

## **Monroe County Board of Education**

### **Regular Meeting**

**July 1, 2019**

### **Monroe County Board of Education Office**

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

- a. Mr. Wickline called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.
- b. Members present in addition to Keith Wickline were Danny Lively, Candy Sabol, and Sally Wallace. Mr. Fraley arrived later.

#### **II. Pledge of Allegiance**

#### **III. Approval of Agenda/Adjustments**

- a. Mr. Wickline announced that check numbers 84969, 84986, and 3228 should be voted separate. Mrs. Sabol 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 shared that the JMHS Construction Project is moving along nicely. The conduit for the light poles has been laid and work is being completed to cover up the trenches that were dug through the parking lot. Light pole bases should be installed next week. The exterior buildings behind MCTC were not included in the original scope of the project for the intercom system, but are needed in the alternative school, meat processing building, and seminar center. Danhill has said the additional cost will be minimal and will get an estimate to us very soon. The construction supervisor was able to lessen the cutting of pavement by approximately 125 feet so the cost savings in that area may offset the additional intercoms at MCTC. The block sealing is targeted to begin on July 8<sup>th</sup>. The work on the intercom system will begin as soon as the parts and equipment are received. Maintenance has run conduit and wires in the same trenches last week for the guard building. We meet with the paving company on Friday and will see what the costs of widening the road and adding a speed bump on each side of the guard building will be.
- b. Mrs. Basile announced that the first CEF (facilities plan) Committee

meeting is scheduled for July 11<sup>th</sup>. More information will be forthcoming as we hold those meetings.

c. Mrs. Basile congratulated Channing Carr for achieving a 4<sup>th</sup> place title in Impromptu Speaking at the national level. The county is proud of all the students for earning the opportunity to compete at this level and she again congratulated Channing for his 4<sup>th</sup> place win.

d. Mrs. Basile recently attended a conference with a presentation from the SBA where they notified counties that counties with carryover funds must begin depreciating projects and equipment that have been purchased with SBA funds, and also show that carryover funds are being saved to assist with replacement of equipment.

e. Mrs. Basile spoke about the proposed Guard Booth at JMHS. Bids are on tonight's agenda for the guard booth and she updated the board on the status of additional security services. Mrs. Basile has talked to several other county superintendents that tried the volunteer route for security and it did not work well. There was a lack of consistency, and we fear by it being a volunteer service that people may not adhere to the schedule. She has reached out to security firms that other counties use for similar work and they are submitting cost estimates for board consideration at a future meeting. She will update the board as we move along in this process.

f. Mrs. Basile asked the board members to decide what is the best path to get the excess levy passed. She has met with representatives from the library and 4-H. WVEA has agreed to secure some yard signs, and she plans to visit the senior centers and civic organizations beginning in August. Some say it is better to not make a big deal about the election and others feel we should make a big deal about it. She asked for input from the board members. She asked them to please share their thoughts on the best plan of action. Some ideas are publishing information on websites or forming a committee. Are there others with which we might speak? The Board Members suggested using the JMHS radio station, newspaper, possibly a session on In Focus on WVVA TV, stuffing backpacks, and mailings to parents. The levy vote will be held in September.

## VI. Consent Items

- a. Mr. Lively left the room due to check numbers 84969 and 3228 being for personal travel and family involvement. Mr. Fraley made the motion to approve the two checks and the vote to approve was unanimous. Mr. Lively returned to the room.
- b. Mrs. Wallace recused herself for personal reasons prior to action on check number 84986. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to approve and the vote to approve was unanimous.
- c. Mr. Fraley made the motion to approve the remaining checks on item b. The vote to approve was unanimous.
- d. Mrs. Wallace made the motion to approve Consent Items a, c, d, e, f, and g. The

vote to approve was unanimous. Those items are Minutes from June 18, 2019, Payment of Bills; Transfers and Supplements; a Teacher in Residence Agreement with West Virginia University; a MOU with Concord University; an Agreement for Bus Operator Physicals; and a JMHS Contract with Edmentum.

## VII. Old Business

- a. Mrs. Basile shared information on bids for the JMHS Guard Building, recommending the bid from Kevin Shirey in the amount of \$7,675.00. Mrs. Wallace made the motion to approve that bid. The vote to approve was unanimous.
- b. Mrs. Basile spoke about the Monroe Health Center Agreement giving them permission to seek bids for the JMHS project. Mrs. Basile recommended approval. Mr. Wickline stated the agreement should be amended to include language stating the MHC understood the Board of Education would need to approve the clerk-of-the-works, architects, contractors, etc. prior to work beginning. Mr. Fraley made the motion to table the Agreement with Monroe Health Center until later in the meeting in order to include that language and the vote to approve was unanimous.
- c. Tim Berry recommended approval of continuing with Brick Street as the Worker's Compensation Carrier for the board, even though their cost is a little over \$2,000 higher than the lowest bid, as the switch to a new carrier would be difficult. Bids were received from Brick Street with a premium of \$44,007, AIG \$70,000, Church Mutual \$57,347, Liberty Mutual \$42,109, and Travelers \$47,274. Mr. Fraley made the motion to approve effective with the 2019-2020 year. The vote to approve was unanimous.

## VIII. New Business

- a. Mrs. Basile shared information about the current co-op requirements and recommended that since the students and parents were not notified until later in the year of the changes that exceptions be made for the 2019-2020 school year only. Those changes would be to look at attendance and tardies for second semester of the 2018-2019 school year instead of the entire year on a case-by-case basis and for information to be shared with students and parents in September regarding the requirements for the next year, followed by information sent on report cards and mailed to parents mid-year as reminders for the following year qualifications. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to approve the new MCTC Co-Op Considerations for Fall, 2020 and mid-year reminders. Mr. Fraley asked that students and parents be required to sign to be sure that they are informed. The vote to approve was unanimous.
- b. Angela Mann presented bus quotes for three new buses. The Matheny quote was \$87,531 for a 65-passenger and \$91,265 for a 77 passenger; the International

quote was \$87,955 for a 65-passenger and \$89,975 for a 77-passenger, and the Bluebird quote was \$89,342 for a 65-passenger and \$94,070 for a 77-passenger. Mrs. Mann has spoken with drivers and mechanics and they like the International buses and their garage is in Princeton if anything breaks down while under warranty. Matheny has not lived up to their warranty for the buses purchased from them recently. Mr. Lively made the motion to approve the purchase of International buses from Worldwide and the vote to approve was unanimous. Two of the new buses will be 65 passenger and one will be 77 passenger.

- c. Mrs. Basile noted that Chris Booth suggested approval of the bid from Grimm for the JMHS football field 30-second clock. Mr. Fraley made the motion to approve the bid from Grimm in the amount of \$5,662. The vote to approve was unanimous.

The meeting recessed at 6:48 p.m. and resumed at 7:06 p.m.

#### IX. Agreement with Monroe Health Center

- a. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to approve the revised Agreement with Monroe Health Center which included highlighted changes on page two. The vote to approve was unanimous.

#### X. Personnel Items

- a. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to enter Executive Session under the guidelines of 6-9A-4 at 7:07 p.m. The vote to approve was unanimous.
- b. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to return to Regular Session at 8:00 p.m. The vote to approve was unanimous.
- c. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to approve Hires 2-6, and 8-10; along with the Resignations and the Rehire of Substitutes. The vote to approve was unanimous.
- d. Those Hires are Victoria L. Dunn as Cafeteria Manager for PES; Allison B. St. Clair as Assistant Softball Coach for PMS; Gregory B. Wickline as Head Softball Coach for JMHS; Brian Keith Carter as JV Girls' Head Softball Coach for JMHS; Thomas Mick Ballard as JV Boys' Head Baseball Coach for JMHS; Steven Ballengee as Varsity Assistant Baseball Coach for JMHS; Christopher D. Booth as Athletic Director for PMS; and Joseph W. Hoke as Bus Operator, for Glace and Hollywood.
- e. Resignations were accepted for Lisa D. Arthur as Special Education Designee for MVS and Kevin J. Shirey as Athletic Trainer for JMHS.
- f. Substitute Bus Operator Rehires were Patricia A. Allen, Samuel R. Bostic, Lawrence Dean Munsey, Lucas M. Preston, Woody L. Waldron, Daniel H. Cox,

Benny M. Allen, R. Travis Gillespie, T. Randall Mills, and Teresa Vickie King. Substitute Mechanic Rehires are Bobby R. Dunbar and Eddie D. Allen. Substitute Clerk rehires are Patricia Beasley and Angela Ladner. Substitute Custodian Rehires are Patricia Kirby Phelps, Lanell Carter, Dennis Bare, and Annette Yates. Substitute LPN Rehires are Jessica A. Boothe, Vicki R. Dent, Emily Atkins, Nicole Williams, Jennifer Gunter, Roberta Hoke, and Amber Evans. Substitute Secretary Rehires are Heather Chandler, Deanna Bradley, Kendra Ratliff, Crystal Davy, Mary Ann Hinkle, and Shirley Huffman.

- g. Mrs. Wallace made the motion to approve the Hire of J. Darrel Hazelwood as Kindergarten Teacher for PES. The vote to approve was Wallace, yes; Lively, yes; Sabol, yes; Fraley, yes; Wickline, no.
- h. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to approve the Hire of Steve Newberry as Varsity Head Baseball Coach for JMHS. The vote to approve was unanimous with Mr. Wickline abstaining.
- i. Mr. Lively made the motion to approve a \$2000 stipend per year for Benjamin Neal, JMHS Band Director and the vote to approve was unanimous.

#### XI. Public Comments

- a. None.

#### XII. Discussion Items

- a. Mr. Lively mentioned maintenance concerns about the mowing of grass at the schools. He is hopeful that will be dealt with. He stated that the principal at PMS was very complimentary about the work of the paint crew. He asked when ground might be broken at the new school. Mrs. Basile hopes ground preparation will be this fall, stating that the planning process is a very long one. Mr. Lively inquired about parking at JMHS. It was suggested that school buses park in another area to free space for student parking. He asked if Orkin had been contacted for PMS. Mr. Lively suggested that the Student and Staff Dress Code policy be looked at by board members and that members bring suggestions for changes to the next meeting.
- b. Mr. Fraley thanked Ashley Mann for her summer work with students and camps. He thanked the Peterstown American Legion Post 145 for sending a student to Girls' Camp and the Peterstown Rotary Club for sending students to Camp Horseshoe. He appreciates their contributions.

XIII. Adjournment

- a. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 p.m. The vote to approve was unanimous.



President



Secretary