

Monroe County Board of Education

Regular Meeting

March 19, 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, and Sally Wallace. Candy Sabol attended via telephone.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

- a. The JROTC presented the colors and led the pledge.

III. Approval of Agenda/Adjustments

- a. Mr. Wickline announced that Item XIII should be removed from the agenda, and that check numbers 84574 and 84595 should be voted separate. Mr. Fraley 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. Susan Weikle and Trina Shoda presented the JMHS LSIC Executive Summary for 2018-2019. Schools goals are to increase Promise Scholarship eligibility at or above 12% for each graduating class and to strive for at least a 2% increase in SAT scores. Areas in which JMHS would like the board to assist are to continue the Online Facilitator position; continue the after school tutoring program; and continue support of field trips, club activities, and sports to encourage attendance. Some successes noted by Mrs. Weikle are National Honor Society; work by the campus beautification committee, student food bags for weekends, nursing home visits with craft activities; helping to unload the food pantry truck, an animal shelter auction, and hosting bullying prevention programs. Nearly 100 students have been inducted into the National Honor Society. The Grad 20/20 program helps to ensure that all students graduate from high school being college or career ready, with a graduation rate of 95% and an attendance

rate of 91%, as well as providing tee shirts for ninth grade students. The Freshman Academy uses teacher initiative to motivate and encourage students to be successful and complete assignments.

Model UN representative, Ian Jackson, spoke about their program. The students took a trip this fall to Atlanta to visit Georgia Tech University. While there, they debated global issues. They are planning a JMHS Model UN activity to include middle school students and are working to build the program

Katelyn Roberts, President of the Senate for the state and President of JMHS YLA, spoke about service projects at the Youth and Government Seminars which include students who write their own bills. Committees choose which bills are selected to represent the school in Charleston in April. The state governor, Brady Davis, is a JMHS student. Last school year JMHS held seven of eight state elected offices. JMHS is leading the way in showing others how to get involved in making change in West Virginia.

Mrs. Weikle reminded the board that JMHS was honored for their four year graduation rate. She informed the board that they currently have 27 students eligible for the Promise Scholarship and that JMHS follows Policy 4373. She noted that JMHS is recognizing students at academic pep rallies for being on the honor roll and having good attendance. Mrs. Weikle spoke about the LSIC budget.

Alyssa Brookman spoke regarding successes of the Concert and Marching Bands. The band has participated in four marching band competitions in addition to participating at all home and away football games. The band placed in second and third place in the competitions in which they participated this year. The concert band participated in three honor band competitions. Students are chosen to participate in honor band. Students have placed at gold and silver levels in their competitions, with gold being the highest level attainable. The band members hope that others recognize the work the band is doing and awards the band is receiving and hope that more students will want to join the band and thus increase participation.

Mr. Wickline thanked JMHS for the wonderful meal and their presentations.

- b. Stormy Thorne, spoke about the Education First Tour and presented information regarding a proposed field trip abroad to the British Isles in July, 2020. The ten-day tour would begin July 13, 2020. The cost for students would be \$4,183. Mrs. Thorne would like to help students fundraise for the trip; the tour company does allow parents to make payments. The trip will be to Dublin, Belfast, Edinburgh, London, and Paris. High School students, teachers and parents are eligible to attend.
- c. Johnathan McPherson presented the 2019 - 2020 calendar options created by the calendar committee. Both options begin and end on the same day, with students starting August 22, while employees begin on August 19, two

professional learning days would be held on September 3 and 4, following Labor Day which would provide a longer break for students. Option 1 has the full Thanksgiving week off and two full weeks off for Christmas which would include two OSE days. If inclement weather occurred prior to Christmas break, the OSE days would become instructional days. Option 1 does not have the full spring break week off. Option 2 does not have the full week of Thanksgiving off and Christmas break would not have OSE days for the two weeks off, those would be out of calendar days. The OSE days would be spread out in February, March, April and June. Option 2 does not have the full spring break week off either, with two OSE days on Thursday and Friday of that week. The options have been sent to employees and will also be made available for parent and students to provide input. The final calendar will come to the Board on April 15. Non-traditional instructional days (snow packet days) will be provided if voted for again for next year. Mr. Lively, noted the last day on both options looks like June 5 with early release for Faculty Senate on that day. Mr. Lively asked what the first make up day would be for snow, Mr. McPherson noted that there are five days forgiven since the instructional day was increased and those are normally used first, followed by snow packet days, then OSE days. Livegrades will be used to send the information out for parents and students to also vote on the calendar options. JMHS graduation will be May 29, 2020.

VI. Policies and Procedures

- a. Misty Nelson spoke, stating that the Advanced Placement into Kindergarten policy was originally written in 2013 and needed updated this year to meet the state requirements for birthdays and entry into kindergarten. Each county is required to develop a policy for advanced entry into kindergarten. The main changes throughout the policy were to meet the birthday requirements. The school screening assessment is given during Kiddie Fair to determine where students place. The school readiness assessment name was not listed as a specific assessment so the policy does not have to be updated each time the assessment changes. The words Monroe County Schools replaced Monroe County Board of Education for listing who will be giving the assessments. Mr. Fraley made the motion to approve the Advanced Placement into Kindergarten policy revision for final reading, placing the policy into effect. The vote to approve was unanimous.

VII. JMHS Student Government Report

- a. This item was removed from the Agenda.

VIII. Superintendent's Report

- a. Mrs. Basile presented a certificate to JMHS Principal Susan Weikle from WVDE for meeting their annual target on last spring's SAT test for Math. She congratulated the school.
- b. Mrs. Basile shared dates for educational forums planned by WVDE. She plans to attend a forum on Thursday.
- c. Mrs. Basile congratulated HOSA students for their recent wins at state competition held at Marshall University. Placing were Brooklyn Lester, third place in Dental Technology; Kendra Munsey, James Sneddon and Jacob Craft placed third in Biomedical Debate; Katie Willis, Dezi Neely and Maggie Bostic placed second in Creative Problem Solving; and Brooklyn Terry and Lexi Boggs placed second in Forensic Science, with Abby Grimmett and Reegan Sexton placing third in Forensic Science.
- d. Two History Bowl teams from each MVS and PMS participated and won at the regional competition last weekend and are eligible for the state History Bowl competition in April. Mrs. Basile congratulated these students.
- e. Mrs. Basile congratulated the JMHS, MVS, and PMS band students for placing gold and silver in recent Honor Band competition. Winning gold were Shayla Sprowls, Alyssa Brookman, Morgan Holzman, and Blake Brown; silver winners are Madelynne Harris, Matthew Counts, Alexa Weikle, Caitlin Crotty, Kassidy Bowden, and Carson Burgess.
- f. Mrs. Basile also congratulated Ms. Jennings and the Child Nutrition Department for their recent review. A few changes are being made but Mrs. Basile is pleased with the result of the review.
- g. Mrs. King asked that Mrs. Basile share invitations to the Signing Ceremony to be held this Thursday. Board members are encouraged to attend.
- h. Mrs. Basile spoke about the public service announcements that have recently aired on 106.7. She has received positive feedback and plans to continue the announcements.
- i. Mrs. Basile shared that Friday, March 22, has been converted from an OSE Day to a regular school day to make up time for the work stoppage school cancellation. The county was directed from Dr. Paine, State Superintendent, that no bank time, reimagined time, or equivalent time could be used to cover this missed day.

IX. Treasurer's Report

- a. Mr. Berry shared the report showing revenue and expenses year to date. Mr. Lively made the motion to approve the report and the vote to approve was unanimous.

X. Consent Items

- a. Mr. Fraley made the motion to approve the Consent Items with the exception of the checks noted above. The vote to approve was unanimous. Mr. Fraley made the motion to table approval of the Minutes from March 5, 2019, due to an adjustment

requested by Mrs. Wallace. The vote to approve was unanimous.

- b. Consent Items approved were Payment of Bills; Transfers and Supplements; and a MOU with WV University Cooperative Extension Service.
- c. Mr. Lively recused himself for a family reimbursement prior to this action. Mr. Fraley made the motion to approve check number 84574. The vote to approve was unanimous. Mr. Lively returned to the room.
- d. Mrs. Sabol was muted on the telephone due to check number 84595 being for her employer. Mr. Lively made the motion to approve and the vote to approve was unanimous. Mrs. Sabol returned to the meeting.

XI. Old Business

- a. Mrs. Basile shared information from the construction bids for the JMHS project. Two bids were received and both bids were over budget. Mrs. Basile recommended the board reject the bids. Mrs. Wallace mad the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous.
- b. Mrs. Basile recommended rebid of the JMHS project with some changes. Suggestions to change were to keep lights and safety film. Mr. Wickline does not want to spend money and show little improvement. The amount of carpet may be changed. Additional companies may bid with the changes. Mr. Lively made the motion to approve the rebid with all nine items listed as alternates. The vote to approve was unanimous.
- c. Mrs. Basile shared that the proposed PRO Agreement was denied by the County Commission and they are requesting an additional \$20,000 for supplies and equipment. Additional services may include any new PRO uniforms, vests, finger print kit, and first aid kit, not to exceed \$2,000. Mrs. Basile suggested that the board resubmit the previous PRO agreement with a \$2,000 additional fee (not to exceed) for equipment and supplies for any new PRO Officers. Mr. Fraley made the motion to approve and the vote to approve was unanimous.
- d. Mrs. Basile recommended rescinding of the board action from March 5, 2019, for Terradon Geotechnical Studies. Mr. Fraley made the motion to approve and the vote to approve was unanimous.
- e. Mrs. Basile recommended approval of the Revised Terradon Final Geotechnical Investigation for Peterstown K-8 School. Mr. Lively made the motion to approve and the vote to approve was unanimous.

XII. New Business

- a. Jeana Carr spoke about the Head Start/Early Head Start Cola Grant, stating that if the legislature approves salary increases, it will be difficult to meet the budget. The indirect cost rate is a little less than last year. Mr. Fraley made the motion to approve the grant. The vote to approve was unanimous.

- b. Mrs. Basile recommended approval of the Accelerated Reader Out of State Travel Request to Virginia for May 21 and 23, 2019. Mr. Lively made the motion to approve and the vote to approve was unanimous. Mrs. Wallace noted that she did not want Accelerated Reader to be used as a grade for classes.
- c. Mr. Berry spoke saying that the county assessor gives to him the Levy Rates for next year. Mr. Fraley made the motion to approve the Levy Rates. The vote to approve was unanimous. Mr. Lively made the motion to adjourn the Levy Rates portion of the meeting at 7:37 p.m. The vote to approve was unanimous. This will be reconvened at the April 16 meeting.
- d. Mr. Lively made the motion to approve the Out of Country Travel Request for Education First. Mr. Fraley abstained from the vote. The vote to approve was unanimous with Mr. Fraley abstaining.
- e. Mr. Wickline suggested the board prepare a letter stating any board concerns and what education reform they would like addressed at the WVDE Education Forum Meetings. The board will place this on the April 2 agenda for action and ask that it be sent to WVDE and legislators for the Education Betterment session. No action was taken on this item.

XIII. Board Consideration for Student Placement

- a. This item was removed from the agenda.

XIV. Personnel

- a. Mrs. Wallace made a motion to enter Executive Session under the guidelines of 6-9A-4 at 7:43 p.m. The vote to approve was unanimous.
- b. Mr. Fraley made the motion to return to Regular Session at 9:13 p.m. The vote to approve was unanimous.
- c. Mr. Fraley made the motion to approve all Personnel Items with the exception of Resignation Number 2. The vote to approve was unanimous.
- d. Mr. Lively made the motion to approve Resignation Number 2 on or before April 16, pending the hire of a replacement. The vote to approve was Lively, yes; Sabol, yes; Wallace, no; Wickline, no; Fraley, no.
- e. Mr. Lively made a second motion to approve Resignation Number 2 effective April 2. The vote to approve was Sabol, yes; Fraley, yes; Lively, yes; Wickline, no; Wallace, no. The motion carried.
- f. Other Personnel Items were Hires of Sarah B. Worth as Extended Day ELA/Math Tutor for PMS; Jennifer M. Smith as a Substitute

Aide; and Dennis M. Bare and Annette M. Yates as Substitute Custodians. Resignations were accepted for Lindsey Porterfield as a Substitute Cook and Michael J. Hines as Assistant Girls' Basketball Coach for PMS. An Extension of Maternity Leave was granted for Karsyn B. Dusold. Volunteers approved were Charlene R. Thornton and Larry W. Weikel.

XV. Discussion Items

- a. Mr. Wickline noted that any board members planning to attend the May 9 Regional Meeting should let Libby know so she can have the members registered.
- b. Mr. Wickline also informed the board that Jeff Pack and Roy Cooper would like to have a public forum at JMHS in early April to hear concerns from the educators. April 8 or 10 are potential dates for this event.
- c. Mrs. Wallace spoke about the concerns she has about students using the walking trail at MVS. She also suggested that the board host community meetings to be held in the county similar to the state forums for educational change.
- d. Mr. Wickline stated that board members should attend the meeting on April 8 or 10 to hear the concerns of the county.
- e. Mr. Fraley thanked Mr. Sams for his efforts and commitment to the county and stated that the board appreciates him and wishes him well. Mr. Lively noted that the board does not want to see him go but would like to keep him in the county.

XVI. Public Comments

- a. None.

XVII. Adjournment

- a. Mr. Fraley made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:32 p.m. The vote to approve was unanimous.



President



Secretary