

Monroe County Board of Education

Regular Meeting

December 18, 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 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 84255 should be voted separately. Item XI, number a, should read School Board Association rather than School Building Authority. Personnel Items, Hires numbers 1 and 10 should be voted separately. Item VI should be removed from the agenda. Mr. Lively made the motion to approve the agenda with the adjustments and the vote to approve was unanimous.

IV. Public Comments

- a. Larry E. Mustain spoke regarding the Second Creek School, asking the board to remember Evelyn Hansbarger, former board member, who recently passed. Mrs. Gary Hoke shared copies of a deed with the board that showed the school property was to return to Aubrey Reed or his heirs or assigns, when the school was no longer used for public purposes. Mr. Mustain questioned if the board or if the Monroe County Commission issues deeds and then 30 or 40 years later say that it is phony. The school was built for the community in 1904 by Will Reed. Gary Hoke actually thought he owned the property, planting trees, installing a fence, etc. He stated some of the board members had asked him to rank what he would like to happen to the property and at least by auctioning it off, they are doing one of the items from the list that he wanted to happen. He stated the charges that were filed against him when he was on the board accused him of trying to steal the school and landed him in front of Judge Irons. Mr. Mustain also stated that people are upset about the school property at Greenville, Dry Pond, and several others.

- b. Jill Fischer, spoke, saying her children had attended both Gap Mills and Mountain View Schools. She knew Mr. Mustain then and met Mrs. Hoke during her travels. She has been a member of the Board of Directors of Friends of THE Second Creek for ten years. The school has been used as a basis for children to learn about the community in which they live. She feels the Board and Friends of THE Second Creek have the opportunity to further the community and tourism work for Second Creek and create a center for learning. Ms. Fischer asks the board to postpone the auction to allow groups to work together to see what options are best for the building. She stated the group plans to meet tomorrow to move the contents out of the building.
- c. Mr. Wickline stated this has gone on for too long and the property is not worth much and not worth near the headache it has caused numerous board members and three superintendents. He stated the item was on the agenda later for Discussion and the Board would decide if they wanted it on the next agenda for action.
- d. Ms. Fischer stated that the board has the opportunity to make this situation better. She requests that the board choose another course.
- e. Mr. Mustain stated that he previously had wanted to repair the property, but it did not suit the FOTSC and the Board got drug into a family squabble. He stated that the Highland Green Community Organization would like to own the property. The church at Second Creek would also like to own the property.

V. Policies

- a. Mrs. Basile recommended approval for final reading of the new policy, Athletic Rules and Expectations. Mr. Lively made the motion to approve and the vote to approve was unanimous.
- b. Mrs. Basile recommended approval for final reading of the Tobacco Control Policy. Mr. Lively spoke regarding the Tobacco Control Policy revision. He feels the punishment should be more equal for students and adults, discussing how students are written a ticket and must pay fines and complete community service. Mr. Fraley stated that it may be due to students being underage. Mr. Wickline stated that adults should set an example for students and agreed with Mr. Lively that the policy should be more stringent for employees. Mr. Lively made the motion to table and revise the policy. 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 reminded the board that the Peterstown School Project was recently awarded \$21.1 million by the SBA. Williamson Shriver Architects has given the county a rough calendar of a timeline for the project. Planning committees are being

formed. The goal is to have substantial completion of the school by June, 2021, with the new school opening in August of that year. These are estimated dates and can change depending on weather, materials, etc., once construction begins.

- b. Mrs. Basile met with the JMHS Student Government representatives recently. They talked about strengths and weaknesses. The students felt strengths for the school included: having more assemblies and events to break up weeks, enforcement of rules and a focus on learning, enforcement of no book bags and no cellphones has increased the attitude of the school, students like the 9th grade Introductory Courses offered at the Technical Center, they like the Associate's Degree opportunities through Glenville State, and feel the 7 period day is going well. Students felt needs include more school spirit weeks throughout the year, they would like the light purple paint throughout the building repainted with the dark purple recently painted in the gymnasium, a rug needs placed at the door near the Art room, the gymnasium floors need worked on and they would like a Maverick statute in front of the school. The students felt the biggest weakness is the vast increase of teenage use of e-cigarettes or vapes. A discussion was held around ways to tackle the vapes issue. Mrs. Basile feels it was a good meeting, and commends the students for facilitating changes for the student body.
- c. Mrs. Basile announced the number of JMHS Promise Scholarship eligible students has increased with the most recent ACT test. There are now 23 students eligible and it is expected that this number will grow as students test throughout the year.
- d. The University of Charleston met at JMHS with Mr. McPherson recently in hopes that they may offer dual enrollment courses to students. An agreement should be available soon for board consideration of the collaboration.
- e. Mrs. Basile shared that WVDE representatives have requested to attend the January 15, 2019, board meeting for a presentation to JMHS for exceeding standards on the Graduation Rate and Post-Secondary Achievement for the new Balanced Scorecard Accountability System.
- f. Mrs. Basile commended the mechanics for 100% passage of bus inspections held today.
- g. Mrs. Basile discussed an Academic Readiness Report recently presented to the Legislative Oversight Commission on Education Accountability. This report showed the average ACT scores for each county for WV. Monroe's composite score is 21.3, higher than many surrounding counties including Greenbrier, Pocahontas, Webster, Fayette, Summers, Mercer, Raleigh, Wyoming, McDowell, and many other counties across the state. Monongalia County had the highest composite scores at an average of 23.6. The report also listed the percent of students requiring remediation in college for English and Math. Monroe has 8.5% of students needing English remediation, much lower than many counties across the state and surrounding counties including

Greenbrier, Pocahontas, Webster, Nicholas, Fayette, Summers, Raleigh, Mercer, Wyoming, McDowell, Kanawha, and many others. Twenty-one percent of students from Monroe need math remediation, lower than Greenbrier, Pocahontas, Nicholas, Fayette, Summers, Raleigh, Mercer, Wyoming McDowell, Boone, Kanawha, and many others. Monongalia County had the fewest requiring remediation at 2.9%. Mrs. Basile stated that while Monroe County is not where they would like to be, students are scoring higher and requiring fewer remediation courses than surrounding counties.

VIII. Treasurer's Report

- a. Mr. Berry presented year to date revenue and expenses, stating he sees nothing to worry about at this point in the year. The county is financially where he would expect us to be. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to approve the report and the vote to approve was unanimous.

IX. Consent Items

- a. Mr. Fraley made the motion to approve the Consent Items with the exceptions noted above. The vote to approve was unanimous.
- b. Mrs. Sabol recused herself from the room prior to action on check number 84255. Mrs. Wallace made the motion to approve this check and the vote to approve was unanimous. Mrs. Sabol returned to the room.
- c. Other Consent Items approved were Minutes from December 6, 2018, Payment of Bills, and Transfers and Supplements.

X. Student Expulsion Hearing

- a. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to enter Executive Session under the guidelines of 6-9A-4 at 6:46 p.m. The vote to approve was unanimous.
- b. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to return to Regular Session at 7:34 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.

XI. New Business

- a. Mrs. Basile spoke about the School Board Association DVD for a required two hour training. The fee for keeping the DVD is \$250. Boards are required to have the training and can apply for 2 hours of training credit through the School Board Association. Mr. Wickline asked if the Board Members would rather watch the video individually or as a collective group, in a work session type meeting. Mrs. Sabol made the motion that the matter be tabled with no action at this time, and the vote to approve was unanimous.

b. Mrs. Basile spoke about the upcoming Excess Levy, sharing facts and figures from the current levy. The Board reviewed a timeline for when the levy call would need to be approved and possible dates of the election. Mrs. Sabol made the motion that Mrs. Basile schedule a meeting with the county commission as soon as possible to discuss the PRO positions and costs. The vote to approve was unanimous.

c. Chris Booth, JMHS football coach, spoke about the condition of weight room equipment. He stated that the equipment at PMS is in better condition than at JMHS and the equipment at JMHS does not meet the needs of students. He is currently ordering new equipment and asking the board to lend \$10,000 to the program. He is planning fundraisers of selling signs to businesses, a golf tournament, hot dog dinner, flag football tournament, bake sales, donations from businesses, etc. JMHS students are currently using the equipment at PMS. He expects to have the requested loan repaid by May, 2019. After repayment, and by next school year he hopes to order more equipment. He plans to donate the present equipment at JMHS to MVS to help build their program. His goal is to have the new equipment in the weight room by mid-January. Mr. Wickline asked if he will need bids for the equipment and Mrs. Basile stated bids are required due to the cost.

d. The board asked for two additional bids for the next meeting. Mr. Fraley made the motion to approve the \$10,000 loan request, pending two more estimates. The motion to approve was unanimous.

e. Mrs. Mann spoke about safety needs with door access cards. The systems are outdated and often do not work at all. This is a safety concern for the students. Mrs. Tuggle had previously reported concerns to Mrs. Mann with Electronic Specialty Company. She recommended Cox Security for the winning bid, based on information received from Mercer County. Bids received ranged from \$62,998.96, to \$60,126.00, to \$36,776, to \$21,562. Because the county has had problems with Electronics Specialty, according to Mrs. Tuggle, Mrs. Basile recommended approval of the bid from Cox Security in the amount of \$36,776. Mr. Fraley made the motion to approve and the vote to approve was unanimous. Mrs. Mann stated the county will take the new entry system to the new school for Peterstown.

f. Mr. Lively noted that it is important to continue safety efforts for PES and PMS.

XII. Personnel Items

a. Mr. Wickline asked for a motion to approve the Personnel List, with the exceptions noted above. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to approve with the exception of Hires numbers 1 and 10. The vote to approve was unanimous.

b. Mr. Wickline recused himself for personal reasons from the meeting. Mr. Fraley asked for a motion for Hires 1 and 10. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to approve Hires numbers 1 and 10, Leah W. Williams as HS/Bus Aide/ECCAT at PES, effective January 2, 2019; and Pamela Wickline as After School Early Literacy/Math Tutor at

MVS. The vote to approve was unanimous. Mr. Wickline return to the room.

- c. Other Personnel Items included Hires of Kimberly Lane, Leah G. Lewis, and Kerrie Davis as Substitute Aides; Crystal Davy as a Substitute Cook and Substitute Secretary; Rebecca Taylor as a Substitute Aide; Ashley Neill as a Substitute Aide and Substitute Teacher; J. Darrel Hazelwood and Cassandra Bailey as After School Early Literacy/Math Tutors for MVS; S. Kay Diem as Extended Day STEM Tutor for MVS; Patrick Boone as Extended Day STEM Tutor for JMHS; and Sherry L. Fowler as After School Early Literacy/Math Tutor for PES.
- d. Resignations were approved from Mallena Hefner as Substitute Aide, Substitute Cook, and Substitute Custodian; and Kayla Bradley as a Substitute Teacher. Removed from the Substitute List were Judy C. Humphreys as a Substitute Cook and Barbara Wyrick as a Substitute Teacher. One Volunteer approved was Stephanie Skelly.

XIII. Discussion Items

- a. Mr. Fraley noted that he had asked for the MVS basketball playground to be placed on the agenda as a Discussion Item. Mr. Wickline stated that since the Board is allotting one million to build a school at Peterstown that we should fund additional items for other schools. He suggests that the board consider paying the rest of the funds the basketball court is needing, estimated at approximately \$10,000. He suggests that the item be placed on the next board agenda, with Mrs. Dunlap presenting information. Mrs. Sabol asked if the fencing could be paid by Safety funds. Mrs. Basile stated that the camera and door card update may deplete the line item, but this could be checked on once those systems are taken care of.
- b. Mrs. Wallace stated that she would like to see one more special education teacher position at MVS. She stated she is calling for at least one more position, feeling it is needed. Mrs. Basile noted that we must follow the state and federal law in placing students in the least restrictive environment.
- c. Mrs. Wallace also stated that since the MVS Librarian covers ½ time TIS duties, she would like to see an additional hire there since the TIS at PES is full time. Mrs. Basile stated that the TIS position at PES is only half time, sharing with half time at PMS; with every school only having a half time position, with the exception of JMHS, who currently does not have a TIS, although this position is posted.
- d. Mr. Wickline asked about a STEM bus, saying he had heard about one at a WV School Board meeting. He heard that they serve food, have libraries, etc. He would support this for Monroe County and encouraged Mrs. Basile to continue in her pursuit on this initiative.
- e. Mr. Wickline stated that he and Mr. Fraley had met privately with Gibbs Kinderman who would like the JMHS/MCTC radio station to become the Voice of Monroe instead

of the Voice of the Mavericks. Mr. Kinderman suggested weekly live show, interviews of candidates for office, and other ideas.

- f. Mr. Wickline suggested that the Public Service District for the new Peterstown School be contacted to ask if they would be interested in extending sewage service to the school. Mrs. Basile stated they had met previously with the PSD and also had an engineering firm provide a cost estimate to run public sewage to the school. She stated she will be happy to reach out to them again.

XIV. Public Comments

- a. None

XV. Adjournment

- a. Mr. Fraley made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:56 p.m. The vote to approve was unanimous.



President



Secretary