

MONTOURSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

MINUTES FOR SPECIAL MEETING

Tuesday, January 10, 2023

High School

7:01 PM

Pledge to the Flag

Call to Order - Board President

Roll Call - Board Secretary

MEMBER

- Daniel L. Albert (7:08)
- 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

- Albert, Ronda - Assistant Middle School Principal
- 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 High School Principal
- Myers, Curtis - Middle School Principal
- Peipher, Sebastian – Technical Director
- Taormina, Daniel – Assistant Superintendent
- Residents Media Students

Presentations

Dr. Mathers recognized the Decathlon Team for earning six gold, ten silver, and two bronze medals at a recent competition.

Mr. Taormina added the Mock Trial competed at the Pittsburgh Cathedral Classic. Lucy Catino was awarded Outstanding Witness for the tournament. She earned a perfect score in both trials.

Zach Smith added Katelyn Hunsberger also earned recognition in the event she competed in.

Approval of minutes for the following meetings:

- Board Meeting, Tuesday, December 6, 2022
- Organizational Meeting Tuesday, December 6, 2022

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

Public comment

Jack Callahan would like the mascot displayed in the hallway and identified as the mascot. Mr. Callahan would also like Montoursville to have a volleyball team and would like the track open to the public. Mr. Callahan concluded his time by wishing the Cheerleaders good luck while they compete in Dallas, TX on January 19th.

Business Manager's Report

A. General Fund and Cafeteria Fund Treasurer's Report

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

B. Budgetary Transfers – None.

C. Presentation of Bills (Roll Call)

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

D. Business

The Audit and Tyler training continues. Budget numbers are coming in slowly. The cafeteria department is doing well and will be getting a new Food Service Director.

Mr. Ulmer commented the EIT seemed to be getting close to budgets questioning if that was a good sign. He also was curious to know what area or areas the Auditors are focused on.

Mrs. Smith explained EIT patterns. She also gave more detail on the ESSERS fund portion of the audit.

Superintendent's Report

Lyter students came back from break ready and eager to continue learning. The 4th grade Geography Bee has begun.

Mr. Feerrar, Federal Programs Director conducted a mid-year stakeholder meeting for Federal Programs. The district's Title IV-A plan was reviewed, updates were provided, and feedback from stakeholders was received.

Mr. Myers agreed with Mr. Feerrar McCall students came back from break ready for the rest of the 2023 school year. He went on to congratulate the cheerleading, wrestling, and basketball teams on their continued success. Mr. Myers concluded by praising Mrs. Patty Confer, for participating in the stock market challenge. Elijah Eck placed first place in the Lycoming County fall semester stock market challenge.

Mr. Blaise thanked the community members students and teachers for getting Christmas baskets out to the families in need. 22 food baskets were handed out and 28 different families received presents for Christmas. A donation was also made to the Expectations Women's Center in Williamsport. He also thanked the Eldred Township Fire Department for bringing Santa in on December 22 during a snowstorm. Mr. Blaise went on to thank Mr. Feerrar and both PTOs for hosting a holiday event at Lyter Elementary.

Mrs. Albert reflected on her first choral and band concerts. Mrs. Albert was also impressed with the McCall students, staff, and faculty for their generous giving over the holiday season.

Mr. Hanner has early intervention transition meetings scheduled for February 14 & 15. The main purpose of the meeting is to ensure students are ready to transition into school-aged services to ensure proper supports are in place. The Pennsylvania alternate system of assessment registration is complete, and the staff has been trained. 14 students in the district will be taking that assessment. Mr. Hanner concluded his report with the sign language after-school program happening at Lyter Elementary run by Mrs. Susan Wood the district educational sign language interpreter. Mrs. Wood ran a Lunch Bunch group last year and this year she is working in the after-school program. During the fall she worked with 30 students from kindergarten through 2nd grade. Mr. Hanner went on to explain what the students learned, and the processes Mrs. Wood put into place for the students to continue learning. She hopes to expand to the 3rd and 4th grades in the Spring of 2023.

Agenda Items

• **General**

G-1 Approval of an agreement between Montoursville Area School District and BLaST IU17 for IDEA 619 Early Intervention agreement. (Attachment)

G-2 Approval of adding two Act 80 days into the 2022-2023 school year, to be used as teacher in-service days. April 6 and May 30, 2023. (Attachment)

G-3 Approval of a Use of Facilities request from Christopher Morgan, High School Band Director, Montoursville Area High School facilities, November 29, 30, 2023. (Attachment)

G-4 Approval of an agreement between Montoursville Area School and Western Governors University for Student Teachers. (Attachment)

G-5 Approval of the following agreement between Montoursville Area School District and CXTEC for new network switches at Loyalsock Valley Elementary School. This is the last building that needs to be upgraded, and after CXTEC discount we will only be responsible for 57.5% of the total cost (\$39,518.60). (Attachment)

G-6 Approval of a Use of Facilities request from Denise Clark, Montoursville Annual Craft Show, Montoursville Area High School facilities, December 1, 2023, 6:30 PM, and December 2, 2023. 6:30 AM to 6:30 PM. (Attachment)

G-7 Approval of a Use of Facilities request from Duane Gordner, D & K Studio of Dance, Montoursville Area High School Auditorium, Sunday, May 21, 2023, 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM. (Attachment)

G-8 Approval of a Use of Facilities request from Phil Buehrer, Montoursville Rotary Club, C. E. McCall Middle School Commons, Saturday, June 10, 2023, and Saturday, June 17, 2023, 5:00 AM to 11:00 PM. (Attachment)

G-9 Approval of the Montoursville Area High School Course Catalog for the 2023-2024 school year. (Available online)

Motion: Young Second: Badger

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

No: None

Absent: Shimmel

Result: **Motion Carried**

• **Personnel**

P-1 Approval of the following addition to a Long-Term Professional position:

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Replacement for:</u>
Alexus DegBrina	Elementary	January 10, 2023, to March 10, 2023	100000

P-2 Approval of the following unpaid leave of absence from a member of the staff:

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Effective Dates</u>
101460	January 3, 4, 5, 6, 2023

P-3 Approval of the following FMLA leaves from members of the staff:

Employee	Effective Date
100491	November 30, 2022
100805	December 23, 2022, to January 3, 2023
100805	January 20, 2023, to January 30, 2023

P-4 Approval of the following additions to the Substitute Teacher list, effective 2022-2023 school year:

Employee	Certification
Rebekah Lundy	English
Richelle Sanford	Elementary and Special Education

P-5 Approval of the following addition to the Substitute Support Staff list:

Substitute	Position
Tina McCloy	Substitute Nurse

P-6 Approval of the following addition to the Guest Teacher Substitute List, effective 2022-2023 school year:

Guest Teacher
Craig Shoff

P-7 Approval of the following additions/changes to the Coaching Staff, effective 2022-2023 school year:

Coach	Sport	Position	Stipend	Replacement for:
Kyle Rude	Boys Basketball	7 th Grade Coach	\$2,600	Steve Lehman
Luke Warnecke	Boys Basketball	9 th Grade Coach	\$2,600	Dylan Casale
Peyton Mussina	Boys Basketball	Volunteer Coach	NA	NA

P-8 Approval of the following resignation from a member of the support staff:

Employee	Position	Effective
John Rupert	Building Security	December 7, 2022

Mr. Young asked if the district is looking to replace the position.

Mr. Taormina stated the position is being advertised.

P-9 Approval of the following additions to the Extracurricular Activity and Extra Duty positions for the 2022-2023 school year:

Employee	Position	Stipend	Replacement for:
Theodore Barbour	New Teacher Mentor for Megan Daily	\$221.00	NA
Sandra Trick	New Teacher Mentor for Kaylie Schans	\$221.00	NA
Sandra Trick	New Teacher Teacher Mentor for Rebecca Hall	\$221.00	NA
Susan Ravert	New Teacher Mentor for Lauren Caputo	\$221.00	NA
Susan Holmes	New Teacher Mentor for Erica Hepburn	\$221.00	NA
Morgan Solomon	High School Science Department Head	\$579.00	Steve Tressler
Kaylie Schans	Freshman Class Advisor	\$221.00	NA
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Motion: LeCrone Second: Berry
 Yes: Albert, Badger, Beery, LeCrone, Mathers, Snell, Ulmer, Young
 No: None
 Absent: Shimmel
 Result: **Motion Carried**

Mr. Snell inquired why the Freshman class adviser was listed twice.
 Mr. Taormina explained there are two positions open, and Ms. Schans will be filling both positions.

P-10 Approval of the following retirement of a member of the Professional Staff:

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Years of Service</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Tammy Morgan	Spanish Teacher	34	June 30, 2023
Susan Shoemaker	Mathematics Teacher	36	June 30, 2023
Crystal Miller	Elementary Teacher	35	June 30, 2023

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

Dr. Mathers thank the teachers for their years of service.

- **Transportation**

T-1 Approval of Promiseland Busing Rate in the amounts of \$2,863.01 and \$2,843.67 for December 2022.
 (Attachment)

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

- **Policies**

PY-1 Approval of retirements for the following Policies:

- Policy 248 – Unlawful Harassment – Pupils
- Policy 348 – Unlawful Harassment – Administrative Employees
- Policy 448 – Unlawful Harassment – Professional Employees
- Policy 548 – Unlawful Harassment – Classified Employees

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

Dr. Mathers inquired about policies 103 and 104 that replaced the retired policies and where to find them. She requested that the policies be renamed for easier access.

Dr. LeCrone said the committee would consider it.

Other Reports

A. Committee Reports

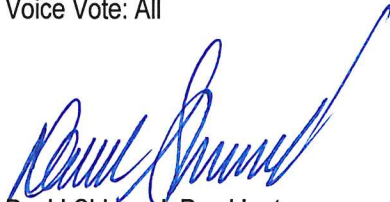
- PSBA – None
- Policy Committee – None
- IU Rep.- None
- LCTC Rep.- None
- Memorial Gardens – Donations are continuing to be collected and work has been suspended until the Spring.
- Budget – Mrs. Smith gave an update earlier in the meeting
- Buildings and Ground – None
- Montoursville Foundation –The 2023 goal is to enhance the process of getting information and funds from the foundation to the faculty. There are funds available, and the request form is simple. Mr. Taormina gave an update on the Blackbox theatre that was updated using the EITC funds. He anticipates a need in the Tech/Ed department.
- Extra-Curricular Activities – Mr. Badger let Mr. Callahan know that he reached out to Mr. Taormina, Melissa Balliet, Athletic Director, and Mr. Johnson to set up a meeting to discuss volleyball.
- Mr. Snell acknowledged Mr. Callahan's concern about the placement of the district's mascot, Routnom. Mr. Snell would like to provide an answer for Jack.
- Dr. Berry followed up on the request to open the track and stadium to the public asking Mr. Taormina if it was a security issue.
- Mr. Taormina explained it was part of the Health, Safety, and Security plan. The track and stadium are open in the summer when the maintenance staff is on-site.

Public Comment

Jack Callahan would like to know where the football golden helmet award that lists linemen and back fielders, and a 1948 basketball trophy are kept. He would also like the track achievements displayed. He also commented on intramural sports.

ADJOURNMENT OF THE REGULAR MEETING TO EXECUTIVE SESSION 7:49 PM

Motion: Badger Second: LeCrone
Voice Vote: All



David Shimmel, President



Brandy N. Smith, Board Secretary