

## **Monroe County Board of Education**

### **Regular Meeting**

**July 21, 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 Check Number 86275 should be voted separate and that Old Business, Item b, should be moved to Discussion/Action. 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 spoke about the proposed revision to the Procedure for Student Transfer and Open Enrollment Policy. Mrs. Wallace questioned the section regarding transfers and meals. She asked about the cost for a student coming from outside the state and the amount paid to the county. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to approve the policy for final reading. The vote to approve was unanimous.
- b. Dr. Basile spoke about the proposed policy waiver for the Exam Exemption Policy JED-2. She encouraged the board to consider waiving the policy for the current school year due to absences that may be caused by Covid 19. Mrs. Wallace made the motion to approve and the vote to approve was unanimous.

#### **VI. Superintendent's Report**

- a. Dr. Basile shared that she had heard nothing but good reports from our parents and community regarding JMHS graduation and parade. Parents were very thankful for the ceremony being as normal as possible.

- b. Dr. Basile was very pleased to announce that the county has been selected to receive the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Grant for the 2020-2021 school year. She congratulated and thanked Janet Miller for her hard work on the grant. This program will provide additional after school tutoring services for our students.
- c. Dr. Basile spoke to the board saying she would like to schedule a special meeting on either July 27 or 28 to hire a Child Nutrition Director. She asked the board to let her know which date is most suitable for the meeting.
- d. Dr. Basile noted that the WVSSAC has released their Fall Sports Guidance. All fall sports will begin practice on August 17, 2020. Game requirement waivers for football are in place, along with other requirements and recommendations for sports. A copy was shared with board members.
- e. Dr. Basile publicly thanked the team of central office directors, principals, faculty senate chairs, leadership teams, service personnel, students and parents who have met numerous times to get our plan together for school re-entry. She knows our central office directors feel like all we have done lately is participate in meetings and to some extent that is correct. The committee knows that there is no "right" answer to any of this but we also know we have what we feel is the best plan for Monroe County and we are grateful for those who have helped us develop the plan. We have had a lot of input from all the meetings and surveys. She is thankful for this county in which we live and the great people we interact with each day.
- f. Mrs. Wallace shared that she was asked by several people how last week's meeting went. Mrs. Stutts stated that several people had said they really liked graduation being live-streamed. People hope that will continue.

#### VII. Treasurer's Report

- a. Mr. Berry presented income and expenses year to date. Mr. Wickline inquired as to why expenses are so great for the month of June. Mr. Berry responded that is due to deferred employee paychecks that must be run in June and sent out over the summer and also due to new school expenses. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to approve the report and the vote to approve was unanimous.

#### VIII. Consent Items

- a. Mrs. Wallace asked that the July 6, 2020, minutes be changed to reflect some additional wording from her. Mrs. Wallace made the motion to

approve the Consent Items with the exception of check number 86275. The vote to approve was unanimous.

- b. Mrs. Stutts left the room prior to this action due to her position on the Library Board. Mr. Fraley made the motion to approve check number 86275 and the vote to approve was unanimous. Mrs. Stutts returned to the room.

#### IX. Old Business

- a. Dr. Basile spoke about the HVAC Cleaning Bids previously approved. Sears had the lowest bid, but with the bidder not knowing there were additional units in the ceilings of the schools. His revised bid was for \$125,000. Previous bid was a per unit amount that would have been very costly if the bid wasn't revised. Mr. Fraley made the motion to approve the revised bid and the vote to approve was unanimous.
- b. This item was moved to Discussion/Action.

#### X. New Business

- a. Dr. Basile shared bids for filling stations for student water bottles to be filled. Mrs. Wallace made the motion to approve the bid from Ferguson in the amount of \$7227.36. The vote to approve was unanimous.
- b. Bobbie Tuggle spoke of the need to purchase 225 Chromebooks and shared a bid from Trinity 3 in the amount of \$56,025. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to approve the purchase and the vote to approve was unanimous.
- c. Mr. Fraley made the motion to approve the bid from Fullen Excavating for the MCTC drainage problem. The vote to approve the bid in the amount of \$3200 was unanimous.

#### XI. Personnel Items

- a. Mr. Fraley made the motion to approve the Personnel Items as listed. The vote to approve was unanimous. Those items are Rescind of Transfers for Katrina King, Denise Amos, and the Transfer of Denise Amos to Special Education Ade at MVS on June 30, 2020.
- b. Hires are Megan T. Jones, Mayra Rivera Morales, A. Frank Houck, Jr., Regina L. Spencer, and Tami R. Brown as Summer Guidance Counselors; Cassandra B. Wood, Rachel Karim, and Kelli B. Pennington as Substitute Teachers; Debra A. Neel, Laura Laken Barreras and Michelle Burgess as Substitute Aides; Megan E. McGhee as Special Education Designee at MVS; Brad T. Sibold as Head Soccer Coach for MVS; Christina L. Allen as \$1 Assistant Soccer Coach for both Boys and Girls for JMHS; Victoria L. Dunn as Cafeteria Manager for JMHS; Heather W. Hubbard as One Half Time Cook II for PMS; Kayla Lively Bradley as HI/VI Teacher, Itinerant; Catherine I. Neel, Leslie L. Young, Keri N. Medlar, and Vanedra L.

- Mustain as Substitute Aides; Kimberly A. Cody as Special Education Aide for MVS; and A. Frank Houck, Jr., as Guidance Counselor for JMHS.
- c. An Out of Field Authorization was granted for Kayla Lively Bradley. A Resignation was approved for Robert W. Ellison as a Substitute Bus Operator.

## XII. Discussion/Action Items

- a. Dr. Basile spoke about the School Re-entry Plan with students attending four days per week with each Wednesday being a day for deep cleaning. Mrs. Wallace had many questions, saying she felt the right people were not at the table. Dr. Basile respectfully disagreed and stated the right people were at the table including teachers, faculty senate chairs, leadership teams, service personnel representatives, administrators, parents, and students with much input from surveys. Mr. Wickline has deep concerns of putting every student in the building at the same time. Mrs. Wallace agreed. Mr. Fraley knows of medical professionals who plan to keep their children at home. Parents also have a virtual school option. He noted, based on surveys this is a good starting plan. Mr. Wickline again voiced concerns about all students being in the building at the same time. Mr. Fraley asked if additional staff would be required. Teachers would work from home on Wednesdays. Mr. Fraley made the motion to accept what is proposed as four full days, Wednesday a virtual learning day, with the contingency that things can completely change at the state level and this should be reviewed after the first month of school at the latest. The vote to approve was four to one, with Mrs. Wallace voting no. Dr. Basile stated that the plan will be reviewed after the start of school.
- b. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to approve the Change of Calendar for the 2020-2021 school year due to the Governor's direction that school cannot begin prior to September 8, 2020, for students. Employee start date was moved to August 24, 2020. The vote to approve was unanimous.

## XIII. Discussion Items

- a. Mrs. Wallace requested that a discussion be had for a Parent Representative to the Board. Mrs. Wallace feels there is a need for more openness, involvement and transparency with parents. She would like a parent representative to the board, similar to the student representative. She feels the public is not invited enough to the meetings. This was her campaign for the board this election. She told parents that she would speak about it and feels there are concerns. As a parent representative, they could not vote on or participate in personnel discussions. If this is not possible, she would

like a paid position to bring people in. She asked that a parent involvement person be hired to help. She acknowledged the work of Jeana Carr and Cindy Deskins. She feels the Head Start model can be useful to older students. She would like one board member to focus on each school; to adopt the school and represent that school's needs. Mrs. Wallace would be willing to represent MVS or another school. She feels these would bring involvement, openness and transparency. She reported that teachers and parents are afraid to come to the board. She feels more involvement, openness, and transparency is needed. She suggested that Frankie Appell be hired as a county employee to assist with involving parents.

Mr. Wickline stated that parents cannot be forced to be involved. They are invited to PTO, LSIC, two public comments sections on each agenda, and the board members are community members out in the county, etc. Parents talk to him many times about school business, at the post office or in the community. Parents are welcomed at board meetings and allowed ample time to speak at meetings. Mr. Wickline reported that he is elected to represent all schools and is not in favor of adopting a single school.

Mrs. Wallace feels that parents do not feel appreciated and heard. She said parents have reported that retaliation occurs when someone comes to speak to the board during public comments.

Mr. Wickline stated that Melissa Boggs did not feel threatened to speak and ask questions at the board meetings.

Mrs. Stutts noted that there are committees at schools that parents serve on and that parents have liaisons on the committee to speak to the board.

Mr. Fraley shared that if someone is sincere, that person may come to the meeting and speak. There are avenues to get information to the board. He agrees that parent involvement could improve but does not agree that parent representatives are the means to accomplish that.

Mrs. Wallace wants openness. Misty Nelson spoke saying parents are busy and do not have time to volunteer many hours. Mrs. Wallace wants the Head Start model to continue through high school.

#### XIV. Adjournment

- a. Mr. Fraley made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 p.m. The vote to approve was unanimous.



President



Secretary