

Monroe County Board of Education

Regular Meeting

February 5, 2019

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 Item h under New Business should be removed from the agenda. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to approve the agenda with the adjustment and the vote to approve was unanimous.

IV. Public Comments

- a None.

V. Board Resolution Opposing Senate Bill 451

- a. Mrs. Basile read the proposed resolution and spoke in support of it. Mr. Lively asked if the resolution would be published in the newspaper and sent to Charleston. Mr. Fraley asked if other boards were acting in a similar fashion. Mrs. Basile responded yes to both questions. Mr. Wickline noted that he does not want to vote for Swope Construction to build anything in Monroe County, owned by Senator Swope, who voted against children by voting for Senate Bill 451. Mrs. Wallace asked if anyone wanted to join her in speaking to legislators. Mr. Wickline responded that he understood different results were expected from the House of Delegates. Mr. Fraley made the motion to approve the Resolution Opposing Senate Bill 451. The vote to approve was unanimous. Mrs. Wallace noted that there is a lot of good coming from the schools across the state.

VI. Presentations

- a. Ted Shriver presented information and welcomed discussion of the new Peterstown PK-8 School. The kickoff meeting was held on January 23 with 48 representatives. All classifications of personnel were represented with teachers, students, community members., the Monroe Health Center, fire, police, etc., attending. He stated that each

school is different and needs to meet the needs of students and the community. Mr. Shriver explained the process and gave homework soliciting feedback. The group has already toured nine schools and will see five more. The tours have covered over 700,000 square feet. We are looking for the “wow” factor to help decide what the new school needs, with discussions about tile, walls, and other things. We have planned small breakout sessions to design the building around the curriculum. This should drive the design of the building. Planning should be complete by mid-April. Mr. Shriver asked for questions from the board. Mrs. Wallace asked if they had seen the wow factor. Mr. Shriver noted that Monroe County already has one to one technology and are more advanced than other counties. He sees this as West Virginia doing more with less funding.

VII. Policies and Procedures

- a. Mrs. Basile recommended approval of the first reading of the revised policy for Advanced Placement into Kindergarten. Mrs. Wallace noted that the policy is vague and does not give enough information. She also noted that the Board of Education does not give the test, rather it is given by employees. She stated that Kindergarten classes are already crowded. Mr. Lively shared that the thirty-day comment period allows for input. Mr. Wickline asked that the policy be sent to Kindergarten teachers for their input. Mr. Lively made the motion to approve the first reading and the vote to approve was unanimous.

VIII. JMHS Student Government Report

- a. Channing Carr informed the board that the mentorship program should begin by the end of February. He will send the rules to Mrs. Basile to share with the board. He is getting updates on the constitution and voter registration.
- b. Mr. Carr asked if other student government representatives might report to the board since he will be involved in athletics within the next few months.

IX. Superintendent's Report

- a. Mrs. Basile and Mr. McPherson recognized Employees of the Month for September, October, and November. Those present for September were Melissa Griffith and Amanda Hill. Those not present were Marvin Dixon, Jessica Bostic, Donna Galford, Angela Parker, and Karen Gore. Those present for October were Autumn Dunbar, Debbie Crislip, Todd Longanacre, Rebecca Wikle, Vickie Reed, Sarah Worth, Cassie Miller, Sherry Fowler, Linda Terry, Linda Coffman-Bennett, and Naomi Walker. Those present for November were Meagan Jones and Frank Houck. Those not present were Josh Hitt, Pat Boone, Kay Diem, Erica Smith and Malory McPherson. Photos were taken.
- b. Mrs. Basile told the board the school tour group had seen a lot of great ideas and they hope these ideas can be incorporated into the new school. She noted that different

locations had dry wall and the group was informed that it was not a good choice. A lot of work is ahead, but the group is off to a great start.

- c. Mrs. Basile shared with the board that there are community concerns with the plans the Monroe Health Center has for the new school which include a community clinic. Mrs. Basile has spoken with Mr. Nelson who assured her that medicines would be secure. She stated much more information is needed prior to any action by the board. However, this would need to be decided soon. Mr. Wickline asked about the space that would be needed and safety concerns. They discussed other clinics having a separate building or separate entrance.
- d. Mrs. Basile announced that the School Building Authority is changing the manner in which they transfer funds to counties. Tim Berry and Mrs. Basile have a conference call scheduled for Thursday.
- e. Mrs. Basile shared that Janet Jennings had been contacted by local media following a post on the county Facebook page about the fresh salads being prepared at JMHS. The post reached more than 83,000 viewers. Mrs. Basile thanked Mrs. Ferguson and Ms. Jennings for making this new initiative possible for students. She will share with the board when the news release is set to air.
- f. Chris Booth has a JMHS trailer loaded with weight lifting equipment waiting at MVS to be unloaded. A second load will be delivered after the first round of equipment is unloaded.
- g. Mrs. Basile announced that the second annual Superintendent's Art Show will be held March 19 through April 2. Ten entries will be shown from each elementary, middle and high school. The Monroe Arts Alliance is being asked to judge the show with awards being presented on April 2 prior to the board meeting. March is Art Appreciation Month.
- h. Mrs. Basile shared that WVDE employee Amy Willard will come to the board office for training on either March 26 or 28. Mrs. Basile will inquire how many hours of training will be credited to Board Members from the School Boards Association.

X. Consent Items

- a. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to approve the Consent Items as listed. The vote to approve was unanimous.
- b. Consent Items approved were Minutes from January 15, 2019, and January 22, 2019; Payment of Bills; and Transfers and Supplements.

XI. Old Business

Mr. Wickline asked for a motion to Rescind the previous snow plow bid approval made on January 15, 2019. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to approve and the vote to approve was unanimous.

- b. Mr. Lively made the motion to approve the snow plow bid from Baker Truck Equipment in the amount of \$5772 plus installation of \$450. This plow will not void the

warranty as it has not caused any problems to other trucks across the state in which the same plow has been placed.

XII. New Business

- a. Mrs. Basile recommended the bid for Technology Service Hours from Trinity 3 Technology in the amount of \$18,720, for the remainder of the current school year. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to approve and the vote to approve was unanimous.
- b. Tricia King presented the budgets for the Educator's Rising trip to the state competition at Canaan Valley. State officer expenses are paid by the state. Students attending March 17-19 are Channing Carr, Chance Smith and Colten Waldron. MCTC asks approval for \$860 from state and national competition funds from the levy.

Six additional students will compete March 18-20. This cost is \$2490. Mrs. King asks that this amount be paid from state and national competition funds.

Mrs. Basile recommended approval of both costs from the excess levy. Mrs. Wallace made the motion to approve and the vote to approve was unanimous.

- c. Mrs. Basile recommended changing the June 18, 2019, meeting location from the Greenville Community Center to the Greenville Senior Center due to the community center having closed. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to approve and the vote to approve was unanimous.
- d. Mr. Wickline asked for a motion to approve the Student Transfer Request for Ratliff. Mr. Fraley made the motion to approve and the vote to approve was unanimous.
- e. Mrs. Basile recommended approval of the JMHS Student Walker's request to attend New River Community College each Friday. Mr. Lively made the motion to approve and the vote to approve was unanimous.
- f. Mrs. Basile recommended approval of the Head Start/Early Head Start Out of State Travel Request for three employees to Maryland. Mr. Fraley made the motion to approve and the vote to approve was unanimous.
- g. Tricia King spoke about the MCTC Proposal and Agreement for Diversified Cooperative Learning Experience. She has overseen the co-op for the past 14 years. Changes to the Agreement are what qualify the student to remain in the program. Mr. Lively made the motion to approve the changes and the vote to approve was unanimous. The changes will take place with the 2019-2020 school year.
- h. School Building Authority Needs Grant Agreement was removed from the agenda and will be placed on the next agenda.

XIII. Personnel Items

- a. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to enter Executive Session at 7:25 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 7:56 p.m. The vote to approve was unanimous.
- c. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to approve the Personnel List as written and the vote to approve was unanimous.
- d. Personnel Items included Hires of Chad C. Parker as Head Softball Coach for MVS; Crystal R. Davy as a Substitute Aide; Wayne Spangler and Susan McGlothlin as Substitute After School Tutors for PES; Lisa D. Arthur as Substitute After School Tutor for MVS; Sreenaiah Nakka as Substitute After School Tutor for all schools; Johnna Dunbar as Speech Language Pathologist for MVS; Pamela G. Echols as Speech Language Pathologist Supervisor for MVS; Jennifer S. Persinger as Battle of the Books Coordinator; and Vanedra L. Mustain as PreSchool/Bus Aide/ECCAT for the remainder of 2018-2019 for MVS.
- e. A resignation was accepted from Amber Cozort as a Substitute LPN. A Retirement was approved for Linda Coffman-Bennett, Social Studies Teacher for PMS, effective June 30, 2019. Amy J. Young was granted a Leave of Absence.

XIV. Discussion Items

- a. Mr. Lively asked if anyone had thought about putting a sign at the new Peterstown School site. The sign might read "Future Site of Peterstown School."
- b. Mr. Lively questioned having ball practice on days schools were closed due to cold weather. He said parents had complained about being asked to go out in the cold temperatures, even though coaches might say practice is optional. Mrs. Basile responded that the school could decide to have practice. School is cancelled because some students do not have coats and brake lines on buses might freeze. Mr. Lively also spoke about little league teams practicing on days school is closed. Mr. Wickline spoke about the length of time one bus might take to replace a bus with frozen lines. Students might remain on a cold bus for an extended period of time. The school board has no authority over Little League, other than allowing them to use the facilities. If sidewalks and parking lots are not clear, the school does not allow practice.
- c. Mrs. Sabol informed the group that the JROTC is selling chocolate covered strawberries as a fundraiser for their trip to France. This will be the 75th anniversary of D-Day, and a great opportunity for students.
- d. Mr. Wickline asked about the state board policy about charter buses used for school trips. Mrs. Basile stated that the policy contradicts itself, one place the

policy reads that if nine or more are traveling, a school bus must be taken. Another place in the policy says that a charter bus may be used if all passengers fit onto one bus. The FFA group will be taking a charter bus on their trip to Kentucky.

- e. Mrs. Wallace noted that the Union United Methodist Church will be collecting personal hygiene items for MVS students. She welcomes donations from anyone.

XV. Public Comments

- a. None.

XVI. Adjournment

- a. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 p.m. The vote to approve was unanimous.



President



Secretary

Monroe County Board of Education Resolution in Opposition of Senate
Bill 451

Whereas the Monroe County Board of Education strongly supports public school educators and service personnel who provide a system of free appropriate public education;

Whereas the Monroe County Board of Education acknowledge that County Boards of Education budgets are already severely strained due to previous cuts made to appropriations to the school aid formula; and

Whereas a bill has been originated by the Senate Education Committee which proposes certain reforms to public education in West Virginia (Senate Bill 451);

Whereas the legislature has a duty to provide a thorough and efficient system of free schools in the State of West Virginia and the Board of Education has been delegated such duty for Monroe County, West Virginia; and

Whereas to the extent reform to West Virginia's public education system is needed, such reform should have the goal of increasing student achievement for all children, including the most disadvantaged children that do not have the resources, parental guidance and general support to succeed in our current system; and

Whereas the opioid problem has additionally put a strain on our educational system that has furthered the difficulty in educating our most disadvantaged children due to the increase in number and magnitude of behavioral issues in children; and

Whereas research and experience across the country have shown that implementation of certain aspects of the bill has a high likelihood of adversely affecting the education of the most disadvantaged children in our system; and

Whereas the future of our county, state, and country depends upon providing quality education to all of our students.

Whereas certain provisions of the current proposed Senate Bill 451 are detrimental to our public schools and the ability of the Monroe County Board of Education to provide a thorough and efficient system for all students in Monroe County; and

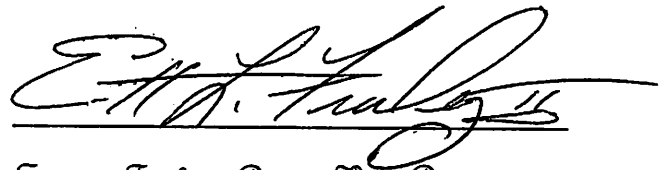
Therefore, Be It Resolved That: The Monroe County Board of Education opposes any and all efforts to use public funds for education reform or make any changes that do not lead to higher student achievement for all students, including the most disadvantaged students; and

Be It Further Resolved That: taxation and policy decisions which result in reduced revenues for public education and/or have a negative impact on our students and families must be avoided.

Signed this 5th day of February, 2019.



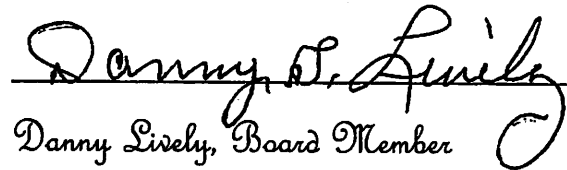
R. Keith Wickline, Board President



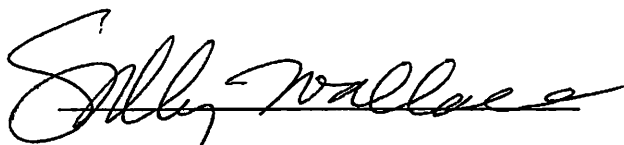
Everett Fraley, Board Vice-President



Candace Sabol, Board Member



Danny Lively, Board Member



Sally Wallace, Board Member