

Monroe County Board of Education

Regular Meeting

October 15, 2019

Monroe County Board of Education Office

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 check number 85334 should be voted separate and that Item V 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.
- b. Head Start/Early Head Start information was given to board members.

IV. Public Comments

- a. Tim Bradley spoke to the board regarding concerns for the head boys' basketball coach position at JMHS. He would like for the basketball program to improve, comparing it to playground basketball. He has been encouraged to move his child to a private school so he can learn the skills needed to move forward in basketball. He asked the board to reconsider and investigate Mr. Shirey's past performance as a coach in Mercer County. He reported Mr. Shirey brought Mercer Christian School to state level and did this one year with only six players.

V. Student Government Report

- a. This item was removed from the agenda.

VI. Superintendent's Report

- a. Mrs. Basile shared that PMS will host the VH1 Save the Music Foundation Executives from New York on Wednesday, October 16. All Board members are invited to attend. The PMS band will perform using the new

instruments which they received through the grant.

- b. Mrs. Basile announced that the Career Readiness Initiative that was scheduled for November 12 has been rescheduled to December 3 at JMHS. She hopes board members can 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.
- c. Mrs. Basile congratulated the MCTC JROTC Program cadets and teachers who have been asked to Fox 59 on October 29 to record a "Spirit of Excellence" spot. Fox 59 invited JROTC to record the piece titled, "The Shot Heard Around the World." This is an honor to have been asked to participate.
- d. Mrs. Basile shared that the first round of IPI (Instructional Practices Inventory) went well with 0% of students disengaged.
- e. Mrs. Basile announced that three architectural firms had been interviewed for the Monroe Health Center renovation project at JMHS. Williamson Shriver was the top firm. Once MHC approves the firm, she will bring to the Monroe County School Board for approval.
- f. Mrs. Basile reminded the board that this is National School Lunch Week. The DJ playing music during lunch had been a great success thus far. He will be at MVS on Wednesday and JMHS on Thursday. Celebrity servers are needed for Friday. Mrs. Basile asked the board to contact Ms. Jennings if any were available to help serve.
- g. Mrs. Basile shared that she had received the schedule for the Needs Projects interviews and Monroe County is scheduled for November 18. Mr. Wickline and she are required to attend and any other board member who would like to attend is welcome. This will be the presentation to request funding for the new roof and gutter at JMHS.

VII. Treasurer's Report

- a. Mr. Berry provided copies of the revenues and expenses year to date. He stated everything is headed in the right direction. Mrs. Wallace made the motion to approve the report and the vote to approve was unanimous.

VIII. Consent Items

- a. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to approve the Consent Items. The vote to approve was unanimous. Consent Items were Minutes from September 26, 2019, and October 1, 2019; Payment of Bills; Transfers and Supplements; and a Wellness Services Agreement with The Kroger Company.
- b. Mrs. Sabol left the room prior to action on check number 85334. Mr. Fraley made the motion to approve the check and the vote to approve was unanimous.

IX. Student Expulsion Hearings

- a. Mr. Fraley made the motion to enter Executive Session under the guidelines of 6-9A-4 at 6:12 p.m. The vote to approve was unanimous.
- b. Mr. Fraley made the motion to return to Regular Session at 8:12 p.m. The vote to approve was unanimous.
- c. Mr. Wickline noted that two student expulsion decisions had been made while in Executive Session.

X. New Business

- a. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to approve the MVS Eighth Grade Parent Committee as a Booster Organization. The vote to approve was unanimous.
- b. Mr. Fraley made the motion to approve the officers for the MVS Eighth Grade Parent Committee. The vote to approve was unanimous. Officers are Chris Lowe, President; Melissa Boggs, Vice President; Michelle Ballard, Secretary; Jennifer Ridgeway and Loretta Neel as Treasurers/School Liaisons.
- c. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to approve the letter of support for the WVU Cardiac Project. Mrs. Wallace shared that she hopes the information is obtained and handled appropriately so as not to hurt anyone's feelings or diminish self-esteem. The vote to approve the motion was unanimous.
- d. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to approve the Out of State Travel Request for Head Start/Early Head Start employees to attend training. The vote to approve was unanimous.
- e. Mr. Fraley made the motion to approve the JMHS Band Out of State Travel, retroactive to October 12, 2019. The vote to approve was unanimous.

XI. Discussion/Action

- a. In discussing the one-time stipend for Mark Blevins at the Radio Station, Mrs. Wallace feels that Mr. Blevins should be compensated for helping save the program in that he submitted paperwork to keep the radio station. She suggests that the board should provide a one-time stipend of \$500 for his efforts. Mr. Wickline noted that Mr. Blevins does a wonderful job and spends hours to allow listeners to hear games and things that we would not have otherwise been able to hear, such as the Westside football game. Mr. Lively spoke that Mr. Blevins is doing a wonderful job, but the county has others also doing a wonderful job. The county's budget cannot afford to give everyone a bonus. He noted that other employees are also deserving. He is concerned about giving

to some employees and not to others; he wants to be fair to all employees. Mr. Wickline shared that JMHS had to cancel the homecoming dance because teachers would not agree to sponsor the dance. Mr. Wickline thinks the best way to show appreciation is to add an amount to future postings. He suggests increasing the amount to \$3,000. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to increase the radio station sponsor stipend to \$3,000 from \$2,500, effective with the 2020-2021 school year. The vote to approve was Sabol, yes; Wickline, yes; Wallace, yes; Fraley, yes; Lively, no.

XII. Personnel Items

a. Mr. Fraley made the motion to enter Executive Session at 8:32 p.m. under the guidelines of 6-9A-4. The vote to approve was unanimous.

b. Mr. Fraley made the motion to return to Regular Session at 8:43 p.m. The vote to approve was unanimous.

c. Mrs. Sabol made the motion that all Personnel matters other than Hires numbers 4 and 9 be approved. The vote to approve was unanimous. Hires are Susan L. McGlothlin, Katrina V. King and Kimberly H. Cook as After School Early Literacy Math/STEM Tutors for PES; David J. Taylor as Temporary Bus Operator; Richard O. Bailey, James Dale Crawford and James K. Williams as After School Bus Operators; Matthew L. Phillips as Girls' Varsity Head Basketball Coach for JMHS; Jerome G. Jackson as Girls' JV Head Basketball Coach for JMHS; Travis D. Allen as Girls' Head Basketball Coach for MVS; Timothy C. Neel as Boys' Assistant Basketball Coach for MVS; Christina J. Dunlap as Girls' Assistant Basketball Coach for MVS; Allison B. St. Clair as Girls' Assistant Basketball Coach for PMS; Kelly R. Mann as Boys' Head Basketball Coach for PMS; John Matt Sauvage as Boys' Head Basketball Coach for JMHS; Darren Griffith as Boys' Head Basketball Coach for MVS; and Johnathan McPherson as Facilitator of the County Newsletter.

A Resignation was approved for April A. Broyles as Special Education Aide, effective October 15, 2019. Leaves of Absence were granted for Timothy P. South and Christina L. Allen. Three Step Pay Increases were approved for Heather Broyles, Paula Ellison, Britney Greer, Heather Houchins, Alicia Mann, Ashley Mann, Pat Boone, Karen Bowden, Sharon Kay Diem, Erin Dotson, Darla Ellison, Pam Grajo-Mullins, Molly Hoke, Cathy Hylton, Megan Jackson, Katherine Mann, Malory McPherson, Sreenaiah Nakka, Jane Nash, Lori Neel, and Terri Walker.

d. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to Hire Pamela M. Wickline as After School Early Literacy Math/STEM Tutor for MVS. The vote to approve was Fraley, yes; Wallace, yes; Sabol, yes; Lively, yes; Wickline, abstain.

e. Mr. Lively made the motion to approve the Hire of Brookelyn M. Cole as Sixth Grade Teacher for PMS, allowing her to assume the position when

she returns from leave. The vote to approve was unanimous.

XIII. Public Comments

- a. None.

XIV. Discussion Items

- a. Mr. Fraley thanked Mr. Lively and the American Legion Post for donating the flag and the JROTC for retiring the old flag.

Mr. Fraley shared that he plans to meet once per month, with the next meeting scheduled for the Hometown Restaurant in Peterstown at the end of October. At those meetings, Mr. Fraley noted that he is not speaking for the board, only for himself. The first meeting had six people in attendance. Concerns brought to his attention are underperforming schools, career readiness program, students leaving the community after they graduate, challenges of families and the opioid crisis effect on students, Mr. Fraley asked about why the community has lost some local support. Mental Health issues and clinics in the schools potentially are missing services. Mr. Fraley plans to bring the information back to the board. Mr. Fraley stated that there is a lot of misinformation in the community. Mr. Lively noted that he did not like the comments made on Facebook from his constituents. A reference was made that appeared like the other board members do not care about the students and the entire board and that is not correct.

It was noted that JMHS students currently in Atlanta are doing well. They were touring the Civil Rights Museum and that is a great opportunity.

Mrs. Wallace noted that attendance was discussed at the special meeting and she spoke to Franki Appell who is willing to conduct some training with our schools or school administrators.

Mrs. Wallace also noted that the MVS homecoming dance was sponsored by the eighth grade parents who are raising money for the end of year trip. She stated that some parents were scheduled to chaperone but a student left the dance and went to the game without permission. A student was doused with water and put in a strong hold. The parent reported the incident to Mrs. Dunford and the matter was handled. Mrs. Wallace stated that some teachers were chaperoning, noting that someone should be held accountable. Perhaps training should be held. She noted that bullying was also an issue but was handled by Mrs. Dunford.

XV. Public Comments

- a. None.

XVI. Adjournment

- a. Mr. Lively made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:18 p.m. The vote to approve was unanimous.



President



Secretary