

MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Special Meeting Minutes

March 26, 2018, at 6:00 pm.

Monroe County Board of Education Office

I. Roll Call

Mr. Lively called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. Mrs. Sabol arrived at 6:13 p.m. All members were present.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Approval of Agenda/Adjustment

Mr. Sams made the motion to accept the agenda as written. All approved.

A. Discussion of Pre-School/Day Care Collaboration.

1. Mrs. Basile spoke to the Board about a decision being made and that she felt they needed to be involved.
2. Mrs. Nelson informed the Board of the following: The projected enrollment at Peterstown Elementary for 2018-2019 is thirty-two. Special education three year olds will receive services four days a week rather than 2 days. Three classes would need a minimum of forty-one students. Nine students are needed to have three classes that are full. Mrs. Nelson explained that the birthday change this year has affected the enrollment. A memo was sent on September 19, 2017, notifying day care of the potential decline in enrollment. The county goal was to notify day care by July 1, 2018. If a class is closed at Peterstown Elementary School that would mean that positions would be cut. If the day care collaborative is cancelled other methods of collaborating would need to be found.
3. Mr. Sams questioned the possibility of students enrolling due to the gas line.
4. Mrs. Toney spoke about a state meeting held in the fall, and the State recommended to keep day care because they provide a service to parents.
5. Mrs. Nelson announced that the county can provide before and after transportation as a collaboration.
6. Mrs. Carr stated that Head Start does not collaborate with day care.
7. Mrs. Mustain commented special education services will be provided regardless of location.

8. Ms. Carey Toney presented copies of information for the Board regarding the reason behind preschool collaboration. Parents didn't want transitions and bus riding. She further stated that all day care students are enrolled in Monroe County Schools. This program has operated since 2012 and served children.
9. Mrs. Nelson additionally informed the group that the county would need to submit an addendum to the State Department to open or close a class.
10. Mr. Lively stated that parents will have the option to keep kids at day care and a safe environment provided for all students.
11. Mr. Sams questioned pulling in opposite directions by day care and pre-school programs
12. Mrs. Carr informed the group that collaboration can be other methods. It doesn't have to be financial. It can be transportation, meals, or professional development. Collaboration can be any means agreed upon. An addendum must be sent to the State thirty days prior to the anticipated change.
13. Mrs. Basile commented that an alternate method of collaborating needs to be found that will help day care remain collaborative.
14. Mrs. Fisher commented that she does not want to hurt day care or cut classes. There is no easy solution.
15. Mr. Lively commented that enrollment declines at all levels affect the school system.
16. Mrs. Basile recommended alternate methods of collaborating with day care, such as screenings, transportation, meals, and professional development rather than eliminating our classes and personal positions. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to approve. Mr. Sams asked for recommendation to be restated. Mrs. Basile restated recommendations. Mr. Lively asked that all of those in favor of the motion to say I. The vote was unanimous.

IV. Adjournment

- A. The meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m.



President



Secretary