

**Monroe County Board of Education**

**Regular Meeting**

**September 4, 2018**

**Ballard Volunteer Fire Department**

**I. Roll Call**

- a. Mr. Wickline called the meeting to order at 6:02 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 2494, and 83812 should be voted separately, and that Personnel Hires, Number 4, 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. Carrie Toney, spoke about the collaborative contract with Kids Learning Center stating that if the contract is not signed by her, the county will lose funding for students enrolled at KLC. She also stated that KLC has lost funds in the collaboration in excess of \$31,000. Mrs. Toney stated the contract would need changed to remove the wordage to require KLC to have ten students in order to collaborate, and that working families need before and after school care. She stated the county is to provide equal funding for all PreK classrooms and that KLC feels they have provided excellent services and feel that twenty percent of the funding is a fair amount to request.
- b. Dejuana Mills spoke regarding the meetings scheduled next week for closure hearings of the two Peterstown Schools. She feels students deserve a new school and hopes the board will vote to close the two schools. A new school will help student morale and she strongly urged the board to vote to close the schools.

**V. Policies and Procedures**

- a. Mrs. Basile recommended approval of all five policies for final reading, having received only two comments, those comments being covered by separate policies. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to approve the policies and the vote to approve was unanimous. Policies approved were

County Wide Grading System, Weighted Grades at High School, Exam Exemption, Grade Conversions for Transfer Students, and Graduation Requirements.

VI. Superintendent's Report

- a. Mrs. Basile informed the board that Governor Justice had proclaimed September 21, 2018, as West Virginia School Service Personnel Day and asked the board to join her in showing appreciation to those employees for all they do for the students of Monroe County.
- b. Mrs. Tuggle hosted a Technology Lunch and Learn meeting recently at JMHS. Many STEM products were viewed and the county hopes to incorporate some of them into classroom use. Mrs. Basile thanked Mrs. Tuggle for her coordinating of this session.
- c. Mrs. Basile announced that school accountability information would be in the county soon. She will present information to the board on September 18.
- d. Mrs. Basile reminded the Board that projects are due to the SBA on September 7 and that our project has already been submitted. Mrs. Basile and Mr. Wickline will attend superintendent interviews on October 29 and 30, after the school closure hearings on September 11 and 12.
- e. Mrs. Basile shared with the board that Mrs. Carr is awaiting information on the Early Head Start Grant for the year. She hopes to hear something within the next few days.
- f. Jim Nelson and Mrs. Basile plan to travel to Parkersburg and Ohio to view school wellness centers. If funding is secured for the new school, Monroe Health Center wants to expand services at the new school.

VII. Consent Items.

- a. Mr. Lively made the motion to approve the Consent Items with the exceptions noted above. The vote to approve was unanimous. Consent Items included Minutes from August 21, 2018; Payment of Bills, Transfers and Supplements; and a TASC Examiner Contract for 2019.
- b. Mr. Lively recused himself due to this check being written to a family member. Mr. Fraley made the motion to approve check number 2494. The vote to approve was unanimous. Mr. Lively returned to the room.
- c. Mr. Wickline recused himself due to this check being written to a family member, turning the meeting over to Mr. Fraley. Mrs. Wallace made the motion to approve check number 83812, and the vote to approve was unanimous. Mr. Wickline returned to the room.

VIII. New Business

- a. Mrs. Basile recommended approval of the Out of State Travel Request for JMHS Seniors and Juniors to Dublin, Virginia. Mr. Lively made the motion to approve and the vote to approve was unanimous.
- b. Mrs. Basile recommended approval of the Student Transfer Request for Fisher. Mrs. Wallace made the motion to approve and the vote to approve was unanimous.

- c. Mrs. Basile stated the Board had heard Mrs. Toney's statements from earlier in the meeting. She stated that Mrs. Toney had met with the Early Childhood Collaborative Team and Mrs. Nelson had gone over the contract and budget with Mrs. Toney. Mrs. Toney was not in agreement with the statement that KLC would need to participate in Kiddie Fair and have ten students enrolled to continue the collaboration. She was also not in agreement with the contract amounts. The budgets showed the county school system putting in over \$73,000 toward the collaborative classroom, with the total daycare costs of the classroom at a little over \$11,000. Mr. Lively asked if the amount of the reimbursement could affect school employees, creating needs for cuts for school employees. Mrs. Basile stated this is dependent on the enrollment numbers for next year. Mrs. Wallace asked if the contract could cause RIFS (reductions in force of school employees) or had caused RIFS in the past. Mrs. Basile stated we have an extra class this year at PES due to enrollment numbers not being known at KLC until after the RIF Transfer season. Mr. Wickline asked Mrs. Basile for a recommendation and she recommended the board continue with the original contract that was approved on August 21 with no changes. The vote to continue with the original contract was Wallace, yes; Sabol, yes; Lively, yes; Wickline, no; Fraley, no.
- d. Mrs. Basile recommended approval of the Meal Contract with KLC. Mr. Fraley made the motion to approve and the vote to approve was unanimous.

#### IX. Personnel Items

- a. Mr. Wickline asked if anyone needed Executive Session. Mrs. Wallace made the motion to enter Executive Session at 6:38 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 7:58 p.m. and the vote to approve was unanimous.
- c. Mr. Wickline asked for a motion to approve Hires 1,2,3,5,6,7,8, Resignations, and the Rescind of Hire. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to approve Hires 1,2,3,5,6,7,8, Resignations, and the Rescind of Hire. The vote to approve was unanimous.
- d. Mr. Wickline asked for a motion to approve Hire Number 4. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to approve Hire Number 4, Leslie Ferguson as Principal for PMS. The vote to approve was Sabol, yes; Fraley, yes; Wallace, yes; Wickline, yes; Lively, abstain.
- e. Other Personnel Items included Hires of Katherine Adkins as Spelling Bee Coordinator for PMS; Cassandra Bailey as \$1 Assistant Volleyball Coach for MVS; Pamela Jackson as In School Suspension Monitor for PMS; Kimberly Cook as One Half Time Music Teacher for MVS; Carrie Hancock as Fifth/Sixth Grade Science Teacher for MVS, as well as an Agreement to Change Posting Certification Requirements; Kimberly A. Cody as Special Education Aide for JMHS; and Leslie Young as Special Education Aide, effective September 24, 2018, for PMS.
- f. Resignations were accepted for Gerry Phillips as a Substitute Cook; Danny Page as Football Trailer Driver for JMHS; Jennifer Swetnam as a Substitute Teacher; and Christopher Blume as Carpentry Instructor at MCTC. A Rescind of Hire was approved

for Gerald R. Brown as Athletic Trainer for JMHS.

X. Superintendent's Goals

- a. Mrs. Wallace made the motion to enter Executive Session at 8:00 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 8:53 p.m. The vote to approve was unanimous.
- c. Mr. Fraley made the motion to approve the Superintendent's Goals and the vote to approve was unanimous.

XI. Discussion Items

- a. Mr. Fraley talked about the high tunnel at MVS. He would like an item on the next agenda to discuss water and electricity being run to the site and available for the tunnel. He provided information on student and learning improvements (math and science) because of these types of projects.
- b. Mr. Lively mentioned the new school project and involving Ballard VFD in the planning. Mrs. Basile stated that once planning meetings begin she would like the fire departments and police involved.

XII. Public Comments

- a. None.

XIII. Adjournment

- a. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:59 p.m. The vote to approve was unanimous.



President



Secretary