

Monroe County Board of Education

Regular Meeting

June 30, 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 86211 should be voted separate. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to approve the agenda with the adjustment and the vote to approve was unanimous.

IV. Public Comments

- a. Shannon Parker, parent, spoke regarding the coming opening of school. She spoke relating to high school students and said that she feels students need to be back in school in some fashion. She feels not being able to socialize has a greater impact than the virus could have. She asked that a virtual platform be applied whether it is zoom or other so students can see one another and that teachers see students. She would like a time frame of work being due and that students and teachers be held accountable.
- b. Melissa Boggs also spoke regarding re-entry in the fall. She does not envy the position the board is in and knows no decision will make everyone happy. She knows when the pandemic first hit there was not a platform for virtual learning. She is upset that an assignment given in junior English was to write in a journal for 15 minutes but the teacher did not want to see the writing. She hopes that students will be in school and not have virtual learning. She noted that Wyoming County has a plan to attend four days per week with Wednesday being a cleaning day. She shared that she liked that scenario.
- c. Mindy Pendergrass spoke regarding the decisions that need to be

made for school with the current virus situation. She wants to define ourselves by what we like. She likes that the scenarios say “Be creative”. She wants to use volunteers and that they help any way they can. All children do not learn the same way. She wants the board to be creative and think outside of the box. She believes the board will do the best they can under the present circumstances. She wants the Board to be creative.

Mr. Wickline noted that we must get students to school safely, that transportation is a big concern. He shared that there is no way to social distance on a bus, that a lot of what is determined will be dictated by Charleston. The board will do what we can to have school and have students safe at the same time.

Mrs. Wallace shared that she is surprised that the American Pediatric Association has come out in favor of being in school.

V. Policies and Procedures

a. Dr. Basile spoke about the proposed revision to the Virtual School Policy. Mr. Lively and Mrs. Wallace asked questions regarding the policy and open enrollment. Mrs. Wallace asked that the public support public schools. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to approve the policy for first reading and 30-day comment period. The vote to approve was four for the motion with Mrs. Wallace voting against the motion.

VI. Personnel Hearing

- a. Mr. Fraley made the motion to enter Executive Session under the guidelines of 6-9A-4 at 6:35 p.m. The vote to approve was unanimous.
- b. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to return to Regular Session at 7:39 p.m. The vote to approve was unanimous.
- c. Mr. Lively made the motion to uphold the superintendent’s recommendation to suspend Mr. Shirey and the vote to approve was unanimous.

VII. Consent Items

- a. Mrs. Wallace made the motion to approve the Consent Items with the exception of the check noted above. The vote to approve was unanimous. Those items were the approval of Amendment #1 to the Grant Award for the JMHS Safe School Entrance and the Final Fiscal Year 20 Check Run.
- b. Mr. Lively recused himself prior to this action. Mr. Fraley made the motion to approve Check Number 86211 and the vote to approve was unanimous. Mr. Lively returned to the room.

VIII. New Business

- a. Mr. Fraley made the motion to approve all New Business items. The vote to approve was unanimous. Those items are approval of the Agreement with Vector Solutions – Safe Schools Training Platform; an MOU for Teacher Candidate Early Field and Clinical Experience with Concord University; and the Bid from Sears of \$35,000 for HVAC Duct Cleaning at all schools.

IX. Personnel Items

- a. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to approve all Personnel Items with the exception of Section F, Item 2. The vote to approve was unanimous.
- b. Mr. Fraley made the motion to approve Section F. Item 2, the Rescind of Reduction in Force and Transfer of Molly W. Hoke. The vote to approve was unanimous with Mrs. Sabol abstaining.
- c. Other Personnel Items were Rescinds of Reduction in Force and Transfers for Christina Dunlap, Sherry Fowler, and Jewel A. Ramsey.
- d. Hires for 2020-2021 are Jason Goodman as Assistant Football Coach for JMHS; Sarah G. Martin as Athletic Director for MVS; Naomi Walker as Cafeteria Manager for PES; Michael Ridgeway as Head Football Coach for MVS; Randy Collins as Assistant Football Coach for MVS; Kelly W. Pickles as Head Cheer Coach for MVS; B. J. Baker as Assistant Football Coach for PMS; J. Seth Elmore as Music Teacher/Band Director for JMHS; Kimberly Gusler as One Half Time Cook II for PMS; Rachel Karim as Head Cheer Coach for PMS; Jack Phipps as Assistant Football Coach for JMHS; Carter A. Shiflet as Athletic Trainer for JMHS; Iwona Broyles as English Teacher for JMHS; Jennifer Vass as \$1 Assistant Cheer Coach for MVS; Isaac W. Deskins and Brady Chinault as \$1 Assistant Football Coaches for MVS; Kimberly J. Rodes as Behavior Analyst/Early Intervention Specialist, Itinerant; Tiffany D. Yancey as School Psychologist, Itinerant; and Brookelyn M. Cole as Grade Six Teacher for PMS.
- e. Transfers for 2020-2021 are Stephanie Morris to Music Teacher at MVS; Danielle Clarkson as Grade Six Teacher for PMS; and Denise Amos as Special Education Aide/Bus Aide for MVS.
- f. Hires for Summer are Sreenaiah Nakka as Remote Math Teacher for PMS; Sherry P. Lowe as Education Coordinator; Katrina King as Remote Head Start Teacher; and Cynthia Deskins as Family Services Manager, all for Head Start; Jennifer S. Persinger as Remote English as Second Language Teacher; Donna Boothe as Head Start/PreSchool Enrollment Secretary; and Allison B. St. Clair as School Nurse, Itinerant.
- g. Resignations were approved for Lindsay Miller as a Substitute Teacher; Tracy Dransfield as Guidance Counselor for JMHS; Melissa Griffith as Special

Education Designee for MVS and Christina Dunlap as Head Soccer Coach for MVS.

X. Executive Session

- a. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to enter Executive Session under the guidelines of 6-9A-4 at 7:48 p.m. The vote to approve was unanimous.
- b. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to return to Regular Session at 8:15 p.m. The vote to approve was unanimous.
- c. Mr. Lively made the motion to decline the settlement offer for the pending litigation of Crabtree v. Monroe County Board of Education.

XI. Discussion/Action Items

- a. Dr. Basile shared information with the board concerning the Re-Entry Plan for 2020-2021. She spoke about information from the parent/employee survey with the majority of responders preferring students attend four days per week. Staff will continue to meet and develop the best plan for the county.

XII. Discussion Items

- a. Mr. Fraley asked about the plan for graduation.
- b. Mrs. Wallace thanked the board for approving the Resolution for Equality.
- c. Mr. Lively suggested shields rather than masks might be needed for food delivery persons. He stated that parents have asked for more variety in the bags of food that are being delivered.
- d. Mr. Lively thanked the board for putting kids first and securing the new school for Peterstown.
- e. Mr. Wickline reminded the board of the meeting on July 6. He thanked Mr. Lively for his service to the school system and to the country.

XIII. Adjournment

- a. Mr. Lively made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:54 p.m. The vote to approve was unanimous.



President



Secretary