

Monroe County Board of Education

Regular Meeting

June 10, 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 were Everett Fraley, Danny Lively, Candy Sabol, and Sally Wallace. Mr. Wickline congratulated Mrs. Wallace and Sabrina Stutts for winning a seat on the board.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Approval of Agenda/Adjustments

- a. Mr. Wickline noted that check numbers 86163 and 86164 will be voted separate. Mr. Fraley made the motion to approve the agenda with the adjustments and the vote to approve was unanimous.

IV. Public Comments

- a. None

V. Policies and Procedures

- a. Dr. Basile recommended the Procedure for Student Transfer and Open Enrollment Policy for first reading and thirty-day comment period. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to approve and the vote to approve was unanimous.
- b. Dr. Basile recommended adoption of the WVDE Policy 3300 Resolution concerning charter schools. Mrs. Wallace expressed concerns about some language in the resolution where it uses the word requires in places and the word mandates in other places. Mr. Wickline noted that the local board still has autonomy. Mr. Lively made the motion to approve the resolution. The vote to approve carried with Mrs. Wallace voting against the motion.

VI. Superintendent's Report

- a. Speaking about the proposed JMHS Senior Prom and Graduation Parade, Dr. Basile shared that Mr. Fraley, Susan Weikle, and she had attended the Monroe Health Department board meeting on May 27. She noted that the health department seemed to be coming around to the idea of a parade but not a prom. The county resubmitted a plan for

the parade and received feedback from the department approving the parade but encouraging “lightly decorated vehicles”. She does not believe they will approve a school-sponsored prom. However, the parents are planning their own event and information will be sent to students in the near future. They had originally set a date in June for the parade with graduation on July 10, with a rain date of July 11. JMHS suggested it would be more beneficial to have the parade on Friday, June 10, with graduation on Saturday, June 11. She welcomes input from the Board on this subject. She asked if they would rather see the parade and graduation on one weekend or plan the parade sooner since we have not been able to have a parade at this point. We have also received graduation guidance from WVDE saying the governor is allowing in-person graduations effective June 22. Mr. Fraley thanked Mrs. Weikle and the JMHS staff for visiting all seniors and presenting diplomas and other items. He thanked Mrs. King and the MCTC staff for their presentations on WHFI. The parade may begin at 6:00 p.m.

- b. Dr. Basile shared that the Monroe Health Center bids for the JMHS Wellness Center came in above the MHC grant amount and so the project has been rebid. Bid openings are scheduled next week.
- c. Dr. Basile informed the board that the red maintenance truck that Scott Kessel has driven will need a new transmission. The mechanics tell her that will cost around \$2,000 and that the high mileage truck is not worth investing that amount. Mr. Kessel is using the transportation truck and can use it until November when the transportation department will use it.
- d. Dr. Basile noted that the MCTC van was totaled as a result of the hail damage. She stated that Mrs. King is seeking bids on other vehicles to replace the van. Also, they had a pre-bid meeting on June 8 for the hail damage to the facilities. Bid openings are scheduled for June 22.
- e. Dr. Basile thanked everyone who assisted with readying the STEM bus. It has been painted, added STEM decals, shelves, storage space, and electrical outlets. Needed is flooring, Wifi, and painting of the storage shelves. They are excited about this opportunity and that the bus will soon be ready.
- f. Dr. Basile shared information from WVDE for COVID19 and the 2020-2021 school year. She has been holding central office meetings discussing various scenarios. WVDE released their guidance for next year and listed three scenarios. One scenario is for all children to attend school four days per week with one day for rigorous sanitization. Students would participate virtually during this time. Another option is for one half of the students to attend two days per week with the other half attending two days per week.

Rigorous sanitization would happen one day per week with a blend of virtual learning on off days. A third option is to have complete virtual learning. The county is to receive just over \$500,000 in funding to offset costs related to sanitizing, masks, etc. This can also be used to fund some part-time positions. Scenario One is for elementary students and is a model in which students would attend four days per week and one day for deep cleaning. Students would remain with their class the entire day with limited interaction with other groups. Scenario Two is a blended delivery model in which students would attend school a limited number of days and participate virtually the other days each week. This scenario would be limited in that not every student would be in the building at the same time, perhaps half the students would attend two days and the other half two days with one deep cleaning day. In the event of an outbreak, WVDE has given Scenario Three which is full virtual school. WVDE is focusing and requests counties to focus on social emotional well-being, safety, and instruction/learning. We have been meeting at the central office and working through scenarios and struggles of each scenario. We feel transportation, lack of in-class time and internet at home, and personnel issues related to the length of the day, meals, etc. will be very difficult. We are looking at purchasing protexus sanitizing guns that are said to sanitize a room in a short amount of time. The county is purchasing one and will purchase additional guns if the one purchased does what it is supposed to do and as quickly as it is supposed to work. We are developing a survey to send out to parents and employees to help guide us through the scenarios and for us to make decisions that best meet our local needs. We are hopeful to have that out by the end of the week. Board input is welcome as we move forward.

- g. Dr. Basile informed the board that the county mental health team met virtually and finalized plans for increasing mental health offerings to students. The committee voted to post two positions, one for a school psychologist who focuses on counseling and working with parents. The other position would be a behavior analyst. These are much needed services and can be paid from funding from the legislature, combined with other federal funds, including funds sent through the special education department, federal programs, and Head Start.
- h. Dr. Basile spoke about a Resolution in support of law enforcement. She said that in light of the events taking place nationwide against our law enforcement officers and calls on school systems to defund police officers in schools, she feels that Monroe County Schools should consider taking a stand to say we support good law enforcement officers and we should seek

to continue the PRO Officer services in our schools for the safety of our children and employees. While she believes we all detest what happened to Mr. Floyd, she strongly believes that we continue to need law enforcement officers in our communities and especially in our schools. She would like the board to consider a resolution to say that we support our local officers and our PRO officers. If the board wishes for her to do so, she would like to place this on the next agenda for official approval.

VII. Consent Items

- a. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to approve the Consent Items with the exceptions noted above. The vote to approve was unanimous. Those items are Minutes from May 19, 2020; Payment of Bills; Transfers and Supplements; a Proposal and Scope of Services for Third Party Inspection Services for the PK-8 Peterstown School for Teradon; an Agreement for Vector Solutions TeachPoint Software as a Service Client; an iReady Quote from Curriculum Associates; and an Agreement for Leader in Me.
- b. Mr. Lively left the room prior to this action. Mr. Fraley made the motion to approve Check Number 86163 and the vote to approve was unanimous. Mr. Lively returned to the room.
- c. Mrs. Sabol left the room prior to this action. Mr. Fraley made the motion to approve Check Number 86164 and the vote to approve was unanimous. Mrs. Sabol returned to the room.

VIII. New Business

- a. Mrs. Wallace made the motion to approve the Board Meeting Calendar for 2020-2021. The vote to approve was unanimous.
- b. Dr. Basile spoke about the WVSSAC suggested guidelines for practicing of sports. Mr. Fraley made the motion to approve the guidelines and the vote to approve was unanimous.
- c. Dr. Basile spoke about water issues between the main MCTC building and the buildings behind. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to advertise for bids for the excavation work. The vote to approve was unanimous.
- d. Dr. Basile spoke about the proposed internet for the new PK-8 Peterstown school. Mrs. Tuggle shared information. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to approve the Suddenlink Contract for internet for the school. The vote to approve was unanimous.
- e. Dr. Basile shared that this quote is for a technology device for a special education student. Mr. Lively made the motion to approve the ATW Assistive Technology quote. The vote to approve was unanimous.

- f. Mr. Fraley made the motion to approve the bid for the Summer Food program from the Hometown Restaurant. The vote to approve was unanimous.
- g. Dr. Basile recommended the bid from Davis for the MVS bleachers, the bid preferred by Ms. Dunford. Mr. Lively made the motion to approve the Bleacher Bid from Davis in the amount of \$43,858 to be paid from Step 7 funds. The payment is not to exceed \$47,000 from the county if there are not ample Step 7 funds. The vote to approve was unanimous.
- h. Dr. Basile shared information for the JMHS bleacher bid. Mrs. Weikle spoke about the need for better handrails. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to approve the bid from Davis, not to exceed \$116,000. The vote to approve was unanimous.

IX. Personnel

- a. Mr. Lively made the motion to approve the Personnel List with the exception of Summer Hire Number 5. The vote to approve was unanimous. Hires for Summer are Cassandra D. Bailey as Remote Math K-4 Teacher for MVS; Nellie M. Cottle as Remote Math K-4 Teacher for PES; Lisa D. Arthur as Remote ELA 5-8 Teacher for MVS; Sharon Kay Diem as Remote Math 5-8 Teacher for MVS; Sreenaiah Nakka as Remote Credit Recovery Teacher for JMHS; Lezli H. Baker as EHS/PAT Home Visitor; Sarah Beth Nickell, Amy M. Dowdy, and Sara L. Blankenship as EHS/PAT Home Visitors, all for Early Head Start.
- b. One Placement for 2020-2021 was Kamali Connell as LD, BD, MI Teacher for MVS.
- c. Resignations were accepted for Matthew L. Phillips as Athletic Director for JMMS; Benjamin J. Neal as Music/Band Director at JMHS; Christina L. Allen as Assistant Boys' and Girls' Soccer Coach at JMHS.
- d. Patti L. Chlepas was approved as Special Education Teacher for the Three-Pay Step Increase, effective May 9, 2020.
- e. Volunteers approved were Rodney Allen, Crystal Broyles, and Michelle McFall.
- f. Mr. Fraley made the motion to approve the Summer Hire of Angela D. Parker as Summer Remote ELA 5-8 Teacher for PMS. The vote to approve was unanimous with Mr. Lively abstaining.

X. Public Comment

- a. None.

XI. Discussion items

- a. Mr. Lively spoke about needing someone to be appointed by the board to the SESC Cooperative and Summers Monroe Day Report Board effective July 1.

XII. Adjournment

- a. Mr. Fraley made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 p.m. The vote to approve was unanimous.



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