

**MONITEAU SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS**

October 23, 2023

MINUTES

Type of Meeting Regular
Date October 23, 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-excused

Administration

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

Representatives None

Call to Order Dr. Panza called the meeting to order at 7:12pm. There was an executive session prior to tonight's meeting for student, legal and personnel matters.

Roll Call Mrs. Susan Patton presented the roll call.

Moment of Silence In memory of Zema Schaney

Minutes

Mr. DeMatteis motioned, seconded by Mrs. Duke to approve the minutes of the meeting held on September 25, 2023.

The motion to approve the minutes passed 8-0.

Mrs. Rottman motioned, seconded by Mr. DeMatties to approve the Work Session minutes held on October 9, 2023.

The motion to approve the minutes passed 8-0.

Communications

- **Public Communications**

- Mr. Mike Jewart advocated for the youth basketball program to receive more gym time, specifically on the weekends. Reminded the board that this is the only place in the community the students are able to play basketball. Stated that our area lacks a sense of community because of how spread out the district is and that the district building is the central hub of the community.
 - Mrs. Brittany Larimore stated that we needed to focus on the youth of the community and bring it back to focusing on them and their programs. Dr. Michael Baptiste agreed with this statement.
 - Mrs. Joann Duke commented that the program is welcome to use the facilities but policies are in place regarding custodial staff and police officers. Discussion was held regarding this matter.
- Mark Turnley, CPA: 2021-2022 Audit
- Mr. Lance Fox and Mr. Kevin Boariu: Data Presentation of the 2022-2023 raw data from the PSSA and Keystone exams

- **Reports of Board Sub-Committees**

- Dr. Panza noted at the extracurricular committee meeting the band approached the committee with a new design for uniforms. The uniforms are approximately 17 years old. The approximate cost will be around \$40,000 and the project must be bid out due to the cost. Mrs. Duke asked if the band boosters would be paying a portion of the cost as they have done in the past.

- **Superintendent's Report**

- The 1st Trunk or Treat event will be held at Dassa McKinney on Thursday, October 26th from 5-6:30pm.
- Reminder that the Policy Committee will meet on November 6, 2023 at 3:30pm.
- Reminder that the Extracurricular Committee will meet on November 6, 2023 at 5:00pm.
- A practice weather alert message will be sent out to the community on November 7, 2023. More information will be provided in the November newsletter.
- November 9, 2023 will be Parent/Teacher Conference Day from 11 am-6:30 pm in both buildings. There will be no school for students on this day.
- November 10, 2023 will be an In-Service day for teachers. There will be no school for students on this day.

- **Staff Communications**

- Mr. Boariu provided an update about the Extended Day (tutoring) program. There are 71 students registered: 13 in the enrichment program and 58 in the tutoring program.
- Mr. Boariu informed the board members that Conference Request item 2 will be paid for utilizing Title I rollover funds, not district funds.

Old Business: NONE

Personnel

Mrs. Dillaman motioned, seconded by Dr. Baptiste to approve the Personnel items. Dr. Baptiste asked to table Personnel item #7.

1. **Amy Baptiste and Jakquiline Conchilla for the Morning Tutoring Program for the 2023-2024 school year.**
2. **The posting of a Special Education teacher for the Moniteau School District.**
3. **Erin Van Gorder as a ten month secretary for the Moniteau School District.**
4. **Letter of resignation from Amanda Jackson as a Cafeteria Monitor as of October 23, 2023 and post the position for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year, and also approve as a substitute monitor.**
5. **The following individuals as volunteers for the 2023-2024 school year. All paperwork is on file.**

Nicole Curry	Nichole Graham	Jacob Bishop
Alyssa Homes	Brandy Kaiser	Janet Gordon
Amber Kennedy	Lisa Perdian	Rade Milich
Jill Pry	Ben Pyle	Robin Ryan

6. **The recommendation of the Superintendent to suspend Charles Burroway without pay pending termination of employment and to authorize the School Board President to issue to Charles Burroway the letter provided for under the PA Public School Code notifying him of his right to a hearing.**
7. **Randy Armagost as the Head Junior High Boys Basketball coach for the 2023-2024 school year effective December 7, 2023 and an athletic volunteer effective October 24, 2023, pending receipt of all paperwork.**
8. **The job description for the position of Game Manager.**
9. **Posting for Game Manager position.**

The motion to approve Personnel items 1-6 and 8-9 passed 8-0.

The motion to table Personnel item 7 passed 7-1, with Dr. Panza casting the negative vote.

Conference Request:

Mrs. Rottman motioned, seconded by Mrs. Dillaman to approve the Conference Request items.

1. **Kristy Hershey to Spring Planning-Academic Games/Gifted Meeting on May 6, 2024 at Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV in Grove City, PA at no cost to the district.**
2. **Lauren Hortert and Jakquiline Conchilla to LETRS Volume II training on October 25, 2023, November 29, 2023, January 24, 2024 and February 1(am), 2024 at Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV in Grove City, PA at a cost of \$2,699.70 to the district.**
3. **Nicole Fox and Rebecca Kristufek to the 2024 PA Department of Education Data Summit on March 11-13, 2024 in Hershey, PA at a cost of \$2166.16 to the district.**
4. **Jacqueline Cross to attend Safety Care Recertification on November 14, 2023 at the Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV in Grove City at a cost of \$215.00 to the district.**
5. **Alicia Churchill to attend Safety Care Initial Certification on November 16-17, 2023 at the Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV in Grove City at a cost of \$140.74 to the district.**

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

Field Trip Request:

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

1. **Approximately six Life Skills students to Cool Springs Corn Maze in Mercer, PA on October 26, 2023 at a cost of \$154.50 to the district.**
2. **Approximately 20 Academic Games students to Propaganda Competition at SRU on November 1, 2023 at a cost of \$540.00 to the district.**
3. **Approximately 15 Gifted/Math students to the 37th Annual Benjamin Freed High School Math Competition on November 2, 2023 at Penn West University Clarion at a cost of \$375.00 to the district.**
4. **Approximately three students to Honors Band Auditions at SRU on November 7, 2023 at a cost of \$150.00 to the district.**
5. **Approximately 71 Band students to the Butler Veterans Day Parade in Butler on November 11, 2023 at a cost of \$370.79 to the district.**
6. **Approximately 30 students to the Faraday Lecture at Kiski Science Society in Pittsburgh, PA on November 14, 2023 at a cost of \$351.45 to the district.**
7. **Approximately 71 Band students to the Butler Light Up Night Parade in Butler on November 25, 2023 at a cost of \$370.79 to the district.**
8. **Approximately eight FFA students to the Komatsu Fluid Challenge in Rocky Grove on March 19, 2024 at a cost of \$175.00 to the district.**
9. **Approximately 30 FFA students to the Annual Envirothon in Butler, PA on May 7, 2024 at a cost of \$351.45 to the district.**
10. **Approximately eight FFA students to the Komatsu Fluid Challenge in**

Rocky Grove on May 7, 2024 at a cost of \$175.00 to the district.

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

Miscellaneous New Business

Mrs. Dillaman motioned, seconded by Mr. DeMatteis to approve the Miscellaneous New Business items.

- 1. Retroactively amend the motion, originally approved on August 28, 2023, to include Food Service Workers and Cafeteria Monitors to receive the \$500 payment utilizing ESSER funds.**
- 2. Second reading of Policy 006: Meetings.**
- 3. Second reading of Policy 216.1: Supplemental Discipline Records.**
- 4. Second reading of Policy 249: Bullying/Cyberbullying.**
- 5. Second reading of Policy 251: Students Experiencing Homelessness, Foster Care and Other Educational Instability.**
- 6. MOU between the Moniteau School District and the Moniteau Education Association regarding the sick bank donation.**

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

Finances

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

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

Financial Reports as of:	September 30, 2023
General Fund - First National Bank	
Total General Fund	\$ 9,423,779.49
Payroll Fund - First National Bank	\$ 0.00
HS Student Activity Fund	\$ 30,413.13
Principal's / Student Body Fund - Secondary	\$ 41,387.41
Principal's/ Student Body Fund - Elementary	\$
29,861.05	
Athletic Fund	\$ 8,577.58*
Food Service Fund	\$ 364,694.79
Electronic Payments for Month Ended	\$
2,388,144.56	
9/30/2023	

* balance as of July 31, 2023
- 2. Recommend approval of payment of bills, pending final audit in the amount of \$3,082,761.68. This total consists of \$694,617.12 in October 2023 bills and \$2,388,144.56 in September 2023 Electronic Disbursements.**

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

General Information

- Dr. Panza informed the board that the greenhouse plans were finally approved and in the possession of Mr. Campbell.
- Dr. Panza stated that the solar project is moving along. Tentative plans include having Dassa online by December 2023 and the High School online by January 2024.

Adjournment

Mrs. Duke motioned, seconded by Mrs. McBride to adjourn the meeting at 8:42pm. The motion to adjourn passed 8-0.

Susan Patton, Board Secretary