

Monroe County Board of Education

Regular Meeting

August 11, 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, Candy Sabol, Sally Wallace, and Sabrina Stutts.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Approval of Agenda/Adjustments

- a. Mr. Wickline noted that Personnel Hires Number 9 should be voted separate.
Mr. Fraley made the motion to approve the agenda with the adjustment and the vote to approve was unanimous.

IV. Public Comments

- a. None

V. Discussion/Action

- a. Dr. Basile shared information about the Re-Entry Plan containing three scenarios: traditional/blended learning, virtual learning, and remote learning.
Mrs. Wallace is concerned about students with disabilities and that virtual learning may not be appropriate for them. She is also concerned about not testing temperatures when students get on the bus. She hopes parents would accompany students to the bus so if they are sick they can be taken back home. She would possibly like the driver to take temperatures. She believes congregation occurs in class and it will be difficult for small children to wear masks in class. She believes parents can train students to wear masks. She is concerned about masks being worn in physical education class when students are exercising and may be spreading germs. She believes students will echo what they hear at home and not wear masks because parents say they do not have to wear a mask even though teachers require them. She believes there are so many what ifs, whens, etc. She stated that she did not go into teaching to be popular. She had to make decisions for her students and she is holding out on the plan until more information is received on the disease. She does not think the plan is going to work.

Mr. Fraley has had conversations with folks and some concerns are temperature scans. Folks would like student temperatures taken before they get on the bus. We hope parents will prescreen at home. If we cannot scan them on the bus, could we scan them at school entry or at class? Wyoming County is scanning as you walk in the building with mass scanners. He would like the purchase of scanners looked into. He asked about the COVID room and having extra help. He would like prepared procedures for after a child is tested. He would like the plan to state the procedure if a test is positive, saying when they can return, and contact tracing. He believes it is paramount that spacing be followed in the class. Parents and teachers suggested one half class size attendance be investigated again. He is concerned about teachers at risk with health issues. The most common symptoms according to providers are fever, coughing, and loss of taste and smell.

Mrs. Sabol has had the same concerns raised that Mr. Fraley has shared.

Mrs. Wallace feels pressure from Washington to get students to school.

Mrs. Stutts shared that she had received some of the same concerns by email. She believes screening needs to be more specific. The CDC says screening does not need to occur but she believes a screening protocol has to be in place. She believes the screening needs to occur before they come through the door. She struggles with classroom size and feels masks should be required. Mrs. Sabol believes masks should be required in the classroom as well.

Mrs. Wallace believes that Washington is making this political.

Mrs. Stutts believes we will fail our children if we do not screen.

Mr. Fraley asked if there is something we can do to help educate parents. He asks if we might create an app for students to use with screening.

Mrs. Stutts thinks ideally temperatures should be taken before students get on the bus but if not then, at least at the door.

Mrs. Stutts asked about feedback from the health department. She believes some colleges returning to campus will give us some information on what may happen.

Mrs. Wallace said teachers are talking about strikes. She asks what the rush is in starting on September 8. She would like the present situation to go away so students can come to school.

Mr. Wickline shared that he is concerned about buses. He feels what we do is irrelevant in the building if we are putting students on a bus. He feels we should limit the number of students on the bus which may be achieved by rotating groups to 50% of students attending each day. He shared that Monongalia County is limiting their bus attendance to 20 students. He is not sure how they can achieve that and realizes that will not work for Monroe County. He thinks we need to have students in the building one or two days per week so we can have eyes on them. He would like to think we can trust parents to screen students but past experience says we cannot; they send them to school regardless. He realizes child care puts parents in a tough situation. He thinks we need to look at a way to reduce the number of students in the building each day.

Mrs. Wallace shared that teachers are frightened. They will step up but they are

scared.

Mr. Fraley agrees that a virtual plan is available for students. He believes that the plan can be better.

Mrs. Wallace does not want to be the board that let students down because of pressure from Charleston and Washington.

- b. Mrs. Stutts made the motion to approve the 2020-2021 Employee Workday Changes. The vote to approve was unanimous.
- c. Mr. Fraley made the motion to approve the Waiver for Schedule and Professional Learning Days. The vote to approve was unanimous. Mrs. Wallace noted that a training was recently available to middle school teachers but they were given only 30 minutes notice of the training. She wants teachers to be given more notice of trainings.

VI. Superintendent's Report

- a. Dr. Basile congratulated Maggie Bostic for receiving the CTE Albert Yanni Scholarship. This scholarship was recently announced so she was not recognized at our scholarship awards virtual ceremony.
- b. Dr. Basile shared that the SBA left \$1 million in contingency funds for the new Peterstown school and took \$3.3 million back to fund other projects since our bids came in under budget for the project. Mr. Roach had originally suggested \$1 million or \$1.5 million would be swept back to the SBA but they decided to take more to fund two other projects in the state.
- c. Dr. Basile noted that new school construction is progressing. Workers are continuing to pour footers. Some block has been delivered to the site and they will begin laying block in the next few weeks. Masons and plumbers are on-site.
- d. Dr. Basile gave an update on the JMHS Wellness Center, saying the project is moving along. All demolition work is complete and they are starting the plumbing and masonry wall. The classroom space is to be completed by August 24, when teachers start the year.
- e. Dr. Basile thanked Johnathan, Misty, and Bobbie for working on a COVID-19 grant. The county received confirmation that we will be receiving \$94,782 to help offset costs associated with COVID-19. We should be receiving a letter outlining more details of what the funds are specifically targeting. She noted that the county applied for a larger amount but are thankful for any amount we receive.

VII. Consent Items

- a. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to approve the Consent Items, a-g. The vote to approve was unanimous. Those items are Minutes from July 21, 2020, and July 28, 2020; Transfers and Supplements; a Temporary Part Time Agreement with Janet J. Miller; an Agreement with Thera-Pedics, Inc., a Contract with Integrated Speech Solutions, LLC., a Renewal and first Amendment to MOU with WVU and the WVU School of Medicine. Mrs. Wallace asked how services will be given to those with disabilities. Mr. McPherson explained that it would be determined by the IEP team.
- b. Mr. Wickline questioned the agreement with Jennifer Frangos. Mrs. Wallace questioned occupational therapy and space issues with restrictions on spacing.
- c. Mr. Fraley made the motion to approve Item h, a Re-entry Consulting Agreement with Jennifer Frangos, D. O. The motion passed with Mr. Wickline voting no.

VIII. Old Business

- a. Concerning the Greenville School deed, Justin St. Clair stated that in 1995 the Greenville School property was deeded to a 501-C3 status. When the group did not get their 501 status, the property reverted back to the board. In 2014, the board deeded the land to Monroe County Council on Aging. Since that time, the Council has completed a lot of work on the property. The deed also included the Ruritan building and the ball field. The Council wants to sell the Ruritan building and ball field and has sought an attorney to assist with the sale. The attorney for the Council stated the property does not belong to the Council because they did not use the land within five years. Mr. St. Clair sees it differently because the Council has developed some of the property but not all of it. However, their attorney suggests a quit claim deed saying the board does not want the property.

Mr. Fraley made the motion to enter Executive Session for legal purposes under the guidelines of 6-9A-4 at 7:37 p.m. The vote to approve was unanimous.

Mr. Fraley made the motion to return to Regular Session at 7:59 p.m. The vote to approve was unanimous.

Mrs. Sabol made the motion to approve the Quit Claim Deed for the former Greenville School property and the vote to approve was unanimous.

IX. New Business

- a. Mrs. Wallace made the motion to approve the Ridge Runner Construction Bid for hail damage at JMHS and MCTC. The vote to approve was unanimous.
- b. Mrs. Stutts made the motion to approve the chrome book Lease document for Trinity 3 at an annual cost of \$54,259. The vote to approve was unanimous.
- c. Mr. McPherson shared information for the Power School Schoology Virtual Platform program that is a learning management system for teachers to upload assignments, post grades, track attendance, and communicate with parents. The committee unanimously chose Schoology. The cost is \$15,300 for the year. This will aid in communication with parents and be one place where they can find assignments and will not require parents to go to various locations. WV Virtual School is a WVDE approved program for K-12. This program is a self-paced program as long as students work and progress. Assignments can be read aloud for students with IEPs. This program costs \$1,200 per year. Edmentum is another virtual program discussed that also covers K-12. A parent login is available for parents. Weekly reports are sent to parents and facilitators. Teacher notes are posted on the side. This program offers some live lessons online. It uses the Calvert learning platform. This program costs \$2,500 per year.
Mrs. Sabol made the motion to approve Power School's Schoology and WV Virtual. The vote to approve was unanimous.

X. Personnel Items

- a. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to enter Executive Session at 8:19 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 8:44 p.m. The vote to approve was unanimous.
- c. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to approve the list as written with the exception of number 9 under Hires. The vote to approve was unanimous.
Those items are Hires of Richard O. Bailey and James K. Williams as Activity Bus Operators; Ivy Jenna Hancock as a Substitute Teacher; Robert W. Beaman as \$1 Assistant Football Coach for JMHS; Tom Gardinier as Business Occupations Teacher for MCTC; Nick Pitzer as Assistant Football Coach for PMS; William Albin as Head Volleyball Coach for PMS; Justin Rhodes as Assistant Volleyball Coach for PMS; Angela E. Mann as Principal for JMHS; and Tammy L. Page as Substitute Athletic Trainer for JMHS.
A Resignation was approved for Christen Porterfield as Art Teacher at JMHS; and a Retirement for Libby R. Kowalsky, Executive Secretary. effective January 1, 2021.

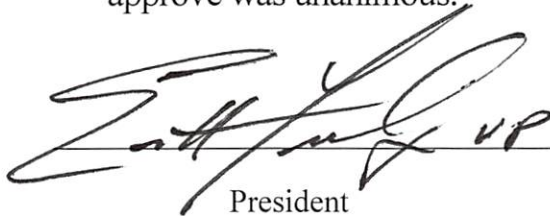
d. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to approve the Hire of Kimberly A. Fraley as Athletic Director at JMHS. The vote to approve was unanimous with Mr. Fraley abstaining.

XI. Discussion Items

- a. Mr. Fraley wished Mrs. Mann the best at her new role as principal at JMHS.

XII. Adjournment

- a. Mr. Fraley made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 p.m. The vote to approve was unanimous.



President



Secretary