

**Monroe County Board of Education**

**Special Meeting**

**January 23, 2017**

**Peterstown Middle School**

**I. Roll Call**

- a. Mr. Lively called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
- b. All members were present with the exception of Candy Sabol who arrived at 6:25 p.m.

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

**III. Approval of Agenda/Adjustments**

- a. Mr. Sams made the motion to approve the agenda as written. The vote to approve was unanimous.

**IV. Public Comments**

- a. None.

**V. Presentation of Bond and New School Information**

a. Ben Ashley, Director of the School Building Authority, stated that the SBA is committed to building a new PK-8 school for Peterstown. On December 12, 2016, \$500,000 was awarded for the project. Monroe County's bond will make the total from SBA \$14,192,000. It is important to make the voters aware of the facts. The total project is \$24,192,000. If the bond is not successful, the \$500,000 will remain with SBA. Property values typically increase as new schools are built.

b. Questions taken from the audience concerned the number of acres needed; asking if the \$24,000,000 is a set amount; will dollar amounts for other facilities be solicited; is the amount quoted for the current school location or for a new site.

- c. Ted Shriver informed the group that the acreage depends on what is going to be on the site, for example, parking, athletics, playground space, etc. Twenty acres is the minimum acreage needed for the school. Then you add to that with the need for parking lots, playgrounds, ballfields, etc.
- d. The board has discussed the need for additional physical education space at MVS; restrooms for the CTE area at MCTC; exterior lighting for MCTC and JMHS; and a safe schools entry for JMHS.
- e. Additional questions asked concerned the difference in the cost of maintenance for

MVS and PES/PMS; estimate of cost to maintain the new facility; the number of buses traveling each way; and the exact figure for the total projects at the other schools.

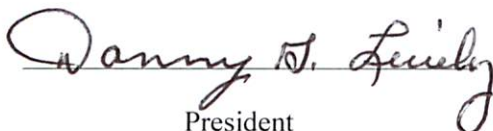
- f. It is expected that the Department of Highways will construct a left-turn lane at the school entrance.
- g. Andrew Evans stated that eight million is the minimum bond for the new school which does not include money for the other sites.
- h. Questions asked concerned the safety issue of gas line near the site, reminding that a Tractor Pull event was caused to relocate due to a gas line; a sewage line crossing a gas line; is high speed internet available to the area; and will the bond likely pass in the Union area.
- i. Mr. Berry presented the bond rates to the group.
- j. A question was asked concerning the present football field and the need to move it to the new site.
- k. A question was asked if the new site would be in one building or two, one cafeteria or two, one library or two.
- l. Mr. Lively did state that he expected the new school would remain Peterstown Elementary/Peterstown Middle School and the mascot would remain as Pirates.
- m. One member of the audience stated his love for the present building. However, it is time for a new building for the students.
- n. The land for the new school site has been purchased by the board.
- o. Mr. Lively asked that the members of the audience complete a survey concerning the new school. He stated it is the desire of the board to serve each student in the county in the best way possible.

#### VI. Discussion Items

- a. None.

#### VII. Adjournment

- a. Mr. Lively adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

  
President

  
Secretary