

Monroe County Board of Education

Regular Meeting

March 3, 2020

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 noted that Check Number 85879 and Personnel Hires Number Four should be voted separate. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to approve the agenda with the adjustments and the vote to approve was unanimous.

IV. Public Comments

- a. Mindy Pendergrass spoke, reading a letter that she said was written by Matt Meadows, a graduate of JMHS. The letter was written about the graduating class and how former classmates are dealing with issues and how it is ok to not be ok.
- b. Julie White spoke about her son's request to be transferred from MVS to PMS. She stated that her child was being bullied at MVS and asked that her transfer request to PMS be approved. She said he wore a Peterstown shirt to MVS and he was called a traitor. She asked that the transfer request be approved.

V. Student Government Report

- I. Abby Fraley spoke about the Model UN presentation and said she would like to have that presentation at the next board meeting. Students would like to discuss block scheduling at the next meeting as well. Leader in Me and YLA would like to have a student ambassador. She does not know how they will be selected but the ambassador would meet guests at games and events. They would also like an academic/all-star trophy case to showcase students who are PROMISE Scholars, 30 ACT Cubs, and to showcase students who have done well after high school. Mrs.

Andrea Wilson could contact Mrs. Angie Mann when buses need moved to free parking space for high school events. James Monroe Day is planned for April 22. The YLA would like to host a meet the board candidates event. This will be an opportunity for students to get to know board member candidates and ask questions and discuss concerns they have. Mrs. Basile noted they would need to be careful of what political events take place on school grounds and she would forward information to the school. Student government is trying to help get door locks repaired at MCTC. They hope to have a clean-up day once or twice a month after school to assist custodians. Students might receive incentives for participating. They also want to have a day to honor Ms. Lambert. They would like to have a bus to take students to Early Voting. They would also eat lunch and tour the courthouse on that trip. Senior teachers could help chaperone this event. Mr. Fraley asked about the candidate meet and greet and he said a meet and greet for other candidates may be a good idea.

VI. Superintendent's Report

- a. Mrs. Basile shared that National School Breakfast Week is the week of March 2-6, and that the county is thankful for our cooks and all that they do to feed and nourish our students.
- b. Mrs. Basile noted that Preschool Monitoring from WVDE is happening in the county this week.
- c. Mrs. Basile announced that the Calendar Committee plans to meet on March 5 to begin the calendar development process for next school year. She plans public hearings on the calendar on March 17 and April 7 and will ask for final board approval of the calendar on April 21. Mr. McPherson is heading that committee.
- d. Mrs. Basile shared some information sent by Ms. Dunford regarding MVS athletics, responding to comments made at the last meeting during Public Comments by Stony Wilson. Ms. Dunford stated that girls do not wear boy's uniforms for basketball. New white uniforms were purchased this year, paid jointly by the school and Sports of Monroe. Volleyball uniforms were purchased by the school with parents being asked to purchase two pieces that remain with the athlete. New boys' basketball uniforms were purchased. New cheerleader uniforms were purchased by the school athletic fund, with parents paying for bloomers, socks and shoes which will remain with the athlete. Football uniforms are in good shape and the coach did not request new uniforms. It is the interpretation of Mrs. Dunford that school personnel perform upkeep on the football field and that volunteers assist. Little League Bulldogs provide paint for the football field. The school has had several meetings with Mr. Wilson and he suggested upkeep of some items on the softball field. The school questioned spending for those things when there is not currently a softball team at MVS. Ms.

Dunford believes the teams have well represented the school this year. The softball league has agreed to clean the area they will be using.

e. Mrs. Basile noted that the USDA Biologist had emailed the following information to her. He plans to be around school grounds during early morning and evening hours to survey possible roosting vultures. He believes vultures are still roosting in the subdivision above the school, but Black Vulture numbers are variable there. Recently he has observed many more Turkey Vultures than Black Vultures, including at the landfill. Depending on what he observed at this roost, requesting permission from the landfill to work with birds there is still a possibility. Landfill personnel reported seeing tagged vultures there on occasion. If there is a way to hang vulture effigies on the school buildings, we should consider arranging a day to do that before spring. Parents would need to be notified. She asked if the board would be agreeable with doing this if it meant getting rid of the vultures.

f. Mrs. Basile announced that she is planning the annual Superintendent's Art Show for April 21. Art will be displayed at the board office beginning April 7, with the Monroe Arts Alliance judging the artwork by April 16. Awards will be given on April 21 just before the regular board meeting.

g. Mrs. Basile updated the board on School Attendance Rates vs. Accountability Attendance Rates. MVS has 18% of students chronically absent and the school attendance rate is 93.37%. PES has 20.9% of students chronically absent while their overall attendance rate is 92.96%. PMS has 27.27% chronically absent and overall attendance rate is 92.41%. JMHS has 26.36% chronically absent and overall attendance rate is 92.14%. She reminded the board that for accountability the schools must have 90% of students in attendance 90% of the time. As of now, none of the schools are meeting that target. She hopes once cold and flu season has passed, that the county will see those chronically absent numbers decrease. Schools are working hard to make attendance a priority for students and parents. She stated that it is difficult to hold schools accountable for something that is often a home or flu problem.

h. Mrs. Basile was delighted to share that Monroe County was the West Virginia Featured County for National Digital Learning Day on February 27. Each state nominated one county or district to highlight for their digital learning. She congratulated Mrs. Tuggle and her technology department and teachers for being West Virginia's feature county for digital learning.

i. Mrs. Basile announced that the next County Trauma Team Meeting is scheduled for March 20. The team should be ready to progress forward for improving services for children who may experience trauma.

Mr. Wickline asked about the guidelines for closing school due to illness. Mrs. Basile responded that the county is in constant contact with the Center for Disease Control. The response is that unless parents agree to keep students at home, it does not accomplish anything to close school. Mr. Lively asked if the

health department had spoken about the coronavirus. Mrs. Basile noted that there are very few cases in West Virginia.

Mr. Fraley congratulated JMHS, all basketball teams, and MVS boys' basketball team for their tournament win.

VII. Consent Items

- a. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to approve the Consent items with the exception of check number 85879. The vote to approve was unanimous. Those Consent Items are Minutes from February 18, 2020, Payment of Bills, and Transfers and Supplements.
- b. Mr. Lively left the room and recused himself for a personal travel check prior this action. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to approve check number 85879. The vote to approve was unanimous. Mr. Lively returned to the room.

VIII. New Business

- a. Mr. Fraley made the motion to approve the Student Transfer Request for White. The vote to approve was unanimous.
- b. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to approve the MOU with Concord University Department of Education. The vote to approve was unanimous.
- c. Mr. Lively made the motion to approve the PMS Out of State Travel Request for Fifth Grade to Dublin Virginia. The vote to approve was unanimous.
- d. Mrs. Wallace made the motion to approve the MOU with the WVU Cooperative Extension Service. The vote to approve was unanimous.
- e. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to approve the MOU with Moncove Lake State Park for MCTC. The vote to approve was unanimous.
- f. Mr. Fraley stated that he appreciates the PR Officers in the county. There was not a motion to approve the County Commission Request for Purchase of PRO Equipment including Spike Strips. No action was taken.
- g. Mr. Wickline asked about bids and costs. Mr. Lively made the motion to approve the Mark Laity-Snyder Commissioning Authority Services for Peterstown PK-8 School. The vote to approve was unanimous.
- h. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to approve the Contract with Mark Laity-Snyder Commissioning Authority Services for Peterstown PK-8 School. The vote to approve was unanimous.
- i. Mrs. Wallace made the motion to approve the Out of State Travel Request for the JMHS Senior Trip to King's Dominion. The vote to approve was unanimous with Mr. Fraley and Mrs. Sabol abstaining.
- j. Mr. Lively made the motion to approve the MOU with WVU, Orientation and Mobility. The vote to approve was unanimous.
- k. Mr. McPherson recommended bid number two for purchase of a dump trailer due to the location of the seller. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to

approve the bid for \$5250 from Tri-County Trailers at Beaver. The vote to approve was unanimous.

IX. Personnel Items

- a. Mr. Fraley made the motion to approve all Hires except number 4. The vote to approve was unanimous. Those Hires are Debra A. Neel as a Substitute Aide; A. Frank Houck, Jr., as \$1 Assistant Track Coach for MVS; Brian Young as Assistant Track Coach for JMHS; and Laura Laken Barreras and Crystal M. Crane as Substitute Aides.
- b. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to approve the Hire of Number 4, Cassandra B. Wood, as a Substitute Teacher. The vote to approve was unanimous, with Mrs. Wallace abstaining.

X. Public Comment


- a. None.

XI. Discussion Items

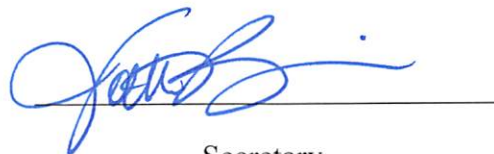
- a. None.

XII. Adjournment

- a. Mr. Fraley made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:42 p.m. The vote to approve was unanimous.



President



Secretary