

Monroe County Board of Education

Regular Meeting

December 6, 2018

Peterstown Elementary School

Head Start/Early Head Start information was shared with the board at this meeting.

I. Roll Call

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

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Approval of Agenda/Adjustments

- a. Mr. Wickline noted that check number 84166 should be voted separately.
Mrs. Basile added that Item VI, JMHS Student Government Report, should be removed from the agenda. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to approve the agenda with the adjustments and the vote to approve was unanimous.

IV. Public Comments

- a. None.

V. Presentations

- a. Leigh Boggess welcomed the board and visitors and thanked all for attending. With the assistance of Johnathan McPherson she recognized the PES foster grandparents, Linda Kanode, Arna Neel, and Carol McMahan. She noted that the students created the refreshments for the meeting. Fourth grade students, Alyssa Grimmatt and Carter Williams, presented their data folder information including benchmarks for reading and math, goals for reading and math, self reflections and goals, and grades. Students are learning leadership skills through ownership of their learning. Nellie Cottle and Jhanna Lively presented technology information to the Board. Mrs. Cottle is the Technology Integration Specialist for the school and teaches students and teachers to integrate technology into the classroom.

Teachers use Google Classroom and assign lessons to students' Chromebooks. Second through fourth grade students are using Chromebooks. Kindergarten and first grade students utilize iPads. Mrs. Cottle discussed the importance of computer science and coding programs being taught, beginning with young ages through high school, and how the industry field is growing in this area. WVDE has a partnership with code.org to offer lessons to students in West Virginia. Students participated in the Hour of Code and participated in coding lessons. Mrs. Cottle submitted two grants yesterday in an effort to increase the coding equipment and programs in the school. Her goal is to have coding programs and robots for each student in the class. Mrs. Cottle shared a presentation that she had given at the teacher summit training held during the summer, in an effort to show the board members what they are doing in the classroom. She stated that i-Ready is difficult for kindergarten students and students become frustrated. Ms. Lively stated that students are learning computer skills like drag and drop or cut and paste skills. The goal is for students to use technology through students creating, rather than only teachers using the technology. Students are using ozobots and spheros.

- b. Mrs. Boggess presented the LSIC Executive Summary, which included reading and math student proficiency data, school goals, and safety concerns the school is working on, which include updates to the camera system. The school likes the "Leader in Me" program that began this school year. Regina Spencer, Guidance Counselor, has taken the program and made great progress. The first Thursday of every month has been set aside for student leaders to be recognized for the Student of the Month for each classroom. Mrs. Boggess thanked the teachers for attending tonight's meeting in support of the school.
- c. Mr. Wickline thanked PES for their hospitality and the snacks the students had made.

VI. JMHS Student Government Report

- a. This item removed from the agenda.

VII. Superintendent's Report

- a. Mrs. Basile congratulated Linda Coffman-Bennett, Social Studies teacher at PMS, for being selected as the Virginian Leader Teacher of the Month. Mrs. Coffman-Bennett is very deserving of the recognition. A very nice article was written in the newspaper.
- b. Representatives from Glenville State College were at JMHS recently to provide more information on the opportunities for students to graduate from JMHS with an Associate's Degree. Mrs. Basile and the college vice president held a signing ceremony to sign and put into place the agreement. Glenville State returned the next day to enroll the interested students. Twenty students have enrolled and four more are scheduled to enroll. Mrs. Basile thanked the board for approving payment for the

Glennville State courses and giving our students this opportunity.

- c. Mrs. Basile reminded the board that she would travel to Charleston on December 10th to learn if Monroe County would receive funding for the new Peterstown school project. She is hopeful about the SBA decision and will keep the board informed.
- d. Mrs. Basile reported the county received a telephone call from Dr. D'Antoni, State Assistant Superintendent of Schools, asking that Brady Dillon, senior at JMHS and MCTC, participate in a statewide student taskforce for Dr. Paine and the Math 4 Life campaign. Brady was selected to this prestigious group after a visit from Dr. D'Antoni where he explained to her how the students are benefiting from learning math through hands-on projects at MCTC. Mrs. Basile congratulated Brady and knows he will well represent both schools and the county.
- e. The first round of Data Talks has begun at each school along with the first round of Leadership Team meetings. The focus of the team meetings is to address needs at each school, based on a needs analysis from last spring.
- f. Mrs. Basile recognized Crystal Pitzer, 3rd grade teacher, for her class average test scores being above the state average. She also recognized DeJuana Mills and Rhonda Perdue for their volunteer work and with the PTO at PES.
- g. Mrs. Basile recognized the foster grandparents mentioned earlier for their work in the first grade classes at PES. All have volunteered for more than ten years. She appreciates all they do for the children.
- h. Mrs. Basile added that there has been an increase in the number of students in special education at MVS and so there is a need to post another one half time position.
- i. The county held the first Math Cadre meeting and received very positive feedback from that meeting. A follow-up meeting is being scheduled in January.

VIII. Consent Items

- a. Mr. Fraley made the motion to approve the Consent Items with the exception noted above. The vote to approve was unanimous.
- b. Mr. Lively recused himself from the room due to check number 84166 being a reimbursement for travel to him. Mrs. Wallace made the motion to approve this check and the vote to approve was unanimous.
- c. Other Consent Items approved were Minutes from November 20, 2018; Payment of Bills, Transfers and Supplements; a MOU with Kilcollin Dental; a 2018 CEFP Annual Update with Williamson Shriver Architects; and a MOU with WV Extension Service Food of the Month.

IX. Student Expulsion Hearing

(This item was moved on the agenda to after Old Business.)

- a. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to enter Executive Session under the guidelines of 6-9A-4 at 7:14 p.m. The vote to approve was unanimous.
- b. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to return to Regular Session at 7:46 p.m. The vote to approve was unanimous.
- c. Mrs. Basile announced that the board had unanimously voted in Executive Session to expel one student for 365 days.

X. Old Business

- a. Sue Lee and Nutenna Weikle presented revisions for the MVS LSIC Budget. Several field trips from last school year were not paid until after July 1. Lines budgeted for Words Their Way and Educators' Handbook were also adjusted. Mrs. Basile recommended approval of the corrected budget. Mr. Fraley made the motion to approve and the vote to approve was unanimous.
- b. Mrs. Basile shared quotes for the installation of MCTC door locks. The board had previously approved purchase of the locks. The lowest bid is from Supply Works in the amount of \$7293.35. \$2400 will come from MCTC LSIC funds and levy safety funds will cover the remaining charge. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to approve and the vote to approve was unanimous.

XI. New Business

- a. Mrs. Basile shared copies of the advertisement for the Clerk of the Works for the JMHS renovations. This must be published in a state wide newspaper. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to approve and the vote to approve was unanimous.
- b. Mrs. Basile recommended purchase of a box truck by the JMHS Band Boosters in the amount of \$4000. Ben Neal, band director, spoke at the last meeting about the need to purchase. Mr. Fraley made the motion to approve and the vote to approve was unanimous.
- c. Mrs. Basile recommended the PMS Student Leave Request to the State Lego League Robotics Tournament be retroactively approved. Mrs. Wallace made the motion to approve and the vote to approve was unanimous.

XII. Personnel Items

- a. Mrs. Basile recommended approval of the Personnel List as written. After mentioning the need for two speech language pathologists in the county, Mr. Lively made the motion to approve and the vote to approve was unanimous.

- b. Personnel Items included Hires of Sandra L. Hodges as PreSchool/Bus Aide/ECCAT for MVS; Randy W. Collins as \$1 Assistant Girls' Basketball Coach for MVS; Lindsey S. Porterfield and Regina L. Daniels as Substitute Cooks; and Linda G. Terry as a Substitute Aide, effective January 2, 2019.
- c. A Leave of Absence was granted each for Kimberly Gusler, Kimberly A. Cody, and Patricia Faulkner. Pamela G. Echols, Speech Language Pathologist for MVS, was approved for Retirement effective January 7, 2019. A Resignation was approved for Cinda S. Coulter, Science Teacher at JMHS, effective December 21, 2018. Designated Sick Leave was approved for Kimberly A. Cody, Aide at JMHS.

XIII. Discussion Items

- a. Mrs. Basile presented each board member with a folder containing information for the current and next Excess Levy Election which must be voted prior to June, 2020. A copy of the current levy was provided, along with timeline information from the Secretary of State's Office, and a one-page handout that was used at the last election to inform citizens what the levy covers for students.
- b. A letter from Jill Fischer regarding the Second Creek School property was given to the board. This letter highlighted concerns from Ms. Fischer regarding the timeline of 30 days to have contents of the building removed. Mr. Fraley asked if the concerned citizens could attend the next meeting and speak to the board. Mr. Lively noted that they can speak under public comment.
- c. Wayne Spangler announced that PEIA is hosting a public meeting on December 13, 2018, at Tamarack at 6:00 p.m. for employees to attend regarding the recommendations from the state toward fixing PEIA. WVEA feels the changes are in the correct direction but there is not a long term fix at this point. No change in program or cost increase is proposed.
- d. Mr. Wickline noted that the coming Monday is an important day for Monroe County. The board is hopeful that the School Building Authority will approve the Peterstown School project. He stated that no one on the board will rest until a suitable school is obtained for the students and faculty. He is hopeful that the efforts will pay off for the county. If denied funding, the board will come back to the drawing board and go back and request funding again. He hopes the Board will hear good news on Monday morning.

XIV. Public Comments

- a. None

XV. Adjournment

- a. Mr. Lively made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 p.m. The vote to approve was unanimous.



President



Secretary