

**Monroe County Board of Education**

**Regular Meeting**

**July 6, 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, Sabrina Stutts and Sally Wallace.

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

**III. Approval of Agenda/Adjustments**

- a. Mr. Wickline noted that Item e under New Business should have the date changed from August 4 to August 11. Mrs. Wallace made the motion to approve the agenda with the adjustment and the vote to approve was unanimous.

**IV. Public Comments**

- a. Lacy Nigels spoke, saying she is concerned about safety during re-entry. She is concerned about students coming to school that are A-symptomatic. She is concerned about the wellbeing of children in the county. She wants to know her children are safe to return to school and if not safe, she will use the K-12 system. She wants actual grades to be issued. She wants reassurance that students will not need to go to the hospital.
- b. Mindy Pendergrass came with some ideas. She spoke about a pandemic during 1919 and how the Covid pandemic is dangerous. She spoke about the health risks in returning to school. She feels the more rules that you place on students, the more they tend to break the rules. She wants more choices for students. She suggested offering virtual school for those who do not want to come to school. She suggested Monday might be an all-day English class and one elective. Tuesday might be another day of core class and one elective. Wednesday could be used for cleaning. Thursday could be a core class and one elective. Friday could be a core class and one elective. She feels what happened to our 2020 seniors is tragic. Most memories she has from school are from elementary school. Most of her learning occurred in college. She suggested using all areas of school, such as the gym, auditorium, and stadium. She said local churches can be used. She asked that students be given the

tools to succeed with all the restrictions in place.

- c. Wayne Spangler shared that he was re-elected for his fifth term as WVEA vice president and will serve three more years in that capacity. He is asking the board to approve a resolution called “We Rise Together” in support of passage of the Heroes Act that will allocate federal funds to school systems due to Covid-19. The resolution asks for \$175 billion in funding based on poverty, to fill gaps in schools. The US House of Representatives has passed the bill and it is now in the Senate. WVEA would appreciate the resolution being on the next agenda for action. Monongalia, Doddridge, and Hancock Counties have passed the resolution.

## V. Election of Officers

- a. Mrs. Wallace nominated Keith Wickline to be board president. Mr. Wickline asked if there were any other nominations. There were none. The vote to approve Mr. Wickline as President was unanimous.
- b. Mrs. Wallace nominated Everett Fraley to be board vice president. Mr. Wickline asked if there were any other nominations. There were none. The vote to approve Mr. Fraley as Vice President was unanimous.

## VI. Superintendent’s Report

- a. Dr. Basile reminded the board of the JMHS Graduation/Parade scheduled for Thursday, July 9 at 6:00 p.m. The parade route will start at PMS, go through JMHS and end at MVS. Graduation will be held on Friday, July 10 at 7:00 p.m. Each graduate will receive six tickets. No one will be permitted to the event without a ticket. No community spectators will be allowed due to Covid-19. The ceremony will be livestreamed so community members can view it.
- b. Dr. Basile shared that a meeting was held with a student committee and there was a hearty discussion of various scenarios for re-entry next year. Students have requested to be in school as often as possible. There is another meeting scheduled with students on Monday at 1:00 p.m. Mrs. Wallace had asked to be a part of that meeting so Dr. Basile wanted to let the board know the date and time. There are meetings scheduled this week with faculty senates, Leadership Teams, and administrators. She is sending out a link for student surveys and a follow-up survey for parents. The county is also revising our virtual school application and will have that available to parents by Monday, July 13. The county has had an increase in parents requesting home school applications and we have been notifying those families that virtual school will be available. WVDE has not released

their guidance document and we are hopeful that will be released this week. We have mass ordered disinfecting spray and spray devices, hand sanitizer, water bottle filling stations as water fountains will be off limits, and masks. We are working toward ordering water bottles, extra supplies for classes where supplies are shared, i.e. art, math calculators, etc.

- c. Dr. Basile spoke about a pre-bid meeting for MCTC excavation in front of the rear buildings scheduled for Wednesday with bid opening scheduled for July 17; the hail damage bid opening did not yield any bids so that has been put out for rebid. A pre-bid meeting is scheduled for July 22 with bid opening July 29. The new bleachers for MVS and JMHS have been ordered but will not be in until sometime in October. Sears began cleaning the HVAC system at MVS today. The goal is for the cleaning in all schools to be completed by August 1, thus allowing a couple of weeks before school starts should they not meet that deadline.
- d. Dr. Basile asked about a special meeting because of the resignation of our Child Nutrition Director. She wants to get this position filled as soon as possible with school soon to begin. She asked the board about having a special meeting on July 16 or 17 to get that position filled.

## VII. Consent Items

- a. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to approve the Consent Items. The vote to approve was unanimous. Those items are Minutes from June 10, 2020, June 16, 2020, and June 30, 2020; a Partnership Agreement with Bluefield State College; and a Temporary Part Time Agreement with Tracy Dransfield.

## VIII. Old Business

- a. Dr. Basile shared that the Monroe Health Center had put their JMHS renovation project out for bids. Mr. Fraley made the motion to approve the selected bid and the vote to approve was unanimous.

## IX. New Business

- a. Tricia King spoke about the damage to the MCTC van during a spring hail storm. The school van was totaled by insurance. She has looked for another van. Newberry Ford has a seven-passenger van that she would like permission to purchase. The total cost of the van is \$11,950. She had four other bids on similar vans that all cost more than Newberry's van. She will utilize insurance funds along with technical center CTE monies to purchase the van. Mr. Fraley noted in

the 1970's that Chrysler was about to go bankrupt and they developed the minivan and saved the company. Mr. Wickline stepped out of the room prior to action. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to approve the purchase and the vote to approve was unanimous. Mr. Wickline returned to the room.

- b. Mrs. Wallace made the motion to approve the bid for Technology Contract Services with Trinity 3. The vote to approve was unanimous.
- c. For Election of Board Member Representatives,
  - 1. Mr. Wickline agreed to serve on the Summers Monroe Community Corrections Board.
  - 2. Mr. Fraley agreed to serve as the Southern Educational Services Conservation Cooperation.
  - 3. Mrs. Sabol agreed to serve as the representative for the WVU Extension Services.
  - 4. Mr. Fraley agreed to serve on the Monroe County Library board.
  - 5. Mrs. Stutts agreed to serve on the Legislative Committee.
  - 6. Mrs. Wallace volunteered to serve on the State Executive Committee for Region I School Board.
  - 7. Mrs. Wallace volunteered to serve for Head Start.
- d. Mrs. Wallace urged the passage of the Resolution Reiterating the Board's Support for Equality since the board approved the police resolution. She made the motion to approve and the vote to approve was unanimous.
- e. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to move the August 4, 2020, board meeting to August 11, 2020. The vote to approve was unanimous.

#### X. Personnel

- a. Mrs. Wallace made the motion to enter Executive Session under the guidelines of 6-9A-4 at 6:41 p.m. The vote to approve was unanimous.
- b. Mr. Fraley made the motion to return to Regular Session at 7:53 p.m. The vote to approve was unanimous.
- c. Mr. Fraley made the motion to approve the Personnel List as written. The vote to approve was unanimous. Personnel Items are Hires of Crystal Gammon as a Substitute Aide; Kimberly Gusler as One Half Time Cook II for MVS; Judith Ann Meadows as Girls' Assistant Soccer Coach for JMHS; Dylan Galford as Boys' Assistant Soccer Coach for JMHS; and Janet J. Miller as a Substitute Teacher.
- d. Resignations were approved for Janet J. Miller, Director of Child Nutrition, Attendance and Grants; and Judy Ann Meadows for Head Basketball Coach and Head Softball Coach for PMS.
- e. A Retirement was approved for Marshall J. Neel, Business Occupations Teacher at MCTC.

XI. Public Comments

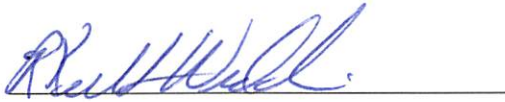
- a. None

XII. Discussion Items

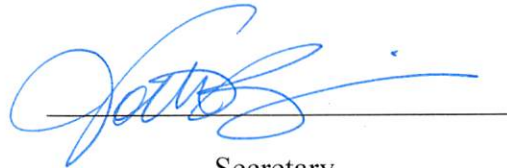
- a. Mr. Fraley asked about virtual training for teachers if the county decides to use virtual learning during the 2020-2021 school year. He also shared a question from a teacher asking should the teacher contact the COVID-19 virus while working, must sick days be used during the absence. He noted that high school virtual learning was sporadic last year. He mentioned the HVAC system at MVS and said it needs repair.
- b. Mrs. Wallace asked that more food, books, and some social/emotional items be added to the food bags and possibly some play-doh. Dr. Basile shared that Mrs. Nelson was working with Energy Express to send home additional items.
- c. Mr. Fraley welcomed Mrs. Stutts to her seat on the board.

XIII. Adjournment

- a. Mr. Fraley made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 p.m. The vote to approve was unanimous.



President



Secretary