

Monroe County Board of Education

Regular Meeting

January 7, 2020

Monroe County Technical Center

I. Roll Call

- a. Mr. Wickline called the meeting to order at 6: 00 p.m. Mr. Wickline thanked MCTC for their hospitality.
- 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 check number 85631 should be voted separate. Item V. b, JROTC Presentation, should be removed from the agenda as well as Item VII., Student Government Report. Mr. Fraley made the motion to approve the agenda with the adjustments and the vote to approve was unanimous.

IV. Public Comments

- a. Mr. Wickline read the statement on the lower portion of the Public Comments form. Mindy Pendergrass asked for a few minutes to prepare her statement.
- b. Penny Brown had signed up for public comment but did not want to speak.

V. Presentations

- a. Tricia King presented the LSIC Executive Summary. She noted that the weather prevented some LSIC members from attending. MCTC enrollment is steady although county enrollment is declining. MCTC works with advisory councils that are made up of industry professionals, parents and students. Goals the school is working toward include increasing student attendance, improving staff morale, and trauma informed school initiatives. There is a focus on morale and training for staff on helping students with trauma related issues. Leader in Me and Career readiness is a focus for the school. MCTC is looking at some scheduling options for the future in conjunction with JMHS and the Leader in Me initiative. They are working to connect students with job placement in the community. They are appreciative of CTE math and English teachers who help embed English and math skills in the curriculum. MCTC would like for the board

to consider adding an assistant administrator or career readiness coordinator that would assist with simulated workplace. The school is 40 years old and some physical needs include water issues running from a spring. They would like to consider expanding the facility on the CEFPP ten-year plan. MCTC appreciates the addition of the guard booth. MCTC strives to meet the protocols for a high quality career technical education center that include strong career options, rigorous skill development, positive climate and culture, effective school leadership, support services for students, engaged business/industry, continuous quality improvement, and focused assessment and accountability.

Mrs. Sowers shared with the board the mannequin purchased from a grant written by student, Maggie Bostic. With the mannequin, students can check pulse, pupils, and many vital signs.

VI. Policies and Procedures

a. Mrs. Basile recommended approval for final reading Reduction in Force, Lateral Professional Positions. The policy had been placed on a 30-day comment period and no comments were received. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to approve and the vote to approve was unanimous.

VII. Student Government Report

a. This item was removed from the agenda.

VIII. Superintendent's Report

- a. For the JMHS Project Update, Mrs. Basile announced that the construction companies were given a four-day extension to complete the project, which excluded the painting on the front of the building. The company reported a crane fell on the light poles at the factory and damaged the poles. They also have a few things left to do at MCTC, including running a speaker to the carpentry shed and putting hand held phones on the wall for the intercom system. She will complete a walk-through with the architects, engineers, and construction company representatives on Friday to determine if everything is complete as required. The front painting will be done later as it is weather dependent.
- b. Mrs. Basile shared that the county is moving along with our ten year CEFPP plan. Data has been received from WVDE and the county has scheduled the next planning meeting for January 23, which will be the community committee meeting.
- c. Mrs. Basile noted that Mr. Shriver had sent an updated schedule for the new Peterstown school project. As scheduled, construction documents will be to the SBA on January 17, bids are scheduled to be out the weeks of January 29 and February 5, the pre-bid meeting will be held February 13, with bid openings

scheduled for February 27. The first preconstruction meeting is scheduled for March 19. Construction should begin soon after March 19.

d. Mrs. Basile shared a letter from the Red Sulphur PSD engineers regarding fire flow pressure at the new school site. Their engineers completed a study of a hydraulic model of water flow using the following limitations: two times the average demand of water, Route 12 pump station was turned off, and the dry pond tank was at its lowest operating level. Based on those circumstances their engineers do not feel the pressure is available that is needed. Our engineers investigated all of this prior to the board purchasing said land and there were no concerns. The fire department reported that the PSD works with the local fire department and turns on pumps as needed during a fire. They reported never having any issue with volume or pressure during any fire. Our engineers drafted a letter saying the simulated evaluation they conducted needs to be re-conducted under two other scenarios that are appropriate, per industry standard.

e. Mrs. Basile updated the board on the new Peterstown Athletic Facility. The school administration has begun discussing some fundraising ideas for the new school athletic facilities. They have formed a committee of community members, employees and parents. They plan their first meeting this month. They have developed a list of possible grants to assist as well as a list of fundraising ideas. They are planning a spaghetti dinner/auction, golf tournament, hot dog dinner/car wash, etc. They are looking at the Shott Foundation, Hunnicut Foundation, Sports of Monroe, pipeline, Celanese and various other businesses for donations. Mrs. Basile will update the board as the committee meets and puts together a calendar of events.

f. Mrs. Basile shared that she had received some guidance from WVDE regarding the possible name change of MVS. Basically they have said counties can change school names based on changing populations and gave the following scenarios to consider when changing a school name: new school start-up, consolidation, grade reconfiguration (more than three grade levels) are all considered new schools and new names, new WVEIS and federal numbers. Attendance reconfigurations and mergers of one or more schools into existing schools are not considered a new school or new numbers. Because our request does not fit into any of the above mentioned scenarios, the Board would need to vote on what they wanted the name changed to and submit the request to WVDE for their consideration of the request. She asked the board to let her know if they want the item on a future board agenda for official action.

g. Mrs. Basile shared that each county in the state is to receive \$5094 to be used for safety and special education classroom cameras. She received an email today asking for counties to not spend this money until more guidance is sent.

IX. Consent Items

a. Mr. Fraley made the motion to approve the Consent Items with the exception of

check number 85631. The vote to approve was unanimous. Consent Items included Minutes from December 5, 2019, Payment of Bills, Transfers and Supplements, a MOU for Head Start/Early Head Start with FMRS and a Contract for Head Start/Early Head Start with FMRS.

- b. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to approve check number 85631. The vote to approve was unanimous with Mr. Lively abstaining.
- c. Mr. Fraley made the motion to rescind approval of the Minutes from December 17, 2019. Mrs. Wallace asked that those Minutes be changed to reflect she meant to say how the policy should read. The vote to approve was unanimous. Mrs. Sabol made the motion that the Minutes be tabled until the next meeting.

X. New Business

- a. Mrs. Basile explained the Class II Legal Advertisement for the new Peterstown PreK-8 School. Mr. Lively made the motion to approve the advertisement and the vote to approve was unanimous.
- b. Mrs. Wallace made the motion to approve the Clerk of the Works Contract for Larry Mann for the Monroe Health Center School Based Clinic Renovation Project at JMHS with the stipulation that Mr. Mann will keep Monroe County Schools informed at all times. The vote to approve was unanimous.
- c. Mr. Fraley made the motion to approve the PMS Sixth Grade Out of State Travel Request to Christiansburg, Virginia, on January 9, 2020. The vote to approve was unanimous.

XI. Personnel Items

- a. Mr. Lively made the motion to approve the single Personnel Item. The vote to approve was unanimous. That Personnel Item was the Hire of Allen J. Haag as a Substitute Teacher.

XII. Public Comments

- a. Mindy Pendergrass spoke regarding concerns that she has regarding a due process hearing. She has spoken with community members regarding JMHS and she has concerns of declining enrollment. She spoke about students enrolling out of state. She read parts of the due process hearing report. She feels students enrolled in any school deserve to be safe. She is filing complaints to get her child back in music class. She spoke about the art programs and how students need art programs. She feels the box that society makes rules and policies fit into is not fair to all students. She feels art programs are neglected. She feels students are being bullied. She asks the board to show support to the band and Mr. Neal and forgive the debt the band borrowed to purchase new uniforms.

- b. Penny Brown spoke about her knowledge of bullying and being put in the middle of people. She believes that Mr. McPherson knows what she is talking about. Mrs. Brown spoke about band and how beneficial it was to her grandson. She questioned how band will fundraise. There is a lot of talent in the JMHS Band and the band needs built.

XIII. Discussion Items

- a. Mrs. Wallace spoke about the program "On Our Sleeves" available at the nationwide kids site. It gives the opportunity to discuss the issues with mental health and trauma with students. The program is online and free materials are available to teachers. She reported 50% of all mental health issues are established by age 14. In the nation, only one psychiatrist is available per 15,000 students. Harlem Globetrotters and Big Lots are sponsoring the program. She believes that the program would fit well with Leader in Me and the trauma informed schools initiative. The telephone number is 866-317-5437 to call for information. Anyone can use the program. She feels this is a tool to add to the county's program.

XIV. Adjournment

- a. Mr. Fraley made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:56 p.m. The vote to approve was unanimous.



President



Secretary