

MONTOURSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING

High School

Call to Order - Board President

Roll Call - Board Secretary

Executive Session Announced for Personnel.

Pledge to the Flag

Tuesday, May 9, 2023

7: 08 PM

MEMBER

 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
 x *Brandy N. Smith, Business Mgr./Bd.Secretary
 *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 x Students

Presentations

None

Student Representative Presentations

None

Approval of minutes for the following meetings:

- Board Meeting, Tuesday, April 11, 2023
- Work Session, Tuesday, April 25, 2023

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

Prior Presentations

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

Ray Huff and John Ravert Days of Remembrance Essay Contest. Contest winners Rowan Fortin, 1st place, Becca Teffeteller, 2nd place, Elias Rodriguez, 3rd place, Austin Davidson, Oleksandr Martyniuk, Haden Ferguson, Dillan Saul, honorable mentions.

Public comment

Jack Callahan would like a 4th grade graduation. Jack was surprised that districts do not use books or chalkboards. Jack went on to say Phys Ed is so important in schools, he had the best 5 gym teachers. He reflected on how schools were back then.

Larry Leland would like the Board to consider how sick time is compensated for retiring teachers.

Mr. Ulmer commented on past discussions and the rationale behind the decision.

Business Manager's Report

A. General Fund and Cafeteria Fund Treasurer's Report

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

B. Budgetary Transfers – None.

C. Presentation of Bills (Roll Call)

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

Mr. Snell questioned check 64872 in the amount of \$491.69 for shooting targets.

Mr. Taormina responded.

D. Business- Mrs. Smith gave a budget update.

Mr. Snell inquired about projections on money coming from the state.

Mr. Smith explained that the projection is part of a formula altered by population and high attendance in Cyber/Charter schools.

Mr. Shimmel inquired about the budgetary reserve and any possible projects lurking.

Mrs. Smith stated Board Policy states budgetary reserve needs to be between 2-10%.

Mr. Ulmer disagrees with the Board's Policy on the budgetary reserve. He advocated for no tax increase and moving money from the budgetary reserve.

Mr. Shimmel made comments on tax mileage, and how Covid Funds were received causing the fund balance to grow.

Mr. Snell agreed with Mr. Ulmer. He proposes no tax increase and moving 1.7 million to Capital Reserve.

Mrs. Smith went through the process of how costs are reviewed and cut.

Dr. Mathers does not favor moving that amount of money in one year.

Mr. Taormina added there will be a future project and the more money in Capital Reserve the less money the District will have to borrow.

Mr. Young had questions about not raising taxes and funds to pay for Armed Security. He is concerned about playing catch-up in future years because of not raising taxes.

Dr. LeCrone asked about the consequences of not raising taxes this year.

Mrs. Smith not raising taxes this year would cause a tax increase to index the following year.

Mr. Snell commented on the community.

Dr. LeCrone and Dr. Beery shared their thoughts on the budget.

Mrs. Smith offered her thanks and well wishes to Gina Uvari on her retirement.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Hanner reported on early intervention for Kindergarten classrooms in the fall, students transitioning to new buildings in the 23-24 school year, the Blast budget, and the remaining IEP days.

Mr. Feerrar thanked the High School Key Club for continuing their Mentoring Program at Lyter. He continued with the upcoming book fair, spring concert, field trips, kindergarten screenings, and end-of-year activity dates.

Mr. Blaise reported on Loyalsock Valley PSSA's, the Valley Festival, and 4th-grade move-up day. He acknowledged Nurse Appreciation Day and thanked Mrs. Emick for all her hard work.

Mr. Myers gave a full report on upcoming McCall dates. He thanked Sue Stackhouse, STEP AmeriCorps Outreach Coordinator for organizing the Lycoming Composite Mountain Bike Team. He also acknowledged Teacher Appreciation Week and thanked all the McCall teachers for their daily dedication to the students.

Mr. Johnson reflected on the Prom, the Night at Disney choral concert, and Ap testing, and looked ahead to Keystone Assessments, scheduling, and the next Act 80 day. He also took a moment to thank all the High School teachers in honor of Teacher Appreciation Week.

Mr. King gave important dates concerning Summer School, Saturday School, Baccalaureate, Graduation, and Senior/ Underclassman finals.

Mrs. Albert also shared and reflected on the month at McCall.

Mr. Peipher took a moment to thank Aaron Runkle for all his hard work in the Tech Department.

Mr. Taormina took a moment to thank Pastor Leland for his comments and prayers concerning our Teachers.

Agenda Items

• General

G-1 Approval of Montoursville Area High School summer programs, under Board Policy #124. The six-week program will run from June 12, 2023, to July 28, 2023.

The program consists of:

Enrichment Courses - \$200 per course

- CSS
- World Cultures
- Driver's Education \$350.00 per course

G-2 Approval to send approximately 35 Montoursville Area School District students to the Extended School Year Program, operating by BLaST IU #17. The program will run for five weeks, Monday through Friday, 8:30 AM to 11:30 AM, from June 26, 2023, to July 21, 2023. The approximate cost for the program is \$109,115. (Attachment)

G-3 Approval of an agreement between Montoursville Area School District and Diversified Treatment Alternative Centers. (Attachment)

G-4 Approval of an agreement between Montoursville Area School District and New Story. (Attachment)

G-5 Resolution for approval of the Special Education Settlement agreement for student 232100. (Attachment)

Motion: Mathers Second: LeCrone

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

No: None

Absent: Albert

Result: **Motion Carried**

- **Personnel**

P-1 Approval of Release and Settlement Agreement for employee 101009. (Attachment)

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

P-2 Approval of the following Long-Term Professional position:

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Replacement for:</u>
Benjamin Hepburn	Tech Ed	March 14, 2023, to the end of the 2022-2023 school year.	101009

Mr. Taormina and Mr. Shimmel thanked Mr. Hepburn for returning.

P-3 Approval of the following additions to the Support Staff:

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Rate of Pay</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Replacement for:</u>
Gary Stroble	Custodian	\$15.54/hour	May 10, 2023	Patrick Wright
Jordan Tillema	Paraprofessional	\$12.75/hour	May 10, 2023	Robin McKenna

P-4 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>
Gina Uvari	Secretary	19	April 12, 2023

Mr. Ulmer took a moment to wish Gina well and appreciated her upbeat personality and professionalism.

P-5 Approval to rescind a date to retire from a member of the Professional Staff:

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Years of Service</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Susan Shoemaker	Mathematics	36	June 30, 2023

Mr. Shimmel thanked Mrs. Shoemaker for coming back and retiring at a later date.

P-6 Approval of retirement from a member of the Professional Staff:

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Years of Service</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Susan Shoemaker	Mathematics	36	December 31, 2023

P-7 Approval of the following transfers from one position/building to another:

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Position from</u>	<u>Position to</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Corey Twigg	High School Health and Phys Ed	Elementary Middle School	2023-2024 School Year
Hannah McCracken	Loyalsock Valley Elementary	Elementary Middle School	2023-2024 School Year
Lauren Caputo	Lyter Elementary	Elementary Loyalsock Valley	2023-2024 School Year
Erica Hepburn	Loyalsock Valley Elementary	Elementary Middle School	2023-2024 School Year

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

P-8 Approval of the following additions to the Professional Staff:

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Certification</u>	<u>Rate of Pay</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Replacement for:</u>
Rebekah Lundy	English	Bachelor's Step 1 \$51,100	July 1, 2023	Mindy Apsokardu
Olivia Overdorf	Health and Phys Ed	Bachelor's Step 1 \$51,100	July 1, 2023	Corey Twigg

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

Mr. Taormina acknowledged and welcomed Oliva Overdorf and Rebekah Lundy to the Professional Staff.

- **Transportation**

T-1 Approval of the Promiseland Busing Rate in the amounts of \$3,094.58 and \$2,928.53 for April 2023.
 (Attachment)

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

- **Academics**

A-1 Approval for the graduation of those members of the senior class of 2023 who will have met all state and district requirements as of June 1, 2023 (133 potential graduates as of May 9, 2023). Special dates for the senior class are as follows: Awards Ceremony – June 7, 2023, Commencement – June 8, 2023.

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

- **Budget and Finance**

BF-1 Approval to awarded bids for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. (Attachment)

- Paper supplies in the amount of \$32,590.59
- Athletic supplies and equipment in the amount of \$26,599.27

Motion: LeCrone Second: Mathers
 Yes: Badger, Beery, LeCrone, Mathers, Shimmel, Snell, Ulmer, Young

No: None
Absent: Albert
Result: **Motion Carried**

Other Reports

A. Committee Reports

- PSBA- None
- Policy Committee - None
- IU Rep.- Reports on Teaching Certificates awarded in the State of PA are down 68%.
- LCTC Rep.- None
- Memorial Gardens – None
- Budget – None
- Buildings and Ground – None
- Montoursville Foundation – A booth will be available at the Spring Fling.
- Extra-Curricular Activities - None

Public Comment

Jack Callahan made comments on the 3rd grade walking tour, He would like the picture of the Indian photo he brought to the school displayed. He would like a message board on Mulberry Street.

1988 graduate from Las Vegas Jenna Ferlunt congratulated her niece, Rebekah on her new position.

Mr. Shimmel acknowledged nurses' week.

ADJOURNMENT OF THE REGULAR MEETING 8:52 PM

Motion: LeCrone Second: Badger
Voice Vote: All



David Shimmel, President



Brandy N. Smith, Board Secretary