

Monroe County Board of Education

Regular Meeting

November 20, 2018

Monroe County Board of Education Office

I. Roll Call

- a. Mr. Wickline called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
- b. Members present were Keith Wickline, Everett Fraley, Danny Lively, Sally Wallace, and Candace Sabol.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III Approval of Agenda/Adjustments

- a. Mr. Wickline announced that check number 84124 should be voted separately. Mrs. Basile announced that Item VI should be removed from the agenda. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to approve the agenda with the adjustments. The vote to approve was unanimous.

IV. Public Comments

- a. Ben Neal, Band Director for JMHS, stated that the band would like to purchase a box truck to avoid the need to pull trailers when they traveled to events. The band boosters have located a truck at a cost of \$4,000. The truck is parked in front of a furniture store in Rich Creek, Virginia. The band plans to keep both trailers they currently have, but could sell one in the future if they do not need it. Band student numbers should increase next year, growing the need for a larger capacity to haul equipment. The band boosters plan to purchase the truck from concession stand receipts. JMHS expects ten new students next year from PMS. Mr. Neal is excited to hear about the band increasing in size. He would like the purchase of the truck placed on the next agenda for action.
- b. Joyce Christian shared a concern with handicap railings on the gymnasium bleachers at JMHS. She stated that railings are unsafe to use to climb the steps, screws are loose, and she had seen one gentleman crawl up the steps. Mrs. Christian did say that Mrs. Weikle had stated that the hand rails are broken.

V. Policies and Procedures

- a. Mrs. Basile stated the policy was being revised to include new courses and remove old language. She recommended approval of the Revision for the Dual Credit Policy for first reading and being placed on a 30-day comment period. Mr. Lively made the motion to approve and the vote to approve was unanimous.

VI. JMHS Student Government Report

- a. This item was removed from the agenda.

VII. Superintendent's Report

- a. Mrs. Basile shared JMHS student recognitions with the board. Earning All State Honorable Mention in Soccer were girls Morgan Wylie and Casey Martin, and boys Marcus Breckenridge and Dylan Galford. In volleyball, first team All Coalfield Conference were Gracie Mann, Taylor Sams, and Kelsey Reed. Second Team is Madison Cox and Morgan Boroski with Honorable Mention going to Bayleigh Meadows, Sidney Cozort, and Karissa Hunnicutt. The Humanities Team recently competed at Bluefield State and placed third out of 16 teams. A mechanical technicality prevented them from placing second. This is their first team competition.
- b. Mrs. Basile shared information from Mark Bishop concerning the high tunnel at MVS. The Town of Union and Mon Power have yet to complete new service but should be sending the applications any day.
- c. National Technical Honor Society inductions will be on November 26 at JMHS. All board members are invited to attend.
- d. Mrs. Basile shared an email from Delegate Roy Cooper praising the Band and JROTC for their performance during the Veteran's Day Ceremony and Parade.
- e. Mrs. Basile shared an email from SSAC officials sent after the JMHS football game at Bluefield praising our athletes for their respect, sportsmanship and manners during the game.
- f. Mrs. Basile commended the special education department throughout the county for receiving 16 out of 16 compliance performance points and 30 out of 33 results driven accountability points of 91%.

VIII. Treasurer's Report

- a. Mr. Berry provided a copy of the Treasurer's Report, showing revenue and expenses year to date. Mr. Fraley made the motion to approve the report and the vote to approve was unanimous.

IX. Consent Items

- a. Mr. Lively made the motion to approve the Consent Items with the exception noted above. The vote to approve was unanimous. Consent Items included Minutes from November 5, 2018, November 7, 2018, November 8, 2018, and November 13, 2018;

Payment of Bills, and Transfers and Supplements. The vote to approve was unanimous.

- b. Mr. Fraley left the room prior to any action on check number 84124 due to it being payable to a family member. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to approve check number 84124 and the vote to approve was unanimous. Mr. Fraley returned to the room.

X. Student Expulsion Hearing

- a. Mr. Fraley made the motion to enter Executive Session under the guidelines of 6-9A-4 at 6:18 p.m. The vote to approve was unanimous.
- b. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to return to Regular Session at 7:08 p.m. The vote to approve was unanimous.
- c. Mrs. Basile noted that the board had voted in Executive Session to expel one student.

XI. Old Business

- a. Mrs. Basile recommended approval of the Agreement with Martin Consulting. Mr. Lively made the motion to approve. Mr. Fraley stated that he is concerned with the contract due to the cost. He is concerned about RIFs even though this money is from a different source. He asked if the county might have someone inside the county that could do the same work. Mr. Wickline agreed with Mr. Fraley in that he does not want to pay \$27,000 for a consultant and then have to cut positions. Mr. Fraley asked about waiting to approve the contract until after the RIF and Transfer time had passed. Mrs. Basile stated that the hearings take place in April. The vote to approve was Sabol, yes; Lively, yes; Fraley, Wickline and Wallace voted no. The motion failed.
- b. Mrs. Basile discussed options for the board to consider for the auction of the Second Creek property. Mr. Fraley noted that the board would like to get rid of the property as quickly as possible. Mr. Lively noted that with the coming holidays, the Friends of Second Creek should be given 30 days to remove their property. Mr. Fraley made the motion to hold an auction on Friday, January 4, 2019, to sell the Second Creek School property. The vote to approve was unanimous.
- c. Mr. Wickline asked for a motion to approve the Standard Form of Agreement Between Owner and Architect. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to approve and the vote to approve was unanimous.

XII. New Business

- a. Mr. Wickline asked for a motion to approve allowing thirty days (December 20, 2018) for the Friends of Second Creek to remove their property from the Second Creek School. Mr. Lively made the motion to approve and the vote to approve was unanimous.
- b. Mr. Wickline asked for a motion to approve the Student Transfer Request for Ross. Mrs. Wallace made the motion to approve and the vote to approve was unanimous.

XIII. Discussion of Mock Safety Drill, Safety Committee, and School Preparedness

- a. Angela Mann presented information regarding the County School Safety Committee and work being done in the school system. The county is planning a mock disaster drill at PES for the 2019 school year. Attendance is best when the drill is planned during a work day. All emergency services agencies are invited to participate. She stated that we have had shooter scenarios, intruders, threats, etc. EMTs treat mock injuries, police secure the scene, fire departments assist with traffic control. Following each drill, a debriefing is held to review and learn from the event. Mr. Fraley would like a chain of command for when administrators are out of the building. Mrs. Mann noted that during the incident at JMHS recently, a substitute administrator was on duty. He would like to have safeguards or someone at the school with some experience if both administrators have to be away at the same time. Mr. Fraley asked Mrs. Mann how, on a scale of 1-10, she feels the county is prepared. She stated she feels we are very well prepared. She recently helped mentor new principals in the state and discussed trainings and things Monroe County does toward school safety and those eight people in her group stated their counties were not nearly as prepared or trained as Monroe. Mr. Fraley asked about what was learned at the conclusion of the last drill and Johnathan McPherson talked about communication difficulties with radios and interior door keys for police. Police have access to the buildings but do not have classroom door keys. Mrs. Mann shared that the key card system at the schools needs replaced. The county is currently obtaining bids for those systems. Mr. Wickline asked about camera systems and if there are areas that need additional cameras. Mr. McPherson stated that last year MVS upgraded camera systems, added new cameras and the box system that operates the cameras. JMHS has four-16 camera boxes. JMHS will need some of those replaced in the future, as well as some at MCTC. Mr. Lively noted it is 100% better than in prior years. He asked if Mrs. Mann feels the staff has had enough training for an active shooter situation. Mrs. Mann noted PMS has upgraded their systems and cameras a little each year. Mrs. Mann has reviewed safety training from 2015 and there were numerous trainings. One of the trainings that she felt was great took place at the federal prison in Beckley, and was hosted by the FBI. Mr. Wickline asked if the teachers who are seeking to be administrators can be

included in the trainings. Mrs. Mann stated that the information is brought back or sometimes the speakers are brought to the county to present to the entire county. Mrs. Mann discussed trainings and said that each year the county has a mock drill. Safety committees are at each school and there is a county committee as well. The county safety committee will meet again in December and she invited board members to participate. Mrs. Mann provided a copy of the minutes from the October safety meeting. Corporal Wickline, PRO at MVS, has been instrumental in making changes to the volunteer policy and requiring background checks. She hopes to make changes to the policy, present to the board and safety committee.

Bus drivers have reported numerous vehicles running bus stop lights. Mrs. Mann talked to all the student drivers at JMHS and brought a bus and showed examples of when students need to stop for the bus. The pipeline representative will attend our next safety meeting to share safety concerns with pipeline traffic and concerns once the line is in place.

Mr. McPherson is updating the safety manual from last school year. The last time it was updated was 2010 so updates are needed.

School practice drills began in October for lockdown procedures.

Mrs. Mann spoke about various training sessions the county has participated in or provided which are related to safety.

Mrs. Basile and Mr. McPherson spoke about a phenomenal training they attended titled, "Why Teens Kill". The county is working to bring this presenter to the county for all employees, parents and students. Mrs. Mann spoke about bus safety training that has been provided this year and procedures when a parent is not present to receive their child from the bus.

Mrs. Wallace asked about additional things that can be done when the new school is built. She likes the guard building in Greenbrier County.

Mr. Fraley asked Mrs. Mann to make the key cards and keys a priority.

She stated she hopes to have all quotes back and requests to the board at the next meeting.

XIV. Personnel Items

a. Mr. Wickline asked for a motion to approve the Personnel List. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to approve the Personnel List and the vote to approve was unanimous.

b. Personnel Items are a Hire of Leah G. Lewis as a Substitute Cook and a Retirement of Linda G. Terry, ECCAT at PES, effective December

31, 2018.

XV. Discussion Items

- a. Mr. Fraley wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. Mr. Wickline asked Mrs. Basile to pass along Mrs. Christian's concerns regarding the handrails on the JMHS gym bleachers. Mr. Wickline asked Mrs. Basile to place the on the next agenda a discussion item and to develop a timeline for the excess levy. Mr. Lively stated a parent of a little league student who plays basketball had complained that the air conditioning was on in the gym at PES and the air was freezing. He asked Mrs. Basile to pass this along to maintenance.

XVI. Public Comments

- a. None.

XVII. Adjournment

- a. Mrs. Wallace made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. The vote to approve was unanimous.



President



Secretary