

Monroe County Board of Education

Regular Meeting

July 19, 2018

Monroe County Board of Education Office

I. Roll Call

- a. Mr. Wickline called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.
- b. Members present were Keith Wickline, Everett Fraley, Danny Lively, Candace Sabol, and Sally Wallace.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Approval of Agenda/Adjustments

- a. Mr. Wickline announced that check numbers 83658, 83661, 83673, 83679, and 83681 should be voted separately. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to approve the agenda with the adjustments. The vote to approve was unanimous.

IV. Public Comments

- a. Wayne Spangler spoke, thanking the board and the superintendent for their support. He stated that the committee is still working to resolve PEIA issues. He also spoke about the PK-8 school project, hoping it will progress and the new school will be built. He stated the old wing at PES has very limited storage and limited class size. He believes the students deserve a better environment. He feels the SBA giving \$21 million to the county is a gift and we need to give to the students what they deserve. As a representative for the PES faculty, Mr. Spangler says they will support a new school and will help in the endeavor.
- b. Mitchell Boone spoke regarding the Athletic Trainer position and the need for several people to share the position. The names of those willing to work have been placed on a calendar. He stated that the JMHS football fund will cover any overage to the cost.

V. Presentations

- a. Mrs. Basile presented information on the progress of the Peterstown School Project. Mrs. Basile stated the project had been worked on over the past four years and work began when the county came out of the financial deficit it had been in. The new school will house grades PK-8 and serve approximately 750 students. Both PMS and PES will be closed as a result of the new school. Both PES and PMS need new facilities, with PES being comprised of five detached

buildings, the main building and detached buildings need new roofs, new HVAC systems, secure entrances, media center, adequate parking, to be compliant with the American's with Disabilities Act, and cost to upgrade to current standard is \$6.4 million. PMS is in need of a new HVAC system with proper ventilation, a secure entrance, new windows, new doors, renovated sewage system, an elevator, separate bus and carpool drop off, compliance with the American's with Disabilities Act, and cost to upgrade to current standard is \$6.5 million. The county would like to provide a facility with hands-on learning opportunities, updated science, technology, and STEM labs, adequate space for all students housed under the same roof, relieve overcrowding, and eliminate the issues for both schools. The new location is less than five miles from the current school sites, has passed geotechnical studies, and has little excavation costs to be ready for construction. The total finance cost of the new school is \$24,192,000, the SBA request is for \$21,100,000, with the county school system contributing \$1,192,000 and lease purchasing \$1,900,000 to be paid back over the next 15 years. Mrs. Basile stated the county has worked closely with the School Building Authority, architects, and state officials over the past four years. They have toured other school facilities in WV and VA. Information was distributed at school Open House events for 2017 and 2018, Farmer's Day, community board meetings at Bozoo, Greenville, Gap Mills, Ballard, Union, PMS, and PES, surveys were distributed and data was gathered to inform decisions, a Facebook page was created, articles were placed in the Watchman, VA Leader, Register Herald, Bluefield Daily Telegraph, WVVA News covered the story on two different occasions, Ruritan and Rotary Clubs were attended in Peterstown, Greenville, Bozoo, and the Bluegrass Ruritans, a Bond Committee was formed and a Program of Spaces Committee was formed. The School Building Authority has recognized the difficulties in getting a bond passed in Monroe County and are willing to input more funds and seek other funding mechanisms in order to get the school built. Next steps for the project include a work session with the SBA on July 31, 2018, closure hearings in September, 2018, October SBA presentation and funding in December. Mr. Wickline stated the new board wants to provide what is best for the students.

VI. Policies and Procedures

- a. Mrs. Basile stated the five policies listed on the agenda are being revised to align with WVDE Policy 2510. She recommended that all be approved for first reading and placed on a thirty day comment period. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to approve the County Wide Grading System Policy. The vote to approve was unanimous.
- b. Mr. Fraley made the motion to approve the Weighted Grades at High School Policy and the vote to approve was unanimous.
- c. Mr. Lively made the motion to approve the Exam Exemption Policy and the vote to approve was unanimous.
- d. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to approve the Grade Conversions for Transfer Students Policy and the vote to approve was unanimous.
- e. Mrs. Wallace made the motion to approve the Graduation Requirements Policy and the vote to approve was unanimous. All five polices are for first reading and will be placed on a thirty day comment period.

VII. Superintendent's Report

- a. Mrs. Basile shared information with the board about the United Way of Greenbrier County Project Appleseed where \$50 will be given to each teacher and aide to use toward the purchase of class supplies and student needs, such as coats or shoes. Their fundraising project from last year raised enough funds to assist both Monroe and Greenbrier. Mr. Berry attended a meeting to gather information on how employees can use these funds.
- b. County administrators, teachers, and our technology department attended the WV Educational Summit. Nellie Cottle, Technology Integration Specialist for PES and PMS, was asked to present. This was an honor for Ms. Cottle and Monroe County. She did a great job!
- c. Mrs. Basile announced that two bus operators, Ben Belcher and David Taylor, are attending training to become trainers for the Southern Educational Services Cooperative. Monroe County will still train through the SESC in order to get reimbursement for some of the training costs.
- d. Mrs. Basile informed the board that Donnie Evans had notified her that the PRO Grant funds for FY18 had just been received. The grant application for FY19 is not yet available. The grant will cover part of the salary for the JMHS PRO. Levy funds pay the remainder of the salaries for PROs at all schools.
- e. Mrs. Basile shared information about the WV Strategic Plan and state data with board members. She compared state data with Monroe County data. The state graduation rate is 89.4% and Monroe County's graduation rate is 97.13%. Fifty-two counties offer dual credit courses, in which students receive high school and college credit. Monroe County is one of those counties and have over 100 students registered for online and dual credit courses this fall. We also had 124 students gain embedded credit through CTE which gives CTE credit and high school core credit. Students will also have the opportunity to graduate JMHS with an Associate's Degree from Glenville State College and this program will begin with incoming Juniors at JMHS. WV had 431 students receive the Governor's Workforce Credential and Monroe County had five of those students. WV had 54.5% of graduates enrolled in higher education courses and Monroe County has over 100 already enrolled this fall, while still in high school. WV CTE completers were at 37% and Monroe County Technical Center had 134 completers. There were 4,891 CTE completers across the state who received NOCTI Workforce Credentials and MCTC had 98 of those students. West Virginia has placed an emphasis on math as our math scores are declining across the state and are behind our reading scores. A huge concern across the state is the lack of certified math teachers. Monroe County is not immune to that. We have a vacant math position at JMHS that has been vacant for over a year. Mrs. Basile will have school and county strategic plans before the board in the next few weeks.

VIII. Treasurer's Report

- a. Mrs. Basile informed the board that Mr. Berry had said that closeout figures for the year will not be available for a time and the financial figures they see for June are not the closeout amounts. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to approve the report and the vote to approve was unanimous.

IX. Consent Items

- a. Mrs. Sabol recused herself prior to the Consent Items since her employer is listed on the agenda for action. Mrs. Basile noted that the Ethics Commission had been involved in the decision and they had stated as long as Mrs. Sabol is not present, recusing herself and has no involvement in activities of the board toward the business, and does not receive additional compensation as a result of the contract, it is acceptable for the county to contract with Trinity Physical Therapy to provide Physical Therapy services to students. They are the only physical therapy business in Monroe County.
- b. Mr. Fraley made the motion to approve Items d and e, which included Physical Therapy Service Agreement with Trinity Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Services Agreement with Thera-Pedics, and the vote to approve was unanimous. Mrs. Sabol returned to the room.
- c. When asked about the Minutes, Mr. Fraley stated that he did not vote on the issue of closing the Peterstown schools, he abstained. Mrs. Basile asked if he verbalized an abstention and Mr. Fraley did not. Mrs. Basile notified the Board that silence is the same as a yes vote.
- d. Mr. Lively made the motion to approve Consent Items a, b, c, and f with the exception of checks 83635, 83661, 83673, 83679, and 83681. The vote to approve was unanimous.
- e. Consent Items included Minutes from July 2, 2018; Payment of Bills; Transfers and Supplements, and Approving Student Representatives to the Board of Education.
- f. Mr. Lively recused himself due to personal travel reimbursement. Mr. Fraley made the motion to approve check number 83658 and the vote to approve was unanimous. Mr. Lively returned to the room.
- g. Mr. Fraley recused himself due to personal travel reimbursement. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to approve check number 83661 and the vote to approve was unanimous. Mr. Fraley returned to the room.
- h. Mr. Wickline recused himself from the room due to family connection. Mr. Fraley asked for a motion to approve check number 83673. Mr. Lively made the motion to approve check number 83673 and the vote to approve was unanimous. Mr. Wickline returned to the room.
- i. Mrs. Wallace recused herself due to family payment and personal travel reimbursement. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to pay both check numbers 83679 and 83651. The vote to approve was unanimous. Mrs. Wallace returned to the room.

X. New Business

- a. Mrs. Basile recommended approval of the Student Transfer Request for Foster. Mr. Fraley made the motion to approve and the vote to approve was unanimous.

- b. Mrs. Basile recommended approval of the Student Transfer Request for Thornton, pending enrollment numbers. Mrs. Basile also stated parents would be responsible for transporting the student to the nearest bus location that served MVS. Mr. Lively made the motion to approve and the vote to approve was unanimous.
- c. Mrs. Basile recommended approval of the Student Transfer request for Persinger. Mrs. Wallace made the motion to approve and the vote to approve was unanimous.
- d. Mrs. Basile recommended approval of the Student Transfer Request for Ferguson. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to approve and the vote to approve was unanimous.
- e. Johnathan McPherson presented information on quotes for a new school bus. The lowest bid is from Matheny Motor Company. The bus will feature 65 passenger seats, air conditioning and a camera system. Mr. Fraley asked for the amounts of the bids. Matheny is \$94,204; Blue Bird is \$95,304; and Worldwide is \$98,053. Mrs. Basile recommended approval of the purchase from Matheny Motor Company. Mr. Lively made the motion to approve and the vote to approve was unanimous.
- f. Mrs. Basile recommended approval of the Out of State Travel Request for Michael Wiley. Mr. Fraley made the motion to approve and the vote to approve was unanimous.
- g. Mrs. Basile recommended approval of the Foreign Language Quotes for textbooks approved by WVDE and reviewed and selected by our teachers. The textbooks are funded by the levy. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to approve and the vote to approve was unanimous.
- h. Mrs. Basile recommended the Student Transfer Request for two Castillo students and one Hunter student. Mr. Fraley made the motion to approve and the vote to approve was unanimous.
- i. Mrs. Basile recommended that the Maintenance Trucks be parked overnight at JMHS beginning September 1, 2018. This will decrease travel time, JMHS being a more central location. iPads will be available to the workers by that date and this will give Mrs. Tuggle time to provide training to the employees. Mr. Lively made the motion to approve and the vote to approve was unanimous.

XI. Personnel Items

- a. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to enter Executive Session at 7:18 p.m. under the guidelines of 6-9A-4. The vote to approve was unanimous.
- b. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to return to Regular Session at 7:45 p.m. The vote to approve was unanimous.
- c. Mrs. Basile recommended approval of the Personnel List as written. Mr. Lively made the motion to approve Items A, C, and D. The vote to approve was unanimous.
- d. Mrs. Wallace made the motion to approve Item B and the vote to approve was Lively, yes; Wallace, yes; Wickline, yes; Fraley, yes; Sabol, abstain.

- e. Personnel Items included Hires of Steve Ballengee, Sherry Brown, Tabitha Shoda and Jessica Booth as Athletic Trainers for JMHS; John F. Mustain as a Substitute Teacher; Iwona Broyles as One Half Time English Teacher at JMHS; Gary Thomas as Bus Operator, Hillsdale; Shannon Bostic as Bus Operator for War Ridge; Jeana L. Carr as Head Cheer Coach for PMS; B. Jackie Burwell as Early Childhood Classroom Assistant Teacher for PES; Betty Ann Carter as Substitute Athletic Trainer for JMHS; Johnathan McPherson as Assistant Superintendent, Special Education Director, Secondary Curriculum and Instruction, and Communications, effective August 1, 1018; and Patricia Kirby, Danny H. Richardson and Steven Tiller as the Temporary Summer Paint Crew.
- f. Item B was a Rescind of Reduction in Force to Molly W. Hoke. A Rescind of Transfer was granted to Danielle Clarkson. A Resignation was accepted for Nestor Garcia as Technology Systems Specialist.

XII. Discussion Items

- a. None

XIII. Public Comments

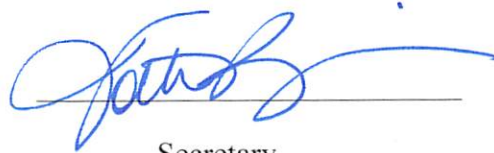
- a. None.

XIV. Adjournment

- a. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:47. The vote to approve was unanimous.



President



Secretary