

MONITEAU SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
West Sunbury, PA

MINUTES

Type of Meeting Regular
Date August 28, 2023
Time 7:00pm
Place Board room

PRESENT

Michael Baptiste-present	Mark DeMatteis-present	Linda Dillaman-present
Joann Duke-excused	Brittney Larimore-present	Kathy McBride-present
Michael Panza-present	Jennifer Rottman-present	Matthew Zietz-present

Administration

Aubrie Schnelle-present	Kevin Boariu-present	Paula Bredl-present
Jeffrey Campbell-present	Lance Fox-present	Nicole Fox-present
Alix Greenawalt-present	Luke Kunkel-excused	Payton Neyman-present
Carrie Plecher-excused	Dustin Thompson-present	Eric Brandenburg-excused

Representatives None

Call to Order Dr. Panza called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. There was an executive session prior to tonight's meeting for student, legal and personnel matters.

Roll Call Mr. Lance Fox presented the roll call.

Moment of Silence

Minutes

Mrs. Dillaman motioned, seconded by Mrs. Rottman to approve the Special Session minutes held on July 24, 2023.

The motion to approve the minutes passed 8-0.

Mr. DeMatteis motioned, seconded by Mrs. Dillaman to approve the Work Session minutes held on August 14, 2023.

The motion to approve the minutes passed 8-0.

Communications

- **Public Communications**

- Beatrice Heck of Harrisville, PA
 - Mrs. Heck spoke to ask for an update on the high school library and who would be supporting the research aspect of the library.
- Stephanie Chapman of West Sunbury, PA
 - Mrs. Chapman spoke regarding students not being allowed to carry backpacks throughout the school day.
- Dianna Stewart of Butler, PA
 - Mrs. Stewart spoke regarding students not being allowed to carry backpacks throughout the school day.
- Justin Grossman of Hilliard, PA
 - Mr. Grossman spoke of his experience while at Moniteau and how detrimental it will be for students to not be allowed to carry backpacks throughout the school day.

- **Reports of Board Sub-Committees- NONE**

- **Superintendent's Report**

- The Finance Committee meeting scheduled for October 16, 2023 has been changed and will now be held on October 23, 2023 at 5:00pm.
- The opening few days of school went well and we were able to get students to where they needed to be.
- The Pie Festival and Open House events were great events with wonderful attendance at each.
- Reminder that the Luciano Plesakov Field dedication will be held on Friday, September 15, 2023 beginning at 6:00pm.

- **Staff Communications**

- Mr. Boariu stated that the final number of kindergarten students reached 81.
- Mr. Boariu stated that of the 560 students in Dassa 39 of them are new to the district, which means extra time has been put in by Mr. Dillon, Mrs. Kristufek and Mr. Kunkel and a huge thank you for all the extra help.

Old Business:

Mrs. McBride motioned, seconded by Mr. DeMatteis to approve the Old Business Item.

- 1. The Orlando/Universal/ Disney field trip for the band on April 17, 2023-April 21, 2024 at the cost of \$450 to the district.**

The motion to approve the Old Business item passed 8-0.

Personnel

Mrs. Rottman motioned, seconded by Mrs. Dillaman to approve the Personnel Items.

1. **Dr. Schnelle to receive a raise of 2.3% for the 2023-2024 school year retroactive to July 1, 2023 and to find her performance satisfactory for the 2022-2023 school year.**
2. **The following individuals as a Substitute Food Service Worker for the 2023-2024 school year, pending receipt of all necessary paperwork.**

McGarvey, Diane	Ferguson, Lisa
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3. **Sean Morrow as Moniteau High School yearbook advisor for the 2023-2024 school year.**
4. **Jennifer Moore’s resignation from the food service department effective August 14, 2023.**
5. **The following as volunteers for the 2023-2024 school year. All paperwork is on file.**

Gillen, Tammie	Hartle, Erin
Hartle, Clint	Dean, Carl
Bly, Darian	Huth, Joseph
Huth, Sarah	King, Sara
Moore, Emily	Randall, Frances
Pyle, Megan	

6. **The following as ACT 86 Substitute Teacher for the 2023-2024 school year. Pending receipt of all paperwork.**

Corliss, Braden
Nagel, Alaina
Smith, Megan
Verginis, Gabriella

7. **The following as Virtual Instructors for the 2023-2024 school year.**

King, Christina
Neff, Charles
Morrow, Sean
Kress, Pam

8. **Terri Ariss as a Van Driver with Campbell Bus for the 2023-2024 school year, pending receipt of all necessary paperwork.**
9. **Kathy Sutton as an Emergency Substitute teacher for the 2023-2024 school year. All paperwork is on file.**

The motion to approve the Personnel items passed, 8-0.

Conference Request:

Mr. Zietz motioned, seconded by Mr. DeMatteis to approve the Conference Request items.

1. **Jeff Rosellini to Fall Protection Awareness on September 22, 2023 at BC3 Linden Pointe, Hermitage, PA at a cost of \$339.81 to the district.**
2. **Dr. Schnelle, Mr. Fox and Mr. Boariu to McGrath Succeed with True-Speak on September 11, 2023 to September 12, 2023 at the Intermediate Unit IV in Grove City, PA at a cost of \$1,697.68 to the district.**

The motion to approve the Conference Request items passed, 8-0.

Field Trip Request:

Mr. DeMatteis motioned, seconded by Mr. Zietz to approve the Field Trip Request items.

1. **The Varsity Softball to Ripkin Experience Park, Myrtle Beach, SC on March 23- 28, 2024 at no cost to the district.**
2. **The Jr. Varsity and Varsity Baseball team to Myrtle Beach, SC on March 22- 26, 2024 at a cost of \$450 to the district.**
3. **Approximately five 11th and 12th grade Student Steering Committee Students to Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV and Grove City College, Grove City, PA on September 18, October 25, November 13, December 15, 2023 and February 21, March 4, April 5, April 10, and April 22, 2024 at no cost to the district.**

The motion to approve the Field Trip Request items passed, 8-0.

Miscellaneous New Business

Mr. Zietz motioned, seconded by Mrs. Rottman to approve the Miscellaneous New Business items.

1. **The contract with Glade Run School-Based Therapy for the 2023-2024 school year, which will be paid for through the PCCD Mental Health and School Safety grant.**
2. **The agreement between the Watson Institute and Moniteau School District for the 2023-2024 school year.**
3. **The agreement between Southwood Psychiatric Hospital and Moniteau School District for the 2023-2024 school year.**

The motion to approve the Miscellaneous New Business items passed, 8-0.

Finances

Mrs. Dillaman motioned, seconded by Mrs. Larimore to approve the Finance item.

1. **Recommend the Board authorize the Interim Business Manager to pay August 2023 bills. The August 2023 bills will be brought to the Board in September 2023 for review and ratification/approval. (Note: This is necessary because the starting date of the Assistant Business Manager/Accountant is the week of bill payments).**

The motion to approve the Finance item passed 7-1, with Dr. Baptiste casting the negative vote.

Federal Programs Report

Miscellaneous Reports

General Information

Dr. Baptiste motioned, seconded by Mr. Zietz to add the following motion to the agenda:

1. All full-time Moniteau staff receive the \$500 pandemic bonus from the ESSERS money with the exception of the administration. This \$500 bonus was already guaranteed to the teachers in their contract and will not be in addition to that contracted payment. The bonus will be paid on the same date the teachers are scheduled to get their \$500 bonus.

Dr. Panza asked to amend the motion made by Dr. Baptiste to include the administrators.

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Mrs. Dillaman motioned, seconded by Mr. DeMatteis to approve the amended motion.
The motion passed 8-0.

The motion to add the item to the agenda passed 8-0.

The motion to approve the new item passed 8-0.

- Mr. DeMatteis announced that the Moniteau Scholarship Foundation is holding a fundraiser, which is a 25% off coupon for Boscov's.
- Mr. DeMatteis announced that the Moniteau Quarterback Club is holding a fundraiser for win a gun safe. Tickets are \$10 each.

- Mr. DeMatteis announced that during the open house events several people approached him commenting on how clean the school buildings are and that it would be possible to eat off the floors.
- Mrs. Rottman thanked Mr. Weltman and Mr. Anderson for a very nice job organizing the Pie Festival.
- Dr. Panza announced that he was part of a four hour conference call with the legislative committee. Anyone interested in reviewing the information discussed can view his notes.
- Dr. Panza announced that he recently read an article regarding the Five Pathways to Graduation. The article is available for anyone interested in reading it.
- Dr. Panza announced that 289 families were served at the last food distribution date in August. Thank you to Mrs. Plecher for the work she did. There were five cans of ravioli left and one bag of cabbage. All other food items were distributed.

Executive Session

Public Action on Executive Session

Adjournment

Mrs. Rottman motioned, seconded by Mr. DeMatteis to adjourn the meeting at 7:51pm. The motion passed 8-0.

Susan Patton, Board Secretary