

## **Monroe County Board of Education**

### **Regular Meeting**

**September 3, 2019**

### **Peterstown Middle School**

#### **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, Candy Sabol, and Sally Wallace.

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

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

- a. Mr. Wickline announced that Item c under New Business should be removed from the agenda. Mr. Lively made the motion to approve the agenda with the adjustment and the vote to approve was unanimous.

#### **IV. Public Comments**

- a. Lisa Brookman spoke about the JMHS Band and Music Boosters. She stated that new uniforms for the band have made a huge difference in member morale. She presented letters to the board from the students thanking them for their assistance in securing the uniforms. She also stated that the current band directors at all three schools work well together and do an excellent job.

#### **V. Presentations**

- a. Kim Fraley and Matt Phillips spoke about the need for a soccer and track complex at JMHS. They stated that soccer is a growing sport and there is not a dedicated place at JMHS for the team to practice. They may practice on the football field or on the baseball field. Track teams miss out on opportunities to host events by not having a facility. Mrs. Fraley asked the Board where they should start in order to rectify the problem. Mr. Phillips noted that the drainage for the present track has started to fail and dips have appeared in the pavement. \$150,000-\$200,000 was the estimated cost that Mr. Phillips had received to repair the track. Mrs. Fraley feels like there should be grants available but is not aware of where to start. They asked for guidance from the Board. Mr. Phillips questioned where to put another field on the property, since

most of the available land is hilly. They are unsure who might serve on a planning committee. Mr. Fraley asked about the dimensions of a soccer field. Mr. Phillips noted that it is 110 yards long by 55 yards wide. Mr. Wickline suggested they form a planning committee that will put together a proposal for the Board. Mr. Fraley suggested they contact Mrs. Dunlap at MVS for her assistance. Mrs. Sabol thanked them for taking on this project for the students.

- b. Leslie Ferguson, PMS Principal, presented the LSIC Executive Summary. She shared two school goals for the year. She noted that she could not talk about test scores in-depth but did say there were areas of strengths and weaknesses. The school has a goal to increase math proficiency and a goal related to the Empowerment Academy pilot program. This year the program will be for sixth and seventh grades. She spoke about the professional development offered today and how beneficial it is to the teachers. She asked that the board and central office continue to listen to teachers regarding professional development needs. She asked for staff development on uniting the two schools into one building. She noted that BRIM was at PMS and their findings decreased from 13 to four findings this current year. She noted the school needs some replacement locks throughout the building. The employees are very appreciative of the camera upgrades. They are excited to have received the VH1 grant of \$35,000 worth of instruments. Mrs. Ferguson shared that JMHS students came to help put the instruments together. They are excited to offer beginning band to the sixth grade students. Fifth grade students will be introduced to the instruments this year. She spoke about the school excitement for the Graduation 20/20 opportunities. Mr. Fraley thanked Mrs. Ferguson for the lovely dinner and commended her for the cleanliness of the school. The board members thanked PMS for their hospitality.
- c. Jamie Hamilton spoke about the proposed Greenbrier Valley Aquatic Center and how they can have a good relationship with Monroe County Schools. The project will be built on the state fair grounds and was developed by students at Greenbrier East High School. The center is a \$6 million project and \$2.9 million has been raised toward the project. The core purpose of the project is to benefit the five county region around Lewisburg. They are targeting safety, health, and sports with school systems. They will offer use of the facility to school swim teams and to residents of Monroe County. They want to work with elementary students and as part of physical education classes; students will learn safety in and around water, water safety skills, and how to survive in water for at least 60 seconds. They would like to offer this to second grade students. The Proclamation

recognizes health and safety aspects of the facility and how those elements would be beneficial to the students. They would like to have the board's recognition of how important this project is. Mr. Fraley spoke about the benefits of this project and that he would love to have something similar in Monroe County. The facility will include an Olympic-sized pool, therapy pool, and a regular swimming pool. They feel this will benefit community members of all ages. The Board thanked Mr. Hamilton for coming and sharing information.

## VI. Superintendent's Report

- a. Mrs. Basile announced that JMHS Student Body President, Abby Fraley, was scheduled to be in attendance. Due to a conflict, she will provide a report to the Board at the next meeting.
- b. Mrs. Basile shared that the Monroe County Farm Bureau has unanimously voted to support the school levy. She presented information regarding the levy renewal and listed several items covered by the levy.
- c. Mrs. Basile noted that the Celanese Corporation had presented a check to MCTC in the amount of \$7,500. Each year Celanese provides funding and allows employees to work on projects that impact communities. They have completed numerous projects at our schools over the years and donated the funds this year to assist MCTC with providing increased learning opportunities to students. Mrs. Basile appreciates their donation and all of the assistance they have provided over the years.
- d. As of today, the county enrollment is 1,703 students Mrs. Basile announced. This number is down 51 students from the end of year enrollment for 2018-19. Plans are to post three special education aide positions to meet incoming student needs: one aide/interpreter at MVS for a preschool student; one aide at MVS for a Kindergarten student; and one aide at PES/PMS to serve two students' needs. Potentially, we have one student coming to JMHS who has currently been placed on homebound until service needs can be determined. This student may also need an aide. Grade level enrollment numbers were shared with the board.

## VII. Consent Items

- a. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to approve the Consent Items. The vote to approve was unanimous. Consent Items were Minutes from August 20, 2019; Payment of Bills; Transfers and Supplements; Celebrate Freedom Week September 16-20, 2019; a MOU with WV Extension Services Family Nutrition Program; Fall 2019 School Year Foods of the Month Agreement; and an Agreement with Vanedra L.

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## VIII. New Business

- a. Mrs. Wallace made the motion to approve the USDA Agreement for Vulture Removal at PES. The vote to approve was unanimous.
- b. Mrs. Basile noted that this JMHS proposed project is to replace roofing and guttering. Mr. Fraley made the motion to approve the 2019-2020 JMHS Needs Project. The vote to approve was unanimous. The total cost of the project is \$1,204,287. Funds requested from the SBA are \$1,023,644. The balance of funds will come from the county.
- c. Item c was removed from the agenda.
- d. Mr. Fraley made the motion to approve the Proclamation in Support of the Greenbrier Valley Aquatic Center. The vote to approve was unanimous.
- e. Mr. Lively made the motion to hire Larry Mann as Clerk of the Works for the New Peterstown School Project at \$35 per hour. The vote to approve was unanimous.

## IX. Personnel Items

- a. Mr. Fraley made the motion to approve the Personnel List as written. The vote to approve was unanimous.
- b. Hires are for Lucy E. Taylor as In School Suspension Monitor for JMHS, Kendra K. Ratliff for PES, and Pamela Jackson for PMS; Jennifer S. Persinger as County Battle of the Books Coordinator; Carmen Ball as a Substitute Teacher, Homebound only; Felicia Amber Laws as Cheer Coach for PMS; Misty R. Nelson as Assistant Principal Mentor for MVS; Connie Parker as In School Suspension Monitor for MVS; Sreenaiah Nakka and Jennifer S. Persinger as English Second Language Teachers for JMHS and MVS.
- c. Resignations were accepted from Molly W. Hoke as Head Volleyball Coach for MVS; Mary Cecilia Conte as a Substitute Teacher; and Kelly L. Vadiz as a Substitute Aide and Substitute Cook.
- d. A Leave of Absence was extended for Wanda J. Sparks; and a Maternity Leave was granted for Brookelyn M. Cole.

## X. Discussion and Possible Action

- a. Regarding enrollment numbers, Mr. Wickline asked Mr. Lively what his thoughts were on the split grade and Mr. Lively stated that he feels it is not a good situation and avoiding the split is best. Mr. Fraley has heard from some parents who are supportive of the split and some do not like

the split class. Mr. Fraley made the motion to do away with the third/fourth split classes at both MVS and PES. Mrs. Basile reminded the Board that enrollment is down 51 students and asked what should be done if another third grade student were to enroll.

- b. Mr. Fraley made the motion to do away with the third/fourth split classrooms at both MVS and PES. The motion was rescinded.
- c. Mr. Fraley made the motion to enter Executive Session under the guidelines of 6-9A-4 at 7:02 p.m. The vote to approve was unanimous.
- d. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to return to Regular Session at 7:27 p.m.
- e. Mr. Fraley made the motion to eliminate third/fourth split classrooms at both MVS and PES. The motion was rescinded.
- f. Mrs. Wallace made the motion to eliminate both third/fourth split classrooms and should enrollment numbers increase to the point of needing another teacher, then an additional teacher would be hired. The vote to approve was unanimous.

XI. Superintendent Goals

- a. Mr. Lively made the motion to approve the Superintendent's Goals. The vote to approve was unanimous.

XII. Public Comments

- a. None.

XIII. Discussion Items

- a. None.

XIV. Adjournment

- a. Mr. Fraley made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 p.m. The vote to approve was unanimous.



President



Secretary