

Monroe County Board of Education

Regular Meeting

January 15, 2019

Monroe County Board of Education Office

I. Roll Call

- a. Mr. Wickline called the meeting to order at 7:00 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. Check numbers 84287 and 84345 should be voted separate. Items VI, numbers 9 and 10, should be removed from the agenda. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to approve the agenda with the adjustments and the vote to approve was unanimous.

IV. Recognitions

- a. Matt Hicks, WVDE Coordinator and Tom Campbell, WV State Board Member, thanked the board for allowing them to attend the meeting to recognize JMHS. A new accountability system is in place and 51/631 schools across the state are being recognized for exceeding standards. JMHS is one of 34 high schools being recognized as a WV Distinguished School. A 97.1% graduation rate and exceeding standards on post-secondary accountability standards placed JMHS as one of three high schools in the state recognized for exceeding standards on both graduation rate and post-secondary achievement. A plaque was presented to Principal Susan Weikle and Counselor Meagan Jones and pictures were taken.
- b. Tom Campbell spoke to the board. His mother graduated from Gap Mills High School. Mr. Campbell appreciates that the board allowed him to speak. WVDE and the State board have worked to make education more local. The state finance committee has found that the state funding formula is very under formula. Two main areas under funded are counselors and facilities. The state has continued to decrease funding to public education and this has to be looked at with adjustments made. The finance committee is making recommendations to legislators to correct the funding formula.

V. Public Comments

- a. Patrick Brown presented a list of things he was working on between MCTC and the community. He wants to use student talents to give back to the community. He failed to have the carpentry class to build props for the Christmas parade but had planned to do so. He wants people to celebrate student talents. He wants to highlight JROTC and the JMHS Band. He appreciates the JROTC efforts in parking vehicles at the parade. He is proud of JMHS as well and knows the school can do anything. He provided the superintendent with a list of things he wants to do at MCTC. He also stated the 8th grade class at MVS has changed their trip location and needed the board's approval. Mrs. Basile asked who the information has been turned in to and Mr. Brown said he did not know but would find out and let Mrs. Basile know.
- b. Mr. Brown would like to start a Big Brother/Big Sister Club at JMHS. He wants the seniors to mentor 8th and 9th graders. He thinks this will help students succeed. He feels the program will get more students to attend ballgames. He also believes this will allow students to help more in the community. He feels good about himself when he is able to carry bags of goodies to the elderly. In March he wants whoever has the highest attendance rate to come to the elementary school and have an Easter egg hunt.

VI. JMHS Student Government Report

- a. This item was removed from the agenda.

VII. Superintendent's Report

- a. Mrs. Basile announced that MVS teachers who had proficiency rates for their classes from last spring scoring above the state average on Summative Assessment were invited to the meeting. Mr. McPherson assisted in recognizing these teachers. Tim Hancock was presented with a certificate and pictures were taken. Those not in attendance included Janet Jennings and Erin Dotson.
- b. Mrs. Basile informed the board that only one applicant for the Clerk of the Works position met state requirements. The SBA required that we again advertise the position in the hope of soliciting more applicants. The notice is placed in the Monroe Watchman, Register Herald, and the Bluefield Daily Telegraph. Mrs. Basile hopes to interview the last week of January or early February.
- c. Official information from the state Office of Child Nutrition is that even through the federal government is shut down, we are permitted to continue to operate and there is sufficient food for all schools until the middle of March. Mrs. Basile is hopeful that the shutdown will not last long.
- d. Mrs. Basile shared that Nellie Cottle had received two SPARK grants from the office of technology for Peterstown Schools. She congratulated her for writing and receiving these grants.

- e. JMHS has been selected as one of one hundred schools to participate in a WVDE Family Engagement Initiative. Training will be provided to schools for the enhancement of family engagement that leads to improvement in student development and academic achievement. This is a five year program in which the school will be afforded whatever support is needed to increase family engagement. Support includes parenting programs, academic support, retention and dropout prevention, financial and career planning, mentoring, etc. The school will receive \$1000 per year for participating.
- f. Mrs. Basile announced that the Calendar Committee will begin planning work next week for the 2019-2020 school year. Some versions will be developed for employees to vote. Two board meetings will have opportunity for board and community input. The board will approve the calendar, then it will be sent to the state for final approval.
- g. Mrs. Basile shared that the county is beginning the next round of ten-year facilities planning. The CEFPs are due to WVDE and the School Building Authority by August 1, 2020. Mr. McPherson will spearhead this committee for the county. The SBA has sent a timeline of events, a copy of which was shared with the board. The state will use a new process and training is forthcoming to the county. The county will begin work this spring.
- h. Mrs. Basile shared that she thought the PSD meeting went well. The PSD would like to seek grants to make sewer lines available for the new Peterstown school. Mr. Wickline noted that with a septic system, when you find something is wrong, it is too late, and he is hopeful public sewage can be extended to the site.

VIII. Treasurer's Report

- a. Mr. Berry was not in attendance so Mrs. Basile provided a copy of the Treasurer's Report. Mr. Fraley made the motion to approve and the vote to approve was unanimous.

IX. Consent Items

- a. Corrections noted for the Minutes for January 3, 2019, were that Mr. Wickline asked to remove line four under Public Comments; Mrs. Wallace asked to change special education students to "some" special education students; and to change "that Peterstown will get what they want" to read "Peterstown will get what they want for the new school", as this is what she intended to say. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to approve with the corrections and the vote to approve was unanimous.
- b. Mr. Fraley made the motion to approve the Payment of Bills and Transfers and Supplements with the exception of the two checks noted above. The vote to approve was unanimous.

- c. Mr. Lively recused himself due to check number 84284 being a personal reimbursement. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to approve and the vote to approve was unanimous.
- d. Mrs. Sabol recused herself due to check number 84345 being written to her employer. Mr. Lively made the motion to approve and the vote to approve was unanimous.

X. Old Business

- a. Christina Dunlap presented information regarding fundraising for the outdoor basketball court project at MVS. They have had several fundraisers and the community has helped tremendously. They have planned dances and a penny war. The Town of Union may provide some help. A breakdown of costs as of now includes excavation estimated at \$4,800; concrete \$14,000; cheaper goals for the court would cost \$6,500, but Mrs. Dunlap feels like she may get better ones for the ends of the court and use cheaper ones in the middle. This price could increase to \$10,500 with fencing at \$4,800. The total in the account at the school is \$23,250 and LSIC has approved \$3,100 making the funds available at \$26,350. Estimates are that the total cost of the project would be between \$30,000 and \$34,000. At this point, it looks like they would be \$4,000-\$8,000 short. Quotes for goals are through BSN. She has contacted Dick's Sporting Goods and applied for sponsorship grants and will hear back in a couple months from them. Mrs. Dunlap has also contacted MVP to request funding assistance. Mr. Wickline made the motion that the county donate \$5,000 from the general fund for the project. He wants to assist with the project. Mr. Lively asked where the funds are coming from. Mr. Wickline stated the general fund. Mr. Lively asked if the county can afford the \$5,000. Mrs. Basile stated yes, but asked the board to remember there are expensive items coming up with the new school. Mrs. Basile suggested the board consider paying up to \$5,000, so that if MVP and Dick's Sporting Goods contribute, those funds can be used, and if they need the entire \$5,000 from the county it would be available. Mr. Wickline revised his motion to provide up to \$5,000 funding toward the project. The motion was approved unanimously.
- b. Mr. Fraley made the motion to approve the Revision on Door Access Quotations for PES and the board office in the amount of \$4168. The vote to approve was unanimous.

XI. New Business

- a. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to approve the snow plow quote from Greenbrier Motors. The vote to approve was unanimous.
- b. Mrs. Basile noted that the request for the JMHS Baseball trip and funding should be revised to remove the lease of four vehicles since WVDE State Policy prevents schools from taking more than one leased vehicle on extracurricular trips. The \$1,200 in travel funds requested would be paid from the excess levy. Mr. Lively made the motion to approve the out of state travel request and

transportation funds to be paid from the excess levy, with the revision noted. The vote to approve was unanimous.

- c. Mr. Fraley recused himself from the action on the HOSA trip due to his daughter being a part of the program. Erin Sowers and Jessica Bostic presented information on the competition trip request. The total budget for the trip is estimated at \$6,420. Health Science students will compete along with Bio-Med students. Bio-med students will compete this year for the first time. This is the second year for the program. Six Bio-med students are competing. Freshmen are competing in a debate of the opioid crisis and whether police should carry Narcan. Mr. Wickline asked for a motion to approve the funding from the excess levy for state and national competitions. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to approve and the vote to approve was unanimous. Mr. Fraley returned to the room.
- d. Tricia King presented the information for Mr. Richmond's Law and Public Safety budget for the Skills USA competition at Fairmont University. The total cost for the trip is \$1,435. If students win, they will then compete at the national level. Mr. Wickline asked about Skills USA. Mrs. King stated that all CTE programs belong to Skills USA, that this particular group is for Law and Public Safety. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to approve paying the funds from excess levy state and national competition funds. The vote to approve was unanimous.
- e. Mrs. Sabol recused herself from the room prior to action on the JROTC Travel Request to the National Rifle Competition and Funding Assistance Request due to her son being involved in the program and trip. Master Sargent Michael Wiley informed the group that the competition is in February at Camp Perry, Ohio. Bryce Sabol is the only student who qualified for the national competition. The total cost of the trip is \$925, with funds being requested from the excess levy national competition funds. Mr. Fraley noted that Camp Perry is very prestigious and it is an honor that any of our students were chosen to compete there. Bryce will compete against students from eleven states. The top eight individuals will return in March and shoot for the overall National Championship. Mr. Fraley made the motion to approve funding and travel out of state from the excess levy. The vote to approve was unanimous. Mrs. Sabol returned to the room.
- f. Erin Sowers spoke to the board, asking permission to add Phlebotomy and EKG classes to the Health Sciences courses already being offered. WVDE has worked with Mrs. Sowers. The CNA program should only take one semester for course work and work hours. Adding the new program offerings would allow students to obtain certification in Phlebotomy and EKG. Phlebotomy students will need 30 sticks each and Mrs. Sowers is working with local hospitals in hopes of partnering and obtaining the needed sticks. Senior student, Kacey Hicks, spoke about the increased opportunities for students if the Board approves the new programs. As a student, she is very excited for

these opportunities. Mr. Lively asked if there is an age limit on when the students can obtain certifications, for example, do students have to be 18 to obtain licensure? Mrs. Sowers is not aware of any age restriction once the students have completed their coursework to be certified. She will check on the age requirements. Mrs. Basile asked if they planned to write a Program Modernization Grant or where the funding would come from. Mrs. King stated she has vocational funds that cover the costs. Mr. Lively asked about the requirement to have insurance. Mrs. King stated that the school can pursue the required insurance. Mr. Wickline requested the school have insurance. Mrs. Wallace made the motion to approve the addition of Phlebotomy and EKG Programs for MCTC. The vote to approve was unanimous.

- g. Tricia King spoke about the failing phone system at MCTC. Quotes are for a voice over IP system that integrates computer networking for an up-to-date and flexible phone system. Mrs. King recommended the board approve Advantage Technologies' bid at \$13,697.10. The vocational school would use equipment and supply money from MCTC. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to approve the Advantage Technologies' bid, and the vote to approve was unanimous.
- h. Mrs. King presented the FFA request for out of state travel to Louisville, Kentucky. The fruit sales will cover the cost of the trip. Mr. Lively made the motion to approve the trip and the vote to approve was unanimous.
- i. Mrs. Basile recommended approval of the Educational Leave for Mohler to compete in the All-State Choir Competition. Mr. Fraley made the motion to approve and the vote to approve was unanimous.

XII. Personnel Items

- a. Mr. Wickline asked for a motion to approve Hires, Items one through eight, removing numbers nine and ten, and the remainder of the Personnel Items. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to approve and the vote to approve was unanimous.
- b. Personnel Items included Hires of Paula I. Wentz as After School Bus Operator Number Four; Justin Taylor as After School Bus Operator Number Five; Christina Dunlap as Young Writer's Contest Coordinator; Sierra N. Hatcher as a Substitute Teacher; Denise Amos as PreSchool/Bus Aide/ECCAT for PES; Teresa Vermeal as Temporary Special Education Aide for JMHS; Steven Ballengee as \$1 Assistant Baseball Coach for JMHS; and Kelsey T. Walker as Special Education Teacher at MVS, for the remainder of the 2018-2019 year only.
- c. A Resignation was approved for Debra Harman, Substitute Custodian. A Leave of Absence was granted for Karsyn Dusold and an Extension of Medical Leave was granted for Kimberly A. Cody. Mary Sue Arwood was removed as a Substitute Cook.

XIII. Discussion Items

- a. Mr. Wickline noted the need to post middle school baseball for PMS as quickly as possible.
- b. Mr. Wickline spoke about the board's need to complete DVD training and that Mrs. Basile had mentioned asking WVDE to come to the county to present a training with the board on the funding formula and what happens when a county goes over formula. Tom Campbell stated that he would like to attend this training. He chairs the finance committee for the state board and feels it would be beneficial to attend our training. He stated that the state needs to look at how funding is appropriated. For example, the facilities formula is based on student enrollment, regardless of the facilities in the county. The counties still have the same buildings to maintain and counties cannot do it at the current rates. Another under-funded area is teacher supplies. The legislators, for a large part, do not know educational funding and the changes that are needed. If the state would take a grass roots effort and let state officials hear from local boards, the legislature may also listen.

Mr. Campbell states that he is passionate about education and wants to help. He has been sending emails to state and national level officials tonight during the meeting, telling them about the good things going on in Monroe County that he has been hearing. He has also sent an email to Senator Manchin about the child nutrition information and wants to ensure that the government shut down does not affect the students.

Mr. Wickline would like for the board to have a work session for the DVD and the state funding formula. Mrs. Basile will get some dates from WVDE and share with the board. All members were agreeable with this.

- c. Mr. Wickline has been informed that the County Commission feels that the Greenville Ruritan building is owned by Monroe County Schools. Justin St. Clair, the board attorney, is researching this for the board.
- d. Mr. Fraley appreciates Mr. Tim Hancock's efforts and thanks him for what he has done for Mr. Fraley's children. He is also very proud of our county tonight and sees a lot of good being recognized.

XIV. Public Comments


- a. None.

XV. Adjournment

- a. Mr. Fraley made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:58 p.m. The vote to approve was unanimous.



President



Secretary