

Monroe County Board of Education

Regular Meeting

July 5, 2016

Monroe County Board of Education Office

I. Roll Call

- a. Mr. Lively called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.
- b. All members were present.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III Seating of New Board Member

- a. Mr. Lively welcomed Mr. Andrew Evans and noted that Mr. Lively, himself, was returning for another term.

IV. Swearing in of New Board Member

- a. Mr. Lively and Mr. Evans were sworn in prior to the meeting.

V. Approval of Agenda/Adjustments

- a. Mr. Lively announced that check numbers 80956, 80951, and 654 should be voted on separately. Personnel Item A, Number 2, would also need to be voted on separately. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to approve with the adjustments. The vote to approve was unanimous.

VI. Selection of Board Officers

- a. Mrs. Sabol made the motion that Mr. Lively remain as president. Mr. Lively asked if there were other nominations. There were none. The vote to approve was Sabol, yes; Sams, yes; Fisher, yes; Evans, yes; Lively, abstain.
- b. Mrs. Sabol made the motion that Mr. Sams remain as vice president. Mr. Lively asked if there were other nominations. There were none. The vote to approve was Sabol, yes; Fisher, yes; Lively, yes; Evans, yes; Sams, abstain.

VII. Public Comments

- a. None.

VIII. Presentations

- a. Sherry Baker and Cathy Jones addressed the group regarding truancy. Mrs. Baker stated that Monroe County Policy recognizes the importance of school attendance. Written documentation is required after student absences. Mrs. Baker referred to a recent article published in the Charleston Gazette regarding attendance in WV school systems. The article listed Monroe County has having 25% chronically absent. Mrs. Baker stated these figures include students who are medically exempt from school and students on homebound so the information is misleading.
- b. Mrs. Jones, School Probation Officer, spoke about the new Truancy Diversion Program in Monroe County. Truant students are referred to the school probation officer through the court system. She spoke about reasons students might miss school. Her program began with students during the month of March and most students did not have further unexcused absences. Twenty-five students were referred to her program through the court system. Mrs. Jones stated all 25 students' attendance drastically improved and 21 of those 25 students did not have further unexcused absences.

IX. Policies and Procedures

- a. Mrs. Basile recommended approval of the first reading for a revision of Community Use of School Facilities. Mrs. Fisher made the motion to approve and the vote to approve was unanimous.
- b. Mrs. Basile recommended approval of the first reading for a revision of Promotion and Retention of Students. Mr. Sams made the motion to approve and the vote to approve was unanimous.
- c. Mrs. Basile recommended approval of the first reading for a revision of Payroll. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to approve and the vote to approve was unanimous.
- d. Mrs. Basile recommended approval of the first reading for Service Evaluations for Classifications of Bus Operator, Mechanic, Cook, Accountant, and Accounts Payable Supervisor. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to approve and the vote to approve was unanimous.

X. Superintendent's Report

- a. Mrs. Basile shared dates with the board for distribution for laptop computers to each school.
- b. The most current accountability measures for schools were distributed and information shared with board members. There are currently seventeen states that remain in the network taking Smarter Balanced Assessment and West Virginia is one of the seventeen. As of June 28, WVDE was still setting cut scores for each ranking because they want a bell curve. According to the new ranking, there have to be equal numbers of A and F

- ranked schools; equal numbers of B and D ranked schools; and the largest number of C ranked schools. If too many schools are ranked as A, WVDE will have to revise the accountability scores required to decrease the number of A rankings.
- c. Mrs. Basile announced that Senate Bill 400 reduced the amount of sales tax proceeds dedicated to School Major Improvement funds by \$999,996 and decreased the amount of sales tax proceeds dedicated to School Construction Funds by \$3 million at the state level. Individual counties have not been notified of the individual decreases in Major Improvement Funds.
 - d. The deadline for professionals to provide notification of retirement in order to receive the state bonus has been extended from January 15 to March 1. This will extend the bonus to those employees who decide after January 15 to retire at the end of a school year.
 - e. Mrs. Basile announced that the deadline for a county board to vote to terminate a contract for lack of need (RIF) has been extended from March 1 to May 1 by House Bill 4566.
 - f. School Digger Rankings show that Monroe County Schools are ranking number twelve out of fifty five counties in the state.

XI. Consent Items

- a. Mr. Sams made the motion to approve the Consent Items with the adjustments noted above. The vote to approve was unanimous.
- b. Consent Items included Minutes from June 21, 2016; Payment of Bills; Transfers and Supplements; and a MOU with WVDE Office of Child Nutrition.
- c. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to approve check number 80956. The vote to approve was Sabol, yes; Fisher, yes; Sams, yes; Lively, yes; Evans, abstain.
- d. Mr. Sams made the motion to approve check number 80951. The vote to approve was Sabol, yes; Fisher, yes; Sams, yes; Lively, yes; Evans, abstain.
- e. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to approve check number 654. The vote to approve was Sabol, yes; Fisher, yes; Lively, yes; Evans, yes; Sams, abstain.
- f. Mrs. Basile requested permission to pay Peterstown Public Library the amount of \$5000 and Dunbar Excavating the amount of \$1800. Mrs. Fisher made the motion to approve and the vote to approve was unanimous.

XII. New Business

- a. Mrs. Sabol nominated Mr. Lively to serve as the RESA I representative for the current school year. The vote to approve was Sabol, yes; Fisher, yes; Sams, yes; Evans, yes; Lively, abstain.
- b. Mrs. Fisher nominated Mr. Sams to serve as the RESA I Alternate. The vote to approve was Fisher, yes; Sabol, yes; Evans, yes; Lively, yes; Sams, abstain.
- c. Mr. Sams nominated Mrs. Sabol to serve as the WVU Extension representative. The vote to approve was Sams, yes; Fisher, yes; Evans, yes; Lively, yes; Sabol, abstain.
- d. Mrs. Fisher nominated Mr. Evans to serve as the Monroe County Library representative. The vote to approve was Fisher, yes; Sabol, yes; Sams, yes; Lively, yes; Evans, abstain.
- e. Mrs. Sabol nominated Mr. Evans to serve as the Legislative Committee representative. The vote to approve was Sabol, yes; Fisher, yes; Lively, yes; Sams, yes; Evans, abstain.

f. Mrs. Sabol nominated Mr. Sams to serve on the State Executive Committee for Region I for the School Board Association. The vote to approve was Sabol, yes; Fisher, yes; Evans, yes; Lively, yes; Sams, abstain.

g. Mr. Sams nominated Mr. Evans as Head Start representative. The vote to approve was Sams, yes; Lively, yes; Sabol, yes; Fisher, yes; Evans, abstain.

XIII. Old Business

- a. Mr. Sams made the motion at 7:40 to enter Executive Session to discuss the Peterstown Land under the guidelines of 6-9A-4.
- b. Mr. Sams made the motion at 8:17 to return to Regular Session. The vote to approve was unanimous.

XIV. Personnel Items

- a. Mrs. Basile recommended the Personnel List as written. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to approve and the vote to approve was unanimous.
- b. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to approve the hire of Debra B. Sams as \$1 Assistant Volleyball Coach for PMS. The vote to approve was Sabol, yes; Fisher, yes; Lively, yes; Evans, yes; Sams, abstain.
- c. Other personnel items were the Hires of David A. Johnson as Varsity Golf Coach for JMHS; Jerome Jackson as Head Softball Coach for MVS; Chad C. Parker as \$1 Assistant Softball Coach for MVS; Larry J. Mustain as \$1 Assistant Football Coach for MVS; and Megan Jackson as \$1 Assistant Volleyball Coach for MVS.
- d. An Out of Field Authorization was approved for Sarah S. Brown as Reading Specialist for PES. Hires for the Summer are Lezli Baker and Amy M. Dowdy as Grant Funded Extra Duty PAT Home Visitors for EHS. Resignations were accepted from Alleta J. Morrison as CTE Math Instructor for MCTC; and R. Jeffrey Dunbar as Principal at MVS. A Leave of Absence Request for Billie J. Shamblen was accepted; and approved was a Rescind of Transfer for Judy Ann Meadows as Kindergarten Teacher at PES.

XV Discussion Items

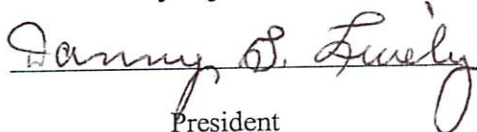
- a. None.

XVI. Public Comments

- a. None.

XVII. Adjournment

- a. Mr. Lively adjourned the meeting at 8:23 p.m.


President


Secretary