

# **Monroe County Board of Education**

## **Regular Meeting**

**February 19, 2019**

### **Peterstown Middle School**

#### **I. Roll Call**

- a. Mr. Wickline called the meeting to order at 6:02 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 announced that check numbers 84454 and 84463 should be voted separate. Mrs. Basile noted that Item VI, JMHS Student Government Report, 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 None.

#### **V. Presentations**

- a. Ted Shriver, Architect for the New Peterstown PreK-8 School, spoke about having toured a total of fourteen schools, saying that a lot of good and bad had been viewed. The planning committee recently met with much discussion about the design, speaking about pods of classrooms, the wish list, what will work, and what will not. A request for 3000 square feet has been requested from the Monroe Health Center. SBA funding cannot be used for this space. The next committee meeting will be on March 6 with the schematic plan to be presented to the board on April 3. Mr. Lively asked if money might be available from the MHC to fund the space they are requesting. Mrs. Basile shared that normal space for a center would be 300 square feet. Mr. Wickline asked the cost of a safe school entrance. Mr. Shriver will look at some estimates. Mr. Wickline asked that the MHC matter be placed on the next agenda.
- b. Mr. Shriver moved on to speak about Item XII b. speaking about the planned entrance redesign for JMHS. The plan is to divide the vestibule making a safe entry. Mr. Lively asked about placement of staff, such as a clerk, at the entrance to the new

school. Mrs. Wallace noted that MVS would also need a clerk at the entrance. Mrs. Basile noted that it would be a scheduling matter for principals, not a new hire position. Mr. Wickline asked for an explanation of the elementary recreation space. Mr. Shriver stated that the SBA calls it a Physical Education classroom, although it is not a classroom. It is a large space, but not the size of a SSAC full size gym. There is no seating, but it does have backboards and plenty of room to have physical education activities.

c. Leslie Ferguson, principal, spoke to the board saying that several things had been planned by students, but with the work stoppage, not all students were in attendance. Amberly Shortridge spoke about the Empowerment Academy and gave a Who Am I presentation. Isabella Campos and Izayah Belcher spoke about the Heritage Project such as dining in the county at Pickaway Pickins and a Mexican restaurant as well as others. Students participated in Paint Night, Hearts and Flowers, and Dollar General Store. These businesses provided information to students for the project. The students created brochures, commercials, websites, etc. and presented the commercial to their class. Students were surprised about the number of businesses in Monroe County. Students presented information related to the website which their group created. Students keep journals on work completed each day. Students like hands' on learning. Mrs. Ferguson stated that teachers have worked really hard and this provides cross-curricular learning opportunities. Mr. Wickline thanked the students.

Mrs. Ferguson presented an executive summary to the board. She stated the LSIC Committee met with students for their feedback for what was needed at the school. The budget was adjusted to reflect these needs. Test scores showed that math students met their target. The others were partially met; attendance did not meet standards. The school has begun tutoring in small groups to help move students to the next level. Goals are to raise 5% in proficiency in ELA and Math and to implement the Empowerment Academy. Mrs. Ferguson praised Tami Brown for serving lunch and giving guidance lessons during lunch to students on the stage. The band and art classes are doing great things with the students. The volleyball team did well. She requested professional development for the PMS and PES staff prior to the new school opening. Mrs. Ferguson thanked the board for the Prevention Resource Officer.

## VI. JMHS Student Government Report

- a. This item was removed from the Agenda.

## VII. Superintendent's Report

- a. Mrs. Basile along with Mr. McPherson, presented certificates to PMS Employees of the Month for September to Karen Gore and Angela Parker. Teachers receiving certificates for last year's test scores were Kayla Bradley and Angela Parker. Mrs. Bradley and Mrs. Parker's classes summative assessment scores were above the state average. Mrs. Ferguson was presented a certificate from WVDE for reaching PMS' target for Math scores on summative assessment.

- b. Mrs. Basile briefly touched on the new school plan and presented to the board a pencil schematic space request from the Monroe Health Center.
- c. She presented pictures of the redesign for the JMHS entryway, also showing additional light poles in the parking area. The intercom system will be replaced and the masonry blocks are to be cleaned and sealed.
- d. Mrs. Basile shared a flyer for the March 1 True Lies training for parents from 6-8 pm at JMHS. She hopes to have a large turnout of parents, inviting anyone interested in attending.
- e. Mrs. Basile announced that March 4 through March 8 is National School Breakfast Week. Ms. Jennings has sent letters inviting community members to have breakfast at their local school. The board is also invited to share breakfast. An onsite Child Nutrition Monitoring will take place sometime during the month of March.
- f. JMHS student, Brooklyn Terry, has been chosen to sing the National Anthem at the state HOSA meeting to be held at Marshall University. Students auditioned by video with Brooklyn being chosen from those across the state. Mrs. Basile congratulated her and noted she is very proud. The selection is an honor for Brooklyn, JMHS and MCTC, as well as for Monroe County.
- g. Mrs. Basile informed the board that the JMHS girls' basketball team will play in the sectional tournament and wished them good luck.
- h. An Oral Disease Prevention Grant in the amount of \$15,000 has been received in conjunction with Dr. Kilcollin's Dental Office to provide in-school dental services over the next two years. This grant will help fund the services being provided at the schools.
- i. Attending a principal's meeting was an FMRS employee offering training to county employees and offering therapy services to parents in order to curb behaviors. Grant money may be available to the FMRS to provide these services to Monroe County students.
- j. Mrs. Basile spoke briefly about the work stoppage. Mr. Wickline noted that the pay raise may be a separate bill.

#### VIII. Treasurer's Report

- a. Mr. Berry presented the Treasurer's Report showing year to date revenue and expenses. Mrs. Wallace made the motion to approve 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. Consent Items approved were Minutes from January 3, 2019, and February 5, 2019; Payment of Bills; and Transfers and Supplements.
- c. Mr. Lively recused himself prior to this action due to these checks being for a

personal reimbursement and a family reimbursement. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to approve check numbers 84454 and 84463. The vote to approve was unanimous. Mr. Lively returned to the room.

#### X. Old Business

- a. Mrs. Basile shared information about the School Construction Fund "Needs" Grant Contact, and recommended approval. Mr. Lively made the motion to approve and the vote to approve was unanimous.

#### XI. New Business

- a. Mrs. Basile recommended retroactive approval of the Out of State Travel Request for the JMHS Basketball Team. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to approve and the vote to approve was unanimous.
- b. Misty Nelson presented information on the Math4Life initiative. She stated that WVDE has awarded a \$10,000 grant to increase math proficiency. All county math teachers have met. MCTC teachers spoke about areas where their students struggle. Math4Life is a five-year plan and will include teacher representatives from each school, community members, board representative, parents, etc. WVDE has requested that March be kick off month. The Cadre has worked on the standards that must be met to be successful for each school year. Data Talks are helpful. WVDE has offered resources such as a math walk-through template for principals to use to help them to know what they should see as they complete walk-throughs in math classes. Mrs. Sabol volunteered for the representative position. Mr. Lively made the motion to approve Mrs. Sabol as the Math4Life representative and the vote to approve was unanimous.
- c. Mrs. Basile recommended adding more JMHS student representatives to the board, specifically the senior class president and vice president. Mr. Fraley made the motion to approve and the vote to approve was unanimous.
- d. Mrs. Basile recommended dates for the calendar hearings of March 19, 2019, and April 2, 2019. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to approve and the vote to approve was unanimous.
- e. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to have training from WVDE on the School Funding Formula and School Board Association DVD on Thursday, March 28, 2019, 5:00 p.m. at the Board of Education office. The vote to approve was unanimous.
- f. Mrs. Basile recommended approval of an advisory contract for Jeff Brewer as Facilities Consultant Services. He is retired from Wyoming County as their Facilities Director and has vast knowledge of school buildings, having been involved in constructing five new schools. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to approve and the vote to approve was unanimous.

- g. Mrs. Basile recommended approval of Out of State Travel for Allison St. Clair with Head Start/Early Head Start. Mr. Lively made the motion to approve and the vote to approve was unanimous.

## XII. Discussion/Action

- a. Mrs. Basile shared amounts from the County Commission for the Prevention Resource Officer for the coming levy. The county commission is requesting an additional \$50,000 for equipment, etc. She also shared a revised list of equipment in the amount of \$198,000 from an earlier year. Mrs. Basile has concerns of paying again for equipment that has already been purchased. Mr. Lively made the motion that Mrs. Basile prepare paperwork for the commission to show current salaries plus a raise, plus another 5 percent for equipment. The vote to approve was unanimous.
- b. Mr. McPherson spoke to the board about the Comprehensive Educational Facilities Plan. On the basis of prior satisfactory performance, Mr. McPherson recommended hiring the architectural firm of Williamson Shriver for the current plan. Mrs. Wallace made the motion to approve and the vote to approve was unanimous.

## XIII. Board Consideration for Student Placement Following Disciplinary Action.

- a. Mr. Lively made the motion to enter Executive Session under the guidelines of 6-9A-4 at 8:04 p.m. The vote to approve was unanimous. Mr. Wickline recused himself from the session.
- b. Mr. Lively made the motion to return to Regular Session at 9:03 p.m. The vote to approve was unanimous. Mr. Wickline returned to the meeting.
- c. The Board voted in executive session to allow a student to return to regular school from alternative school.

## XIV. Personnel Items

- a. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to approve the Personnel List as written and the vote to approve was unanimous.
- b. Personnel Items included Hires of Woody Waldron as a Substitute Bus Operator, Catherine I. Neel as a Substitute Aide; Brian E. Young as a Substitute Teacher; Kagney Shockley as a Substitute Aide; Cynthia Deskins as EHS/HS/PreK Family Services Manager; Melanie Thomas Baker as After School English Learner Tutor for MVS; April Broyles as Special Education/Bus Aide/Autism for PES; Kayla L. Bradley and Bobby Wickline as \$1 Assistant Softball Coaches for JMHS.
- c. A Resignation was accepted for Kelsey Walker as Extended Day ELA/Math Tutor for PMS. Regina Daniels was removed as a Substitute Cook. Volunteers approved were Jennifer Cameron, Mabel S. Longanacre, Zachary D. Taylor, Linda Terry; David Weikle, and Kathy A. Wiley.

XV. Clerk of the Works

- a. Mrs. Basile recommended the hire of Larry P. Mann as the JMHS Clerk of the Works. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to approve and the vote to approve was unanimous. The majority of the work will be performed during the summer months.
- b. Mr. Lively made the motion to approve the Contract for Mr. Mann as Clerk of the Works. The vote to approve was unanimous.

XVI. Discussion Items

- a. Mrs. Wallace shared that she had spoken to a principal of a school in Covington, Virginia. This school serves autistic children and those with behavior disorders. The school uses Applied Behavior Analysis. She stated that if we want to help our autistic children, then maybe we can implement what they have in Virginia. She suggested space at the new school for this purpose. Mrs. Wallace will visit some of these schools. She stated that we need to help students and get specialized help for students.
- b. Mr. Fraley suggested the county do more next year in celebration of Black History Month, perhaps a guest speaker or other large event.
- c. Mr. Fraley would like additional information about the grant we had received in the past for robotics.

XVII. Public Comments

- a. None.

XVIII. Adjournment

- a. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:17 p.m. The vote to approve was unanimous.



President



Secretary