

MONITEAU SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
November 27, 2023

MINUTES

Type of Meeting Regular
Date November 27, 2023
Time 7:00pm
Place Board room

PRESENT

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

Administration

Aubrie Schnelle-present	Kevin Boariu-present	Paula Bredl-excused
Jeffrey Campbell-present	Lance Fox-excused	Nicole Fox-present
Alix Greenawalt-present	Dustin Thompson-present	Payton Neyman-present
Carrie Plecher-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. Payton Neyman presented the roll call.

Moment of Silence

Minutes

Mrs. Rottman motioned, seconded by Mrs. Duke to approve the minutes of the meeting held on October 23, 2023.

The motion to approve the minutes passed 9-0.

Mr. DeMatteis motioned, seconded by Mrs. McBride to approve the Work Session minutes held on November 13, 2023.

The motion to approve the minutes passed 9-0.

Communications

- **Public Communications**
 - Mr. Chris Stamm voiced to reexamine Personnel Item #13 on the agenda as the football team needs continuity.
 - Jarrod Sankey asked for there to be no football coaching changes for another year.

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

- **Superintendent's Report**
 - Students were recognized for their postings in recent SOAR editions.
 - Reminder that the Board will meet on December 6, 2023 for the Reorganization Meeting
 - Reminder that the Chorus Concert is December 7, 2023 at 7:00 pm.
 - Noted that the efforts of the FHA group and Mr. Lafayette were appreciated.
 - Three volleyball students made the honor roll.
 - Several of our football players made the Butler Eagle's Sweet 16 list.

- **Staff Communications: NONE**

Old Business: NONE

Personnel

1. **Alicia Churchill as a Special Education teacher at the Moniteau School District with a Bachelor's degree, Step Two per the MEA contract and a starting date of January 2024.**
2. **The posting for a grant-funded (ESSER) Interventionist.**
3. **The resignation of Diana Whitman as an Elementary School Counselor, effective January 12, 2024 and approve posting for the position.**
4. **Patricia Delisio as a Cleaner for the district, pending receipt of all paperwork.**
5. **Ashley Travis as a Substitute Bus Monitor for the 2023-2024 school year.**
6. **The retroactive approval of Brenna Vodenichar as a Volunteer for the 2023-2024 school year.**
7. **The approval of John Plecher as a Volunteer for the 2023-2024 school year.**
8. **The following individuals as Substitute Teachers for the 2023-2024 school year, pending receipt of all paperwork:**

Brienna Simmons	Madison Eyth
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9. **Kylee McLean as a Substitute Cleaner for the 2023-2024 school year, pending receipt of all paperwork.**

10. The following individuals as Game Managers for the 2023-2024 school year, all paperwork is on file:

Dee Arblaster	Jeremy Borkowski	Jerrod Markle	Sean Morrow	Wendy Taylor
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11. The following individuals in the listed extracurricular positions for the 2024-2025 school year, pending receipt of all paperwork:

Zoe McDowell	Head Cross Country Coach
Gus McDowell	Assistant Cross Country Coach
Sue Scialabba	Head Girls Golf Coach
Cindy Brown	Assistant Girls Golf Coach
Jackie Thiry	Dance and Drill Coach
William Weltman	Marching Band Director
Liz Stewart	Assistant Marching Band Director
Nancy Anderson	Head Fall Cheerleading Coach
Michelle Campbell	Assistant Fall Cheerleading Coach
Kaitlyn Loos	Head Volleyball Coach
Regis Matz	Assistant Volleyball Coach

12. Posting the Varsity Boys Golf Head Coach and Assistant Coach positions for the 2024-2025 school year.

13. Posting the Varsity Head Football Coach position for the 2024-2025 school year.

The motion to approve Personnel items 1-12 was made by Dr. Baptiste and seconded by Mrs. McBride and passed 9-0.

Mrs. McBride asked to vote on Item #13 separately..

The motion to pass Personnel Item #13 failed 3-5-1, with Mrs. Dillaman, Mrs. Duke, Mrs. McBride, Mr. DeMatteis and Dr. Panza casting the negative votes. Mrs. Rottman abstained.

Conference Request:

Mrs. Duke motioned, seconded by Mr. DeMatteis to approve the Conference Request item.

- 1. Payton Neyman to PASBO Conference in Hershey, PA on March 5-8, 2024 at a cost of \$1,494.89 to the district.**

The motion to approve the Conference Request item passed 9-0.

Field Trip Request:

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

1. **Approximately 3 band students to Slippery Rock University for Honors Band on December 7-9, 2023 at a cost of \$300.00 to the district.**
2. **Approximately 3 students for the Women of Science Day to Seton Hill University in Greensburg, PA on December 13, 2023 at a cost of 530.30 to the district.**
3. **3. Approximately 20 Academic Games students to LinguiSHTIK in Slippery Rock, PA on December 13, 2023 at a cost of \$625.00 to the district.**
4. **4. Approximately 8 Life Skills students to Walmart in Butler, PA on December 14, 2023 at no cost to the district.**
5. **5. Approximately 16 Ukulele Club students to Newhaven Court at Clearview in Butler, PA on December 19, 2023 at a cost of \$62.50 to the district.**
6. **Approximately 16 Decathlon students to Northwest PA Collegiate Academy in Erie, PA on January 6, 2024 at a cost of \$1,400.00 to the district.**
7. **Approximately 30 Academic Games students to President's Competition in Slippery Rock, PA on January 10, 2024 at a cost of \$750.00 to the district.**
8. **Approximately 3 band students to District Band in Hopewell, PA on January 11-13, 2024 at a cost of \$300.00 to the district.**
9. **9. Approximately 7 choral students to Song Fest at Blackhawk High School in Beaver Falls, PA on January 19, 2024 at a cost of \$500.00 to the district.**
10. **Approximately 4 choral students to District Choir in Mercer, PA on January 24-26, 2024 at a cost of \$1,385.00 to the district.**
11. **Approximately 8 Life Skills students to Eat'n Park in Butler, PA on January 25, 2024 at a cost of \$120.00.**
12. **Approximately 20 Dassa McKinney Elementary Academic Games students to Academic Games in Slippery Rock, PA on February 7, 2024 at a cost of \$625.00 to the district.**
13. **Approximately 4 Academic Games students to Academic Games in Grove City, PA on February 26-27, 2024 at a cost of \$96.00 to the district.**
14. **Approximately 5 Dassa McKinney Elementary Gifted students to the Pittsburgh Zoo in Pittsburgh, PA on March 14, 2024 at a cost to the district of \$80.00.**
15. **Approximately 115 third grade students to Acrisure Stadium in Pittsburgh, PA on May 3, 2024 at no cost to the district.**
16. **Approximately 110 sixth grade students to Jennings Environmental Education Center in Slippery Rock, PA on May 14, 2024 at no cost to the district.**
17. **Approximately 108 kindergarten students to Jennings Environmental Education Center in Slippery Rock on May 15, 2024 at no cost to the district.**
18. **Approximately 120 second grade students to Keystone Safari in Grove City, PA on May 17, 2024 at no cost to the district.**
19. **Approximately 80 first grade students to Moraine State Park in Portersville, PA on May 23, 2024 at no cost to the district.**
20. **Approximately 2 students to Seton Hill University in Greensburg, PA on**

December 13, 2023 at a cost of \$150 to the district.

The motion to approve the Field Trip Request item passed 9-0.

Miscellaneous New Business

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

- 1. Second reading of Policy 819: Suicide Awareness, Prevention and Response.**
- 2. Renewal agreement with Elite Sports and Spine Chiropractic for the 2024-2025, 2025-2026, and 2026-2027 football seasons.**
- 3. Agreement with Industrial Appraisal Company.**
- 4. First reading of Policy 246: Student Wellness.**
- 5. Agreement with Ramous Psychology & Associates.**
- 6. Motion to deny Grievance #1123.**

The motion to approve the Miscellaneous New Business items 1-5 passed 9-0.

Dr. Baptiste asked to vote on Item #6 separately.

The motion to approve Miscellaneous New Business Item #6 passed 7-0-2 with Dr. Baptiste and Mr. Zeitz abstaining.

Finances

Mrs. Duke motioned, seconded by Mr. DeMatteis to approve the Finance items.

- 1. Recommend acceptance of the Financial Reports pending final audit.**

Financial Reports as of:	October 31, 2023
General Fund - First National Bank	
Total General Fund	\$11,592,565.92
Payroll Fund - First National Bank	\$ 0.00
HS Student Activity Fund	\$ 33,473.29
Principal's / Student Body Fund - Secondary	\$ 41,613.06
Principal's/ Student Body Fund - Elementary	\$ 31,140.24
Athletic Fund	\$ 18,634.18
Food Service Fund	\$ 298,760.36
Electronic Payments for Month Ended	\$ 639,073.70
10/31/2023	

- 2. Recommend approval of payment of bills, pending final audit in the amount of \$1,568,865.80. This total consists of \$639,073.70 in November 2023 bills and \$929,792.10 in October 2023 Electronic Disbursements.**
- 3. Resolution #23-05 regarding the "Taxpayer Relief Act" (Act 1).**

The motion to approve the Finance items passed 8-1, with Dr. Baptiste casting the negative vote.

General Information

- Dr. Panza stated that both the Band and Football banquets were enjoyable, well attended and thanked the community for supporting these students at their events.
- Dr. Panza stated that multiple sporting and musical events would begin this week and would love to see the community come out and support the students.

Miscellaneous New Business:

Motion by Dr. Baptiste, seconded by Linda Dillaman to place Miscellaneous Item 7 on the agenda.

The motion to place Miscellaneous Item 7 on the agenda passed 9-0, with Mrs. Duke asking to include "with regret."

- 7. Accept Campbell Bus Company's letter of contract termination for the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 school years and approve the administration to prepare and publish an RFP (Request for Proposal).**

Public Communication on Miscellaneous Item 7:

- John Plecher asked if Campbell's would continue to provide transportation for the remainder of the school year.
- Randy Armagost asked if it was stated in the letter sent by Campbell's that the reason for not fulfilling the contract was the driver shortage.
- Wes Bowser stated that he and his wife quit their jobs at the bus company last week because the company was under too much stress and took it out on them.

Dr. Panza motioned, seconded by Mrs. Duke to accept, with regret, the letter from Campbell Bus Company to exercise their right to end the contract after 54 years of much appreciated dedicated service and have administration place the contract out for RFP bid.

The motion to approve Miscellaneous Item 7 passed 9-0.

Dr. Baptiste motioned, seconded by Mrs. McBride to add Miscellaneous Item #8 to the agenda. The motion to add Miscellaneous New Business Item 8 to the agenda passed 9-0 with Mrs. Rottman and Mr. DeMatteis accepting with regret.

- 8. The resignation of Mrs. Joann Duke from her position as school board member due to personal circumstances that would not allow her to fulfill her duties. Approve administration to post for the vacant position.**

Public Communication on Miscellaneous Item 8:

- Chris Stamm stated his appreciation for Mrs. Duke's service to the district, as a teacher and as a board member.
- Dr. Panza applauded Mrs. Duke's dedication with the Decathlon teams for many years and stated she was a great role model for all.

Mrs. Duke stated that she hoped Moniteau's future school board members would maintain a good balance of education and sports and thanked the community for their support.

Dr. Panza motioned, seconded by Mr. DeMatteis to approve Miscellaneous New Business Item 8. The motion to approve Miscellaneous New Business item 8 passed 9-0 with Mrs. Larimore and Mr. DeMatteis thanking Mrs. Duke for her service and Dr. Panza accepting with deepest regret.

Adjournment

Mrs. McBride motioned, seconded by Mr. DeMatteis to adjourn the meeting at 7:31pm. The motion to adjourn passed 9-0.

Payton Neyman, Board Secretary