to shape their

future after high school graduation. He concluded with details of upcoming professional development training as well as conferences and training that Patty Confer and Wendy Baker have attended and the content of the training. Mrs. Albert thanked the Admin. team and McCall Middle School in general for the warm welcome. Mr. Peipher gave an update on the time frame for moving the board meetings to the Zoom platform. Mr. Gnoffo gave an update on various projects throughout the District.

Agenda Items

- **General**

G-1 Approval of a Use of Facilities requests from Andrea Tira, Montoursville Key Club, C. E. McCall Middle School Commons, February 27, 2023, from 3:30 to 8:30 PM. (Attachment)

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

G-2 Approval of Act 57 resolution of 2022. (Attachment)

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

G-3 Approval to waive an admission fee to a “Teddy Bear Toss” event at a home Boys’ Basketball Game on Tuesday, December 13, 2022, if bringing a stuffed animal to the game.

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

G-4 Approval of a Use of Facilities request Courtney Petroski, MYFC, Lyter Elementary School Gym, November 9, 2022, to March 9, 2023, 5:00 PM to 7:30 PM. (Attachment)

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

G-5 Approval of an agreement between Montoursville Area School District and Navigate360. At a price of \$23,701.20, to come out of PCCD school safety and security grant funds. (Attachment)

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

G-6 Approval of an agreement between Montoursville Area School District and Newsela. At a price of \$3,500, to come out of ESSER funds. (Attachment)

Motion: Ulmer Second: LeCrone

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

G-7 Approval of an agreement between Montoursville Area School District and EnvisionEdPlus. At a price of \$55,000, to come out of PA Smart Advancing Grant. (Attachment)

Motion: Ulmer Second: LeCrone
Yes: Albert, Badger, Beery, LeCrone, Shimmel, Snell, Ulmer, Young
No: None
Absent: Mathers
Result: **Motion Carried**
Mr. Snell inquired about yearly costs after the initial investment in G5 and G7.

• **Personnel**

P-1 Approval of the following addition Substitute Teacher List:

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Certification</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Kelly Reynolds	PK-3	October 31, 2022

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

P-2 Approval of the following retirement from a member of the Support Staff:

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Years of Service</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Margaret Blackwell	Head Cook	27	End of 2022-2023 School Year

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

P-3 Approval of the following additions/changes to the Extracurricular Activity and Extra Duty positions for the 2022-2023 school year:

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Stipend</u>	<u>Replacement for:</u>
Christopher Morgan	Band Director	\$4,000	Adam Wright
Andrea Burleigh	Assistant Band Director	\$1,000	Ben Kutay

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

P-4 Approval of the following addition to the Substitute Support Staff list for the 2022-2023 school year:

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Position</u>
Shannon Oeler	Substitute Nurse/Health Care Aide

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

P-5 Approval of the following addition to the Coaching Staff, effective for the 2022-2023 school year:

<u>Coach</u>	<u>Sport</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Stipend</u>	<u>Replacement for:</u>
Lenny Weisbrod	Boys Basketball	Volunteer	NA	NA

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

P-6 Approval of the following addition to the Professional Staff, effective December 2, 2022:

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Rate of Pay</u>	<u>Replacement for</u>
George Barron	Business Education Teacher	Master's Degree 7 th Step \$62,704 pro rata	Joshua Haley

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

- Transportation**

T-1 Approval of Promiseland Bussing Rates in the amounts of \$3,097.59 and \$2,380.25 for October 2022. (Attachment)

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

- Policies**

PY-1 Approval of the second and final readings of the following Policies: (Attachment)

Policy 805.1 Relations with Law Enforcement Agencies
 Policy 805.2 School Security Personnel

Motion: Young Second: LeCrone
 Yes: Albert, Badger, LeCrone, Shimmel, Snell, Ulmer, Young
 No: Beery
 Absent: Mathers
 Result: **Motion Carried**

Mr. Snell would like to know when the Board will vote will for or against armed security.
 Mr. Taormina gave the options for the process.

PY-2 Approval of the following changes to Policy 008 – Organization Chart. (Attachment)

Motion: Ulmer Second: Badger
Yes: Albert, Badger, LeCrone, Shimmel, Snell, Ulmer, Young
No: Beery
Absent: Mathers
Result: **Motion Carried**

Other Reports

A. Committee Reports

- PSBA – None
- Policy Committee – None
- IU Rep. – IU Technology offering new services. The first is if a teacher calls 911 the exact location is given instead of just the school address. The second is an alert for any exterior doors that are propped open.
- LCTC Rep. – The new executive director gives email updates and Mr. Shimmel will forward the emails. A feasibility study will be conducted next month.
- Memorial Gardens – Fundraising continues, and renovations have begun.
- Budget – None
- Buildings and Ground – None
- Montoursville Foundation – Basket raffles, and 50/50 tickets will be available at the fundraiser being held on November 9, 2022.
- Extra-Curricular Activities – None

Elementary School Building project discussion:

Mr. Shimmel has moved to option zero based on enrollment numbers and the need to close Loyalsock Valley sooner rather than later.

Dr. Berry would like to re-evaluate and discuss this annually. She would also like the Board to agree on an enrollment number that would determine it fiscally irresponsible to maintain two elementary schools.

Dr. LeCrone asked Mr. Gnoffo if we need to do something to the buildings sooner rather than later.

Mr. Young evaluated the residents' surveys and concluded that residents want Loyalsock Valley to remain open. He also spoke about the cost of the project.

Mr. Albert feels we are in different times and need to sit tight.

Mr. Badger thinks it would be financially irresponsible to go ahead with a building project.

Mr. Ulmer would like the building project re-evaluated annually with a decision being made in October 2024. Mr. Ulmer would like to look at enrollment numbers and the functional building capacity at McCall Middle School and consider moving 4th grade to McCall.

Mr. Snell does not agree enrollment is going down. Mr. Snell is disappointed that a decision has not been made sooner.

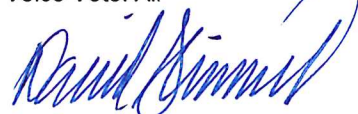
Public Comment

Mr. Callahan would like to know if PA history is being taught and would like the McCall gym expanded.

ADJOURNMENT OF THE REGULAR MEETING 8:15 PM

Motion: LeCrone Second: Beery

Voice Vote: All



David Shimmel, President



Brandy N. Smith, Board Secretary