

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES**

July 12, 2021

The Montgomery County Board of Education convened in a regular monthly meeting on Monday, June 7, 2021 at 6:30 pm in the Montgomery County Schools Boardroom. Board members present were Steve W. DeBerry – Chair, Tommy Blake, Vice Chair, Bryan Dozier, Lynn Epps, Cindy Taylor and Jesse Hill.

Chairman Steve DeBerry called the meeting to order and moved to adopt the agenda as submitted. Bryan Dozier made the motion with Jesse Hill seconding. The agenda was accepted with unanimous approval from the board.

Chairman Steve DeBerry shared a devotional entitled “Don’t Be Hasty.” We tend to confuse mere bustle with actual achievement. Years of observation and experience have taught us if we spend more time in helpful thinking we could get more out of our years and have more years. In this restless world we need to free our minds in order to solve more of our problems. Helpful thinking can make us better and help us be the type of people we need to be.

Chairman DeBerry led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

No one signed up to speak during the public comments section.

Chairman DeBerry called upon Dr. Dale Ellis for the Central Office Employee of the Month. Donna Morris of the finance department was the winner. Dr. Ellis called upon Mitch Taylor for comments. Mitch Taylor stated he is very fortunate to work with her. She is a wonderful employee that is reliable and calm in the most stressful times. She is also one the nicest people I know.

Chairman DeBerry asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda as submitted. Dr. Ellis recommended holding the consent agenda until after closed session with consent from the board. The motion carried unanimously with the board.

Following closed session, the board approved the following consent agenda items along with an addendum to the personnel report. Bryan Dozier made the motion with Lynn Epps seconding. The motion carried unanimously with the board. The following items were approved:

- 1) Board Minutes from June 7, 2021 Board Meeting
- 2) Board Minutes from June 7, 2021 Special Called Vacancy Meeting
- 3) Personnel and Auxiliary Reports:

<p>MONTGOMERY COUNTY SCHOOLS PERSONNEL REPORT Tracy Grit, Associate Superintendent for Operations/HR July 12, 2021</p>

a. Superintendent reports the acceptance of the following resignations/retirements:

<u>Resignation/Retirement</u>	<u>School/Assignment</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
1) Kathy Wright Resignation	West Middle School PLTW Teacher	July 23, 2021
2) Maxine Brown Resignation	Troy Elementary Principal	TBD
3) Milton Horne Resignation	Montgomery Central High P.T. Custodian	July 8, 2021
4) Allison Vanness Resignation	Page Street Elementary 3 rd Grade Teacher	June 28, 2021
5) Rodney Neal Resignation	Central Office Director of Technology	August 12, 2021
6) Quint Dunlap Resignation	East/West Middle Schools Automotive Teacher	June 30, 2021
7) Mike Stancil Retirement	Montgomery Central High Custodian	July 1, 2021
8) Rachel Leonard Resignation	Page Street Elementary Instructional Facilitator	June 30, 2021
9) Betty Batten Resignation	Star Elementary P.T. Child Nutrition	June 16, 2021
10) Jerry Spencer Resignation	Montgomery Central High Physical Education/Coach	June 8, 2021
11) Megan Epps Resignation	Page Street Elementary 3 rd Grade Teacher	July 21, 2021
12) Sarah Wooley Resignation	Page Street Elementary 5 th Grade ELA	July 22, 2021
13) Lisa Bunting Resignation	Green Ridge Elementary 4 th Grade Teacher	July 23, 2021
14) Linda Baldwin Resignation	Montgomery Central High In School Suspension (ISS)	July 1, 2021

b. Upon the recommendation of the principal, approval of the following additions to the certified sub. teacher list:

<u>Employee/ Effective Date</u>	<u>School/ Assignment</u>	<u>Record Check</u>	<u>Replacing</u>
1) Quelyn Voorhees 8/17/2021	Troy Elementary 1 st Grade Teacher	Yes	Miriam DeBerry
2) Rivers Hall 8/17/2021	Montgomery Central High EC Teacher	Yes	Helen Mahoney
3) Kelsie Brigman 8/17/2021	Page Street Elementary 3 rd Grade Teacher	Yes	Stacey Gilman
4) Lori White 8/17/2021	East Middle School 7 th Grade ELA	Yes	Glenn Shelton

c. Report of the following transfers:

<u>Transfer/ Effective Date</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Replacing</u>
1) Kryste Van Hoose 8/1/2021	East Middle Receptionist	Green Ridge Elem. Data Manager	Pamela Maynor
2) Monica Wright 8/17/2021	Mt. Gilead Elem. P.T. Receptionist	Mt. Gilead Elem. F.T. Receptionist	
3) Barbara Parsons 7/1/2021	Page Street Elem. Child Nutrition	West Middle School Child Nutrition Manager	Pam Kerney
4) Payton Harrell 8/17/2021	Montg. Central Science Teacher	East Middle School 7 th /8 th Grade Science	Carrie Watkins
5) Javier Depaz 8/16/2021	East Middle School Custodian	Montgomery Central Custodian	Mike Stancil

d. Upon recommendation, approval of principal recommendation for employment of the following probationary contracts for the 2021-2022 school year as provided by General Statute 115C-325:

<u>Employee/ Effective Date</u>	<u>School/ Assignment</u>	<u>Record Check</u>	<u>Replacing</u>
1) Jonathan Spell 8/17/2021	East Middle School Physical Ed. Teacher	Yes	Kesha Collins
2) Nicole Sherrill 8/17/2021	Mt. Gilead Elementary 4 th Grade Teacher	Yes	
3) Kwesi-Kari F. Roberts 8/17/2021	Candor Elementary 2 nd Grade Teacher	Yes(via VIF)	

4) Effie Arcess 8/17/2021	Candor Elementary 3 rd Grade Teacher	Yes(via VIF)	Sharon Thompson
5) Mary Tumlos 8/17/2021	Page Street Elementary 4 th Grade Teacher	Yes(via VIF)	Elizabeth Templeton
6) Tamica Molloy 8/17/2021	Page Street Elementary 4 th Grade Teacher	Yes(via VIF)	Suzette Miller
7) Beth Tilley 8/17/2021	West Middle School School Psychologist	Yes	Dan Dalton
8) Marcia McBride	(*Pending Licensure)		
10) Ann Watson	(*Pending Licensure)		
11) Angela Krol	(*Pending Licensure)		
12) Laura Hannaford	(*Limited License Pending)		
13) Chesley Smith	(*Limited License Pending)		

e. Upon recommendation of the superintendent, approval of recommendation for employment of the following non-certified personnel:

<u>Employee/ Effective Date</u>	<u>School/ Assignment</u>	<u>Record Check</u>
1) Elizabeth Loflin 6/03/2021	Page Street Elem. P.T. MERIT Tutor	Yes
2) Megan Strong 6/07/2021	Star Elementary P.T. MERIT Tutor	Yes
3) Brooke Chappell 6/04/2021	Page Street Elem. P.T. MERIT Tutor	Yes
4) Meredith Henshaw 6/21/2021	Star Elementary P.T. MERIT Tutor	Yes

f. Upon recommendation of the superintendent, approval of the following school nurses:

<u>Employee/ Effective Date</u>	<u>School/ Assignment</u>	<u>Record Check</u>	<u>Replacing</u>
1) Marsha Chambers 8/17/2021	Montgomery Central/ Montg. Learn. Ac.	Yes	Susan Brooks
2) Jessica Roles 8/17/2021	West Middle/ Mt. Gilead Elem.	Yes	Rebecca Tamaro

g. Upon recommendation, approval of the following administrative personnel:

- Dr. Jack Cagle – Assistant Superintendent of Administrative Services

h. Upon recommendation, approval of the following coaches:

Montgomery Central High School (Football):

Josh Beaman	Josh Wilson
Jeffrey Yurk	James Byrd
Jonathan Purcell	Josh Anderson

i. Upon recommendation of the superintendent, approval of recommendation for employment of the following bus drivers, sub drivers and monitors that are not dual employees:

Nathaniel Hancock	Bus Driver	Yes
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<p style="text-align: center;">MONTGOMERY COUNTY SCHOOLS AUXILARY REPORT JULY 12, 2021</p>

Upon recommendation, approval of release from Montgomery County Schools requested for the 2021-2022 school year.

-release was approved to Moore County-Parents have withdrawn request and would like for student to remain in the Montgomery County Schools

**Montgomery County Schools to Moore County Schools
Montgomery County Schools to Stanly County Schools
Montgomery County Schools to Richmond County Schools**



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TO: Board of Education
FROM: Dale Ellis
DATE: July 12, 2021
SUBJ: Addendum – Consent Agenda Item #3 (Personnel Report)

Please accept the following addendum to the July 12, 2021 Personnel Report:

a. Superintendent reports the acceptance of the following resignations/retirements:

<u>Resignation/Retirement</u>	<u>School/Assignment</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
1) Teresa Dunn	Page Street	July 30, 2021
Retirement	Principal	

g. Upon recommendation, approval of the following administrative contracts:

Principal – Annual 12-month term commencing July 13, 2021 and ending
June 30, 2023

- Jon LaChance, Page Street Elementary School

Administrator – Annual 12-month term commencing TBD and ending
June 30, 2023

- Brian Helms, Director of Technology

4) Budget Amendment:



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To: Board of Education
From: Mitch Taylor
Date: July 12, 2021
Subject: Agenda Item (Section – Consent Agenda)

Attached you will find a budget amendment for your consideration for the year ending June 30, 2021.

Fiscal Year 2020/2021 Budget Amendment # 9

State Funds

A net increase of \$41,828.00 to the State Budget Fund (Fund 1):

\$1382.00 increase in PRC 014 (CTE Programming) – In reviewing the budget, it was discovered that an allotment had been received by the district that was not recorded. This entry corrected this oversight.

\$16,778.00 increase in PRC 001 (Classroom Teachers) – In reviewing the budget, it was discovered that an allotment had been received by the district that was recorded as a deduction and should have been recorded as an addition. This entry is to correct this error.

\$23,668.00 increase in PRC 130 (Textbooks and Digital Learning) – The state distributed the remainder of the textbook funding.

The following amendments were adjustments within the same PRC budget in order to rebalance funds by purpose code for year-end closeout.

\$180,000.00 transfer from 5000 purpose code to 6000 purpose code in PRC 024 (Disadvantaged Students)

\$66,051.87 transfer from 5000 purpose code to 6000 purpose code in PRC 055 (Cooperative Innovative Schools)

\$98,019.66 transfer from 7000 purpose code to 8000 purpose code in PRC 002 (Central Office Administration)

\$13,963.42 transfer from 5000 purpose code to 6000 purpose code in PRC 014 (Career and Technical Program)

\$2023.54 transfer from 5000 purpose code to 6000 purpose code in PRC 014 (Career and Technical Program)

\$8646.83 transfer from 6000 purpose code to 5000 purpose code in PRC 016 (Summer Reading Program)

Local Funds

2) No change to the Local Fund Budget (Fund 2)

Federal Funds

3) A net increase of \$9,686,357.00 to the Federal Budget Fund (Fund 3):

\$255,419.00 increase to PRC 110 (21st Century Merit Funds) – This represents payment of the final two allotments for the 21st Century Merit funding. These funds were previously budgeted for the Merit regular school year and summer school programs.

\$72,524.78 transfer from 5000 purpose code to 6000 purpose code in PRC 163 (Original CARES Funding from 2020) – The purpose of this amendment was to pay expenses related to the Summer Learning Loss Program. By utilizing these funds, which expire on September 30th, 2021, the district is able to preserve ESSR funds that will not expire until 2024.

\$9,430,938.00 increase to PRC 181 (ESSER III COVID Relief Funding) – This disbursement to Montgomery County Schools represents the district's portion of the Elementary and Secondary Emergency Relief funding.

Capital Outlay Funds

4) A net increase of \$2,542,000.00 to the Capital Outlay Fund (Fund 4):

\$2,542,000.00 increase to PRC 802 (Capital Outlay) – These funds are to be used for architect fees and construction expenses for the field house at Montgomery Central High School. These funds are being reimbursed by the county with the quarter cent sales tax revenues.

Child Nutrition

5) No change to the Child Nutrition Fund. (Fund 5):

Special Local Fund 8

6) A net increase of \$231,546.98 to the Special Local Budget Fund (Fund 8):

\$3778.63 increase to PRC 802 (Insurance Expenses) – In May, one of the district's child nutrition vans was damaged by another driver. This represents the insurance repair settlement received from the other driver's insurance company.

At year end, excess revenues received in Fund 8 are reallocated to where they can best be utilized. \$51,423.47 in purpose code 3000 and \$86,279.03 in purpose code 4000 was added to various revenue budgets with a corresponding increase of \$137,702.50 to the utilities expense budget, PRC 802.

At year end, excess revenues received in Fund 8 are reallocated to where they can best be utilized. \$106,282.51 in surplus Medicaid reimbursements were added to PRC 306 (Restricted Medicaid Expenses).

\$29,550.00 in PRC 306 (Restricted Medicaid Funding) –Each year, the district budgets funds to repay any potential amount due back to the federal government for the prior year's Medicaid receipts. No repayment was due this year, so the funds budgeted for this purpose were transferred back to fund balance.

\$601.00 increase in PRC 461 (District match funding for JCPC) and a \$601.00 decrease in PRC 028 (District Workshops) – To provide additional funding for the district's JCPC match, unused funds from workshops were transferred between PRCs.

\$13,333.34 increase to PRC 803 (Local Funding for Football Stadium Improvements) – these funds resulted from the East and West Montgomery High School trophy and memorabilia sale.

7) Overall, these adjustments resulted in an increase of \$12,501,731.98 to the total 2020/2021 budget for Montgomery County Schools.

I will be available to answer any questions you may have.

This amendment is an action item and will require a vote.

Budget Amendment # 9

Expense Code	Description of Code	Increase	Decrease
FEDERAL FUNDS			
Revenues			
3.3600.110	21st Century Community Learning Grant	\$255,419.00	
3.3600.181	ESSR III Covid Funding	\$9,430,938.00	
	Net Change in Federal Revenues	\$9,686,357.00	
Expenses			
3.5000.110	21st Century Community Learning Grant	\$219,043.46	
3.6000.110	21st Century Community Learning Grant	\$25,344.25	
3.8000.110	21st Century Community Learning Grant	\$11,031.29	
3.5000.181	ESSR III Covid Funding	\$5,392,167.82	
3.6000.181	ESSR III Covid Funding	\$3,496,425.09	
3.7000.181	ESSR III Covid Funding	\$542,345.09	
3.5000.163	CARES Funding 2020		\$72,524.78
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	Net Change in Federal Expenses	\$9,686,357.00	
	Net Change in Federal Budget	\$9,686,357.00	
Explanation: Adjustments made for actual revenues and expenditures.			
Total Appropriation in Current Budget			\$9,186,511.77
Amount of Increase			\$9,686,357.00
Total Appropriation in Current Amended Budget			\$18,872,868.77

Budget Amendment # 9

Expense Code	Description of Code	Increase	Decrease
LOCAL FUNDS			
Revenues			
Expenses			
	Net Change in Local Budget	\$0.00	
Explanation: Adjustments made for actual revenues and expenditures.			
Total Appropriation in Current Budget			\$6,843,517.13
Amount of Increase			\$0.00
Total Appropriation in Current Amended Budget			\$6,843,517.13

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3.5000.163	CARES Funding 2020		\$72,524.78
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	Net Change in Federal Expenses	\$9,686,357.00	
	Net Change in Federal Budget	\$9,686,357.00	
Explanation: Adjustments made for actual revenues and expenditures.			
Total Appropriation in Current Budget			\$9,186,511.77
Amount of Increase			\$9,686,357.00
Total Appropriation in Current Amended Budget			\$18,872,868.77

Budget Amendment # 9

Expense Code	Description of Code	Increase	Decrease
CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND			
Revenues			
4.4000.802	MCHS Field House Project - Construction	\$2,502,000.00	
4.4000.802	MCHS Field House Project - Architect	\$40,000.00	
	Net Change in Capital Outlay Revenues	\$2,542,000.00	
Expenses			
4.9000.802	MCHS Field House Project - Construction	\$2,502,000.00	
	MCHS Field House Project - Architect	\$40,000.00	
	Net Change in Capital Outlay Expenses	\$2,542,000.00	
	Net Change in Capital Outlay Budget	\$2,542,000.00	

Explanation: **Adjustments made for actual revenues and expenditures.**

Total Appropriation in Current Budget	\$888,701.73
Amount of Increase	\$2,542,000.00
Total Appropriation in Current Amended Budget	\$3,430,701.73

Expense Code	Description of Code	Increase	Decrease
CHILD NUTRITION FUND			
Revenues			
		\$0.00	
Expenses			
		\$0.00	
	Net Change in Child Nutrition Budget	\$0.00	

Explanation: **Adjustments made for actual revenues and expenditures.**

Total Appropriation in Current Budget	\$3,301,460.00
Amount of Increase	\$0.00
Total Appropriation in Current Amended Budget	\$3,301,460.00

Budget Amendment # 9

Expense Code	Description of Code	Increase	Decrease																		
LOCAL FUND 8																					
Revenues																					
8.4000.802	Insurance settlement on C/N van accident	\$3,778.63																			
8.3000.	Rebalance revenues adding surplus to utilities account	\$51,423.47																			
8.4000.	Rebalance revenues adding surplus to utilities account	\$86,279.03																			
8.3000.306	Rebalance restricted medicaid revenues adding surplus to PRC 306	\$106,282.51																			
8.3000.306	Deducting restricted medicaid fund balance revenue for PRC 306		\$29,550.00																		
8.4000.803	MCHS revenue for improvements to the football stadium	\$13,333.34																			
	Total Changes in Fund 8 Revenues	\$231,546.98																			
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8.6000.306	Deducting restricted medicaid fund balance expenses for PRC 306		\$29,550.00																		
2.5000.461	Transferring funds between PRC 461 and PRC 028	\$601.00																			
2.5000.028	Transferring funds between PRC 461 and PRC 028		\$601.00																		
8.5000.803	MCHS expenses for improvements to the football stadium	\$13,333.34																			
	Total Change in Fund 8 Expenses	\$231,546.98																			
	Net Change in Local Fund 8 Budget	\$231,546.98																			
Explanation: Adjustments made for actual revenues and expenditures.																					
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Chairman, Board of Education		Secretary, Board of Education																			

- 5) Board Meetings and School Visits Schedule 2021-2022
- 6) Toshiba Business Solutions Contract

Steve DeBerry called upon Dr. Dale Ellis for 2021-22 School Year COVID Protocols. Dr. Ellis recommended the following with approval from the board. Montgomery County Schools will operate on a “Plan A” schedule for 5 days per week, Monday thru Friday, as outlined in the calendars approved by the Montgomery County Board of Education (business as usual). Montgomery County Schools will follow any lawful Executive Order or associated General Statute in relation to the wearing of masks while inside public school buildings. Pursuant to SB220, I request authority from the Board of Education to shift individual classrooms and/or grade levels, as appropriate, to remote instruction if warranted due to Covid-19 exposures. I would provide the required 72 hours’ notice under this scenario to the Department of Public Instruction and the Governor’s Office. I further request the authority to shift an entire school to remote instruction, provided that following the shift, an emergency Board of Education meeting

be called so that I may provide you the justification for the shift and receive your blessing as to continuing the shift, to select a duration for the shift, or returning the school to in-person instruction. This emergency meeting would be convened within that 72-hour window so the notification requirements can be met. Board members discussed scenarios regarding whether Governor Cooper decides to allow schools to make their own choices regarding mask mandates and how will we know who has been vaccinated? Dr. Ellis responded he feels that masks will still be required, however, if that were to happen we would research and discuss again in August. The board discussed concerns of teachers, the new variant and options for students. Although, we did not have the numbers to make Montgomery Virtual possible we still have our MOVE program available for students who want to remain virtual. Steve DeBerry asked for a motion to approve. Bryan Dozier made the motion with Tommy Blake seconding. The motion carried unanimously with the board.

Steve DeBerry called upon Dr. Dale Ellis for End of the Year Review Dates. It was the consensus of the board to select Tuesday, August 31, 2021 for the End of Year Review beginning at 5:30pm at the Central Office.

Steve DeBerry started the discussion for District I Board Member Appointment. Mr. DeBerry stated we had two people to apply for the vacancy held by the late Sandra Miller. Those two applicants were Anne Evans and Jandavian Lilly. The board interviewed both candidates. Mr. DeBerry opened for discussion and comments from the board regarding candidates. Bryan Dozier made a motion to accept Anne Evans for her experience as a teacher and administrator. Lynn Epps made a second. Cindy Taylor added that she wanted to nominate Jandavian Lilly. Cindy Taylor explained with our community climate and educational gaps we need to bring more diversity to the board. Max Garner the board attorney suggested with two candidates we should have a vote by majority. Jandavian Lilly did not receive a second nomination. The majority ruled with a show of hands. Anne Evans was named the new board member to complete the term of Sandra Miller until next November.

Chairman DeBerry called upon Dr. Dale Ellis for his Superintendent's Remarks. Dr. Ellis highlighted it has been a very difficult year and there will be challenges in the year to come. I look forward to getting back to some sense of normalcy. One thing that we tried to do was Montgomery Virtual Academy. Unfortunately, the numbers did not rise to the level it needed to be. After looking at some of the applicants with attendance and grades it would not have been a good option for them. We are disappointed. We wanted to have this as an option but it is not going to be. We still have our MOVE program and have contacted the parents who expressed interest in the Montgomery Virtual program. It is geared more to the homeschool environment, however, we can make it work as an option for any parents and students uncomfortable about going back. We feel good about that. It is important we have options for our families. We have a lot of work to do and that will continue to be talked about. We still have a lot of teachers to hire. Our work through July and August will be critically important. We are looking forward to it. We have a renewed sense of purpose as we continue to work to make our students successful.

Tommy Blake asked about the number of students who applied for Montgomery Virtual. Wade Auman responded there were 99 applicants not meeting the criteria of 100. After looking at the student applications it was determined that only around 50 met the criteria to be accepted. Steve DeBerry stated those were students that did not perform well virtually. Mr. Auman stated that after calling the parents of the applicants there did not seem to be any that were extremely disappointed that it did not make. There are around 20 students who will look into the MOVE program as an option. The board inquired how many teachers still need to be hired. Dr. Ellis stated we still need to hire 6 to 7. When all is said and done we will have around 35 new teachers.

Chairman DeBerry then asked for a motion to go into closed session to discuss personnel and consult the board attorney. Tommy Blake made the motion, with Bryan Dozier seconding. The board approved entering into closed session unanimously.

Following closed session, Chairman DeBerry asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bryan Dozier made the motion with Lynn Epps seconding, the meeting was duly adjourned.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, August 2, 2021 at 6:30 pm at the Montgomery County Central Office.

Steven W. DeBerry, Chairman

Dale Ellis, Ed. D., Secretary