

MONTOURSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, April 11, 2023

High School

7: 01 PM

Call to Order - Board President

Assign Jessica Reich as temporary Board Secretary.

Motion: Le Crone Second: Badger

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

No: None

Absent: None

Result: **Motion Carried**

Roll Call - Board Secretary

Pledge to the Flag

MEMBER

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

MEMBER

x Ronald E. Snell
x Dale Ulmer
x David J. Young
_____*Richard Galtman, Solicitor
_____*Christina Bason, Superintendent
_____*Brandy N. Smith, Business Mgr./Bd.Secretary
x *Jessica Reich, Assistant Business Mgr./Temp.Bd.Sec.
_____(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
x King, Christopher - Assistant High School Principal
x Myers, Curtis - Middle School Principal
x Peipher, Sebastian – Technical Director
x Taormina, Daniel – Assistant Superintendent
x Residents ____ Media ____ Students

Presentations

None

Student Representative Presentations

None

Approval of minutes for the following meetings:

- Board Meeting, Tuesday, March 14, 2023
- Work Session, Tuesday, March 28, 2023

Motion: Mathers Second: LeCrone

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

No: None

Absent: None

Result: **Motion Carried**

Prior Presentations

Pastor Larry Leland, Faith United Methodist Church offered words of thanks, encouragement, and prayer.

Public comment

Jack Callahan reminded the Board about Secretaries Day. He inquired about textbooks, Girls' Volleyball, and Wrestling teams.

Mr. Shimmel advised that Mr. Callahan ask an administrator after the meeting for answers to his questions.

Business Manager's Report

A. General Fund and Cafeteria Fund Treasurer's Report

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

B. Budgetary Transfers – None.

C. Presentation of Bills (Roll Call)

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

Mr. Snell questioned the use of Carr's Van rental instead of using the district-owned vans for a field trip.

Mr. Johnson explained the district vans were in use for another activity.

Mr. Snell commented on check # 64768 for Transfinder and the yearly subscription costs.

Mr. Taormina reminded Mr. Snell that Transfinder is necessary for the health and safety plan, not employee convenience.

Mr. Snell also took a moment to thank Ms. Reich for getting him the information he requested.

D. Business- None

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Blaise thanked the crew that helped with landscaping in March and gave a recap of projects students worked on in March and an assembly the students enjoyed.

Mr. King touched on Spring Sports and scheduling.

Mr. Myers gave an update on PBIS rewards and the Middle School Science Department curriculum updates that will be forthcoming.

Mr. Ulmer inquired about the difference between STEM and the updated curriculum.

Mr. Myers explained there will be a STEM component but will not be the focus.

Mr. Ulmer also inquired about PSSA testing and how the district was moving forward from Covid.

Mr. Feerrar also mentioned the elementary assembly and how well the presenter made science fun. He also mentioned Lyter is getting ready for PSSA testing.

Mr. Snell asked if the District sends out information on how parents can opt out of PSSA testing.

Mr. Feerrar explained where that information is available.

Mrs. Albert gave an update on the exciting events at McCall.

Mr. Hanner updated the Board on the extended school year dates and locations and students that traveled to Lyco CTC as a part of a transition plan for the fall.

Mr. Johnson reiterated what Mr. King offered on spring sports and schedules. He went on to mention AP testing, Prom will be held on April 29th, graduation, baccalaureate services, and wrapping up various clubs for the school year.

Agenda Items

• General

G-1 Approval of the election of Daniel Albert as temporary school board president for the purpose of signing his son's high school diploma.

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

G-2 Approval of an agreement between Montoursville Area School District and River Valley Regional YMCA. (Attachment)

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

G-3 Approval of an agreement between Montoursville Area School District and Central Susquehanna IU #16 for Student Information Software for the 2023-2024 school year. Based on enrollment estimated cost at \$33,298. (Attachment)

Mr. Snell would like to know when the cost will be finalized.

Mr. Peipher and Mr. Taormina gave an explanation that satisfied Mr. Snell's question.

G4 Approval of an agreement between Montoursville Area School District and Pennsylvania College of Technology. (Attachment)

Mr. Ulmer asked if this is solely for the nursing program.

Mr. Taormina explained the program is for Penn College students to earn hours with the District's nurses.

G5 Approval of an agreement between Montoursville Area School District and Commonwealth University of Pennsylvania for dual enrollment. (Attachment)

Mr. Ulmer inquired about dual enrollment, if the classes are online, and who will cover the cost.

Mr. Taormina explained if awarded the \$75,000 grant will cover those costs if not awarded the Board needs to decide who will be responsible for the costs.

Mr. Ulmer and Mr. Taormina had a discussion on AP testing, Dual enrollment, and workforce development.

Mr. Johnson also offered information on state requirements and the rigor of courses offered at Montoursville Area School District.

Mr. Snell added to the conversation citing taxpayer dollars.

G6 Approval of a field trip request for Montoursville Area High School Band to Cleveland, Ohio, from May 31, 2024, to June 2, 2024.

G7 Approval of Use of Facilities request from Philip Sunderland, Little League Softball, C. E. McCall Middle School softball fields, April 1, 2023, to July 28, 2023, 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM. (Attachment)

G8 Approval of Use of Facilities request from Chris Morgan, Montoursville Area High School Band Director, Montoursville Area High School Auditorium, April 26, 2024, all day. (Attachment)

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

Absent: None
Result: **Motion Carried**

- **Personnel**

P-1 Approval of the following addition to the Support Staff substitute list:

<u>Substitute</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Valarie Mowrey	Paraprofessional	April 3, 2023
Kelly Pittenger	Paraprofessional	April 4, 2023

P-2 Approval of the following addition to the Teacher Substitute List for the 2022-2023 school year:

<u>Substitute</u>	<u>Certification</u>
Kailey Beltz	PK-4

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

P-3 Approval of the following retirements from members of the Support Staff:

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Position from</u>	<u>Years of Service</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Jill Beck	Paraprofessional	22	June 8, 2023
Ginger Garneau	Secretary	23.5	November 30, 2023

Motion: Badger Second: Young
Yes: Albert, Badger, Beery, LeCrone, Mathers, Shimmel, Snell, Ulmer, Young
No: None
Absent: None
Result: **Motion Carried**
Mr. Shimmel wished both retirees well and thanked them for their many years serving the District.

P-4 Approval of the following Transfer from one position/building to another:

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Position from</u>	<u>Position to</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Julie Quick	High School Social Studies	Middle School Family Consumer Science	2023-2024 school year

P-5 Approval of the following additions/changes 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>
Alivia Confer	Cheerleading	Volunteer	NA	NA
Rebekah Lundy	Cheerleading	Assistant Coach	\$2,100	Alivia Confer
Zachary Barnes	Track and Field	Volunteer	NA	NA
Dave Fortunato	Football	Assistant Coach	\$3,000	Joe Hanna
Kayla Zimmerman	Softball	Assistant Coach	\$2,000	New Position
Courtney Bauder	Softball	Assistant Coach	\$2,000 (stipend correction)	Dan Fredericks

Mr. Snell inquired on the new position.

Mr. Taormina explained that JV and Varsity will play on different days and two coaches are needed in case of an emergency.

P-6 Approval of the following resignation from a member of the Support Staff:

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Patrick Wright	Custodian	April 14, 2023
Conner Rutan	Technical Support Specialist	April 14, 2023

P-7 Approval of the following promotion to a member of the Support Staff:

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Rate of Pay</u>	<u>Replacement for:</u>
William Keyte	Nighttime Custodial Supervisor	\$19.43	Joe Miller

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

- **Transportation**

T-1 Approval of the Promiseland Busing Rate in the amounts of \$2,962.71 and \$3,296.17 for March 2023. (Attachment)

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

- **Policies**

PY- 1 Approval of the second and final reading of the following policy: (Attachment)

Policy 006 – Local Board Procedures

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

Other Reports

A. Committee Reports

- PSBA – Safety and Security webinar on March 28 take away mental health needs to be #1 Priority. Advocacy Day is Monday, April 17, 2023.
- Policy Committee - None
- IU Rep.- None
- LCTC Rep.- Articles of Agreement
- Memorial Gardens – The renovations are complete and came in under budget.

- Budget – None
- Buildings and Ground – The track repair update was given. Mr. Snell inquired about the fence at Loyalsock Valley Elementary School.
- Montoursville Foundation - Check presentation to be held on April 12, 2023. Mr. Snell would like a member of the Admin Team to attend the meeting. Mr. Ulmer replied it is not needed. Mr. Taormina plans to attend in the future.
- Extra-Curricular Activities - Williamsport Chamber of Commerce, the YMCA, and Appalachian Construction is teaming up to do a creek clean up. Date and time to be announced.

Public Comment

Jack Callahan would like to know if any books are censored, college boards and how the trip to Harrisburg went. Brenda Oberheim would like to know what safeguards are in place for teachers adding inappropriate content to the curriculum.

Rick Hauser made comments on a previous resolution about inappropriate content shared in the classroom. He would like the resolution revisited and added to the agenda.

Tina McCloy made comments concerning freedom, free speech, and reading material in schools.

ADJOURNMENT OF THE REGULAR MEETING

8:17 PM

Motion: Badger

Second: LeCrone

Voice Vote: All



David Shimmel, President



Brandy N. Smith, Board Secretary