

Monroe County Board of Education

Regular Meeting

August 20, 2019

Ballard Volunteer Fire Department

I. Roll Call

- a. Mr. Wickline called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Wickline expressed his appreciation to the Ballard Volunteer Fire Department for hosting the meeting.
- b. Members present in addition to Keith Wickline were Danny Lively, Candy Sabol, and Sally Wallace. Everett Fraley participated via telephone.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Approval of Agenda/Adjustments

- a. Mr. Lively noted that Consent Items d and e should be voted separate. 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. Superintendent's Report

- a. Mrs. Basile announced that Monroe County was selected as one of the counties for the WV Career Readiness initiatives. The board had discussed this opportunity a few meetings ago and she received an email confirmation last week that we were chosen to participate. The goal is to bring together private and public employers, trades, and contractors to drive career and workforce development in the area. This will bridge CTE with workforce in a stronger capacity and she is excited about this opportunity.
- b. Mrs. Basile shared that Harvard University has reached out to Mrs. Mann and Dr. Womack, inviting their Model UN organization to participate in Harvard's Model UN competition this school year. This is an outstanding accomplishment for little Monroe County to have been invited to participate in their competition

and a tribute to our students and employees.

c. Mrs. Basile informed the board that she was invited to attend a regional meeting in Lewisburg centered around bringing aerospace industry to Monroe and Greenbrier Counties. UTC/Collins is the closest supplier of aerospace parts to the Greenbrier Valley Airport. A study has been conducted of this area to determine if this is a good match for further industry and the results were that this is a great location. A task force has been formed to bring together economic development partners to market industry and school systems to develop needed CTE programs in order to graduate students with employable skills in this field. Mrs. King and Mrs. Basile will attend the task force meeting and Mrs. Basile will update the board as progress is made through this initiative. She is hopeful to develop an aerospace program at MCTC.

d. Mrs. Basile noted that opening days of school have been successful with Open House and the Freshman Orientation both being scheduled for Wednesday evening. Students will begin on Thursday and staff are looking forward to that day.

e. Mrs. Basile informed the board that as of August 19, MVS' third grade is one student under the allowable number for two teachers and fourth grade is at the allowable number for two teachers, meaning without the third class which is currently a split class, the numbers are within limits. Numbers are the same at PES where third grade is three students under the limit without the fourth class. Other classes to be watched carefully include MVS' fifth grade, which is also at the allowable number of students. The first couple weeks of school normally have several transferring in and out so we will monitor these numbers as we progress.

f. Mrs. Basile noted that the county continues to move along in the new school planning phase. We should have site preparation beginning later this fall and actual construction should begin this winter. She appreciates the input from the Ballard Fire Department and law enforcement.

g. Mrs. Basile shared that the JMHS construction project remains on track for the SBA timelines. It is a little behind where the county wanted to be now that school is starting. If approved tonight, the second island is slated for pavement over the Labor Day weekend break. Once paved, that will create additional parking spaces.

h. Mrs. Basile appreciated the mechanics, Greg Canterbury and Sonny Weikle, working on the road to the practice field and baseball field. They put down gravel and smoothed out the road. They did a very good job and she again appreciated their work.

i. Mrs. Basile shared upcoming Levy information noting that the election is Saturday, September 7, 2019, and is a renewal at the same rate. This will not increase taxes to taxpayers of the county.

j. Mrs. Basile shared information she had received from WVDE concerning two

webinars being offered to the board. If the Board members want to participate, she asked that they let her know so she can have everything set up for the webinar.

VI. Treasurer's Report

- a. Mr. Berry presented Revenue and Expenses, year to date. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to approve the report and the vote to approve was unanimous.

VII. Consent Items

- a. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to approve the Consent Items, a, b, c, and f. The vote to approve was unanimous. Consent Items were Minutes from August 6, 2019; Payment of Bills; Transfers and Supplements, and an Agreement with Patricia Beasley.
- b. Mr. Lively questioned the severability clause and asked why the agreement reads "medically underserved populations". Mr. Lively made the motion to approve Item d, the MOA for Operation of the School Wellness Centers. The vote to approve was unanimous.
- c. Mrs. Wallace stated her concern for the length of speech services. She asked if the board could contract with a hospital for services. She is concerned about speech services, and feels more could have been done to recruit a qualified individual. She does not feel she can vote for the agreement as it is written. Mr. Wickline stated this may be the only option the county has and asked if other counties are using this service. Mrs. Basile stated other counties are using the services and Mercer County is the county that informed Monroe about these services. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to approve the Contract with Integrated Speech Solutions, LLC., and the vote was Sabol, yes; Lively, yes; Fraley, yes; Wickline, yes; Wallace, no.

VIII. Old Business

- a. Mrs. Basile recommended approval of the JMHS Construction Change Directive. Changes are to repair one of the masonry walls, changing of the path through the parking lot, making a second island, and running the intercom system to some of the back MCTC buildings. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to approve and the vote to approve was unanimous.

IX. New Business

- a. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to enter Executive Session at 6:28 p.m. under the guidelines of 6-9A-4. 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 6:45 p.m. The vote to approve was unanimous.
- c. Mr. Fraley made the motion to approve the Student Transfer Request for Dolin. The vote to approve was unanimous, with Mr. Wickline abstaining.
- d. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to approve the Agreement with Cramer Security. The vote to approve was unanimous.
- e. Mr. Lively made the motion to approve the Student Leave Request for Johnson to compete in a national competition. The vote to approve was unanimous.
- f. Mrs. Wallace made the motion to approve the Student Transfer Requests for Patton and Dudley. The vote to approve was unanimous.
- g. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to approve the Student Transfer Request for Weiss. The vote to approve was unanimous.

X. Personnel Items

- a. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to approve the Personnel List as written. Items include Hires of Mark A. Blevins as Radio Sponsor for MCTC; Melissa B. Griffith as Special Education Designee for MVS; Tara Blake as Athletic Trainer for JMHS; Tami Brown as Assistant Volleyball Coach for PMS; Angela E. Mann as Principal Mentor for MVS; Terry Utterback as WHFI Ad Sales Representative for MCTC; Margaret V. Myers as Special Education Teacher for MVS; Lucy E. Taylor as Graduation 20/20 Teacher; Christina Dunlap as Spelling Bee Coordinator for MVS; Ashley H. Mann as County Spelling Bee Coordinator; Lisa D. Arthur as Yearbook Sponsor for MVS; Christina Dunlap as County Young Writers' Coordinator; and Susan J. Ryan as a Substitute Teacher.
- b. Resignations were accepted for Melissa B. Griffith as Test Coordinator for MVS; Kimberly H. Cook as Music Teacher, one half time for MVS; Kristin Laws as a Substitute Teacher; and Angela E. Mann as Assistant Principal Mentor for MVS.
- c. An Extension of a Leave of Absence was granted for Edna M. Weikle
- d. Qualifying Math and Special Education teachers were approved for a three pay step increase.

XI. Public Comments

- a. None.

XII. Discussion Items

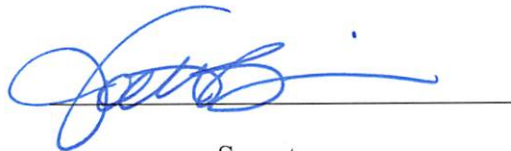
- a. Mr. Fraley asked about enrollment numbers at MVS. He also asked about the air conditioning not working in some rooms at MVS. He asked that this be checked.
- b. Mr. Lively questioned parking at JMHS and why the three pay step increase was listed on the agenda without names. Mrs. Basile stated WVDE had advised that the local Board needed to approve the pay increase and payroll is still working out those who qualify. Once that list is determined, the names will be brought back before the Board for approval. This is required for local approval to occur even though the legislature put the pay increase into state code.
- c. Ms. Wallace asked if students can be involved in Career Readiness Initiative. Mrs. Basile answered that they would be included.
- d. Mrs. Sabol again asked about the retirement of Taylor Robinson's jersey. Mr. Wickline noted that it would be on September 13.
- e. Mr. Wickline asked about the status of the radio station at MCTC. Mrs. Basile stated all documents have been filed.

XIII. Adjournment

- a. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m. The vote to approve was unanimous.



President



Secretary