

Monroe County Board of Education

Regular Meeting

February 18, 2020

Monroe County Board of Education Office

I. Roll Call

- a. Mr. Fraley called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
- b. Members present in addition to Everett Fraley were Danny Lively, Candy Sabol, and Sally Wallace. Keith Wickline was absent.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Approval of Agenda/Adjustments

- a. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to approve the agenda with no adjustments and the vote to approve was unanimous.

IV. Public Comments

- a. Mindy Pendergrass spoke, quoting a song from Eminem. She spoke about mental health issues and about depression and how people struggle with depression. She spoke about labels and a friend from her high school experience that was labeled and that the school made her friend feel bad and about how drugs deprive your frontal lobe. She feels all children are being taught how to be something they are not.

V. Student Government Report

- a. Abby Fraley reported from the meeting held today at JMHS. They are planning a fundraiser. They plan a bus to transport students to vote. They are planning James Monroe Day and would like input from the Board. Students would like to return to block scheduling. She would love to hear from the board if they have input into scheduling. No date has been set for James Monroe Day, but it will likely be in April.

VI. Superintendent's Report

- a. Mrs. Basile announced that the vote from the MVS Faculty Senate meeting on considering changing MVS name was 19 in favor of considering the change and 24 against considering a change.
- b. Mrs. Basile congratulated the PMS History Bowl Teams for achieving first and second place at the Regional History Bowl Competition this past

Saturday. The two teams will progress to the state competition. MVS teams will compete in a play-in competition that could also result in their progression to the state competition. She wished Good Luck to both schools.

- c. Mrs. Basile reminded the board that Caden Glover was a recent winner of the Herd's Got Talent Show. Randal Reid-Smith, Curator for the West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture and History, notified her that the county will receive a music grant in Caden's honor.
- d. Mrs. Basile shared that the CEFP Committee had met and finalized all documents from Phase One. Phase Two will begin and include some public hearings and final approval of the plan.
- e. Mrs. Basile announced that PES students collected stuffed animals to donate to the 911 Center and local law enforcement officers. The stuffed animals will be given to children in traumatic or emergency situations. More than 300 stuffed animals were donated on Valentine's Day
- f. Mrs. Basile noted that she had met recently with the PSD, state public service commission officials, engineers and the board's architect to discuss the water flow at the new Peterstown school. A second test was run and it was determined that 310 gallons of water per minute can be provided by the PSD and it will not affect the residential water pressure in the area. Our engineers will revise and use a sprinkler system that will effectively operate under these parameters.
- g. Mrs. Basile shared some iReady Data regarding Math and Reading from November and December.
- h. Mrs. Basile also shared that needs at PES require the addition of a one-half time Special Education teacher.

VII. Treasurer's Report

- a. Mr. Berry shared copies of revenue and expenses year to date. Mrs. Wallace made the motion to approve the report and the vote to approve was unanimous.

VIII. Consent Items

- I. Mr. Lively made the motion to approve the Consent Items with corrected Minutes from February 4, 2020, Payment of Bills, and Transfers and Supplements. The vote to approve was unanimous. Mrs. Wallace asked that the web address, jesselewischooselove.org, be included.

IX. Old Business

- a. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to approve the Revised Budget for the MCTC Law & Public Safety Class to Skills USA Competition. The vote to approve was unanimous.

X. New Business

- a. Mr. Lively made the motion to approve the new Peterstown Construction Bids.

Bids will be advertised beginning on February 26 with bid opening on April 2, and local board approval on April 7. The vote to approve was unanimous.

b. Mr. Lively made the motion to approve the School Building Authority Major Improvement Project. The request will include roof and gutter replacement at JMHS. The vote to approve was unanimous.

c. Mrs. Wallace made the motion to approve the Head Start/Early Head Start Out of State Travel Request. The vote to approve was unanimous.

d. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to approve the JMHS Major Improvement Project Change Order. The vote to approve was unanimous.

e. Mr. Lively made the motion to approve the JMHS Major Improvement Project Certificate of Substantial Completion. The vote to approve was unanimous

XI. Personnel Items

- a. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to approve all Personnel Items. The vote to approve was unanimous. Personnel Items included the Hire of Lesa F. Brookman as a Substitute Teacher; Larry Joe Mustain as Assistant Track Coach for MVS; Teresa H. Fisher as a Substitute Cook; Jeffrey A. Goff as Drama Club Sponsor for JMHS; and Lisa D. Arthur as SAT Site Coordinator for MVS. Leaves of Absence were granted for Sarah S. Worth and Christina L. Allen.

XIII. Public Comment (moved ahead of Executive Session)

a. Stoney Wilson spoke about sports at MVS. He quoted studies regarding athletics and physical activities in the county. He spoke about recreation leagues. He has been told funding is the issue. He said MVS volleyball asked parents to pay for volleyball uniforms and the school eventually took care of it. He said that girls' basketball was played in boys' uniforms. Softball team uniforms are tied together but are recreation league and not school league. He reported football uniforms are ten years old. He said recreation leagues take care of the football field. He noted that The Bank of Monroe funded the score board for recreation league softball. He reported that recreation leagues are the only people cleaning up trash. He feels the recreation leagues take more pride in the facility than the school does. He acknowledged that Monroe is a small county and does not have a commission or boards to help like bigger counties do. He previously spoke with Mr. Fraley about this. He feels the school has become too reliant on the recreation leagues' taking care of things. He does not believe parents should have to buy uniforms. He believes the school needs to step up and do more for athletic teams. He asks the board to look into the school doing their part to help maintain the programs.

XII. Executive Session

a. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to enter Executive Session at 6:51 p.m. under the guidelines of 6-9A-4. The vote to approve was unanimous.

b. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to return to Regular Session at 7:31 p.m. The vote to

approve was unanimous.

- c. Mr. Lively made the motion to take no action regarding Pending Litigation for Crabtree v. Monroe County Board of Education, Human Rights Commission Case Number EA-101-18. The vote to approve was unanimous.

XIV. Discussion Items

- a. Mr. Lively noted the article in the Monroe Watchman written by Gibbs Kinderman, saying that Mr. Kinderman does not know the full truth about what he has written. Mr. Lively suggests a response regarding the volunteer policy be submitted to the newspaper. Mr. Fraley asked that someone have a discussion with a news outlet to explain the volunteer policy. Some people were not aware why the background check was required.
- b. Mr. Fraley thanked MVS for their vote regarding the possible name change.

XV. Adjournment

- a. Mr. Lively made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. The vote to approve was unanimous.



President



Secretary