

## **Monroe County Board of Education**

### **Regular Meeting**

**October 1, 2019**

### **Mountain View School**

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

- a. Mr. Wickline called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.
- b. Members present in addition to Keith Wickline were Everett Fraley, Danny Lively, Candy Sabol, and Sally Wallace. Mr. Wickline thanked the staff of MVS for the invitation to meet at MVS.

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

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

- a. Mr. Wickline announced that items VI and VIII should be removed from the agenda. 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. MVS' Eighth Grade Student Tyler Fury introduced the band who performed The National Anthem. Eighth grade student Alexis Anderson introduced the third grade students who performed America the Beautiful and the Star Spangled Banner. Eighth grade student Ethan Nelson introduced Mrs. Griffith who showcased student learning taking place within the school. Mrs. Weikle's second grade class is reading a story about childhood cancer. Mrs. Neel's class created volcanoes. Mrs. Dotson's class created a box to hold a designated weight without the use of tape or glue. Mrs. Diem's class created an escape room as a test review. Mrs. Houck's class was working on a STEM coding activity. The school participated in a Title One sponsored school-wide cancer support for a student battling cancer. Reed Mustain and his father built benches for the football team and the school is very appreciative. The outdoor basketball court is almost complete with the fence currently being constructed. All class groups have shown growth except the fifth grade. Mrs. Dunford spoke about safety at the school. Lockdowns and fire drills have been practiced and a few changes have been implemented to make an even safer environment. A Safety Committee has been

established. She also presented the LSIC Executive Summary and school goals. Math in grades five, six, seven, and eight are above the state scores on summative assessment. Also above the state average was English Language Arts in grades six and eight and Science in grade eight. MVS has two goals: the first is to increase the overall attendance percentage to reach or exceed the state goal of 90% and the second is to build a cohesive team including students, parents, faculty and community. MVS teachers asked for training on PALS, i-Ready, Leader in Me, sign language and Spanish, and the hiring of a full time music/art teacher for K-4. Close monitoring of special education student numbers is requested. Successes at the school include intramurals, sewing lap quilts for veterans, making baby bonnets, visible administration and counselors on both floors of the school, attendance above the state average, and math above the state and district level. The PRO is an asset to the school. MVS is pleased to have the Grad 20/20 program. The purchase of assignment planners would be useful to the school. The band performed two pep songs on which they have been practicing. Mr. Wickline thanked the school for their hospitality and those who attended the meeting.

VI. Student Government Report was removed from the agenda.

VII. Superintendent's Report

- a. Mrs. Basile informed the board that she has formed a Dress Code Policy Committee and a meeting is scheduled for Thursday to discuss the comments received. She has reached out to Dr. Womack to schedule a meeting with the Student Government to provide input.
- b. Mrs. Basile noted that as of October 1, county wide enrollment remains down by 51 students. Funding from the state is based on enrollment numbers from this date. Losing 51 students is a huge concern.
- c. Mrs. Basile shared that the Empowerment Academy has extended to seventh grade this year and they are planning a spring fest with vendors and student booths to represent different countries. They are planning this as an additional method of fundraising for the new school athletic facilities. This is in the planning phase and will tie core content into every aspect of the spring fest. She applauds their creativity and the real-world experiences they are providing to students.
- d. Mrs. Basile noted that the WV Ethics Commission is providing a training for county and city boards, commissions, and other public boards. This will provide education on the open meetings act. The training is October 23 at 11:00 a.m. in Lewisburg. If any board member would like to attend, she asked that they let her know and she will complete the registration process.
- e. Mrs. Basile shared that she met with Monroe Health Center recently and they opened architect bid information. Five submittals were received for the JMHS

Wellness Center renovation project. It was decided to interview the top three and those interviews are scheduled for later this month.

f. Mrs. Basile informed the board that Mr. Neal had emailed yesterday requesting that the JMHS band be allowed to travel to Wytheville, Virginia for a competition on October 12. Since the request was received late, she could not place the item on the current agenda. If the Board permits, she will grant permission for them to attend and place the request on the October 15 agenda, retroactive to the date of the trip so that they can participate. All members agreed.

g. Mrs. Basile noted that Head Start is to provide school board training every two years. Head Start would like to hold the training on November 19 at 5:30 p.m. if that is satisfactory for board members. There is a regular meeting at 6:00. The training will not last long.

h. Mrs. Basile informed the board that the first WV Career Readiness Initiative meeting was held today with Frank Vitale and the Chamber of Commerce. She is very excited about this initiative and feels this will bring many pieces of what we do together and into the community. We will have a “Key Stakeholder Engagement Meeting” on November 12 at 5:00 pm at JMHS and she hopes the board members will attend. She will invite businesses from Monroe and bordering districts, the Chamber of Commerce and elected officials. Students will be invited and encouraged to showcase their talents. This initiative is focused on economic development and graduating students with the skills needed to be successfully employed.

VIII. Treasurer’s Report was removed from the agenda.

#### IX. Consent Items

- a. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to approve the Consent Items. The vote to approve was unanimous. Consent Items are Minutes from September 17, 2019; Payment of Bills, Transfers and Supplements; an Agreement with Summers County School of Practical Nursing; and a MOU with Ross IES.

#### X. New Business

- a. Mrs. Basile shared bids from Advantage Technology and Trinity 3 for technology service hours. Mrs. Basile recommended the bid from Trinity 3 for this school year. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to approve and the vote to approve was unanimous.
- b. Mr. Lively made the motion to approve the Out of State Travel Request for JMHS. The vote to approve was unanimous.
- c. Mrs. Basile noted that only one quote was received for boiler coils at PMS. The amount is \$9,773. Due to the boiler being old, other companies do not have the parts available. The maintenance department will install the coils. Mr. Fraley

made the motion to approve and the vote to approve was unanimous.

XI. Personnel Items

- a. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to approve the Personnel List as written. The vote to approve was unanimous.
- b. Personnel Items include the Hire of Helen M. Burns as a Temporary One Half Time Cook at JMHS; and an Extension of a Medical Leave for Edna M. Weikle.

XII. Public Comments

- a. None.

XIII. Discussion Items

- a. Mrs. Wallace spoke about the radio station and commended MCTC for getting the paperwork submitted. She stated that she appreciates Mr. Blevins' work, saying that he dedicates many hours after his work day. She would like to give a one-time bonus to Mr. Blevins for what he has done. Mr. Wickline would like this on the next agenda for consideration.
- b. Mr. Wickline appreciates Deputy Wickline for a job well done in the safety of students and faculty.
- c. Mr. Fraley appreciates MVS' hospitality and the highlights they shared tonight. Mr. Fraley announced that he had made himself available to meet once per month to discuss education. At the first meeting there were six people in attendance. Mr. Fraley would like to be placed on the next agenda to share concerns that were brought to his attention.

XIV. Adjournment

- a. Mr. Fraley made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:47 p.m. The vote to approve was unanimous.



President



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