

**Monroe County Board of Education**

**Regular Meeting**

**November 5, 2020**

**James Monroe High School**

**I. Roll Call**

- a. Mr. Fraley called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
- b. Other members present were Candy Sabol, Sally Wallace, and Sabrina Stutts. Mr. Wickline was not in attendance.

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

**III. Approval of Agenda/Adjustments**

- a. Mr. Fraley noted that Check Numbers 86520 and 86521 should be voted separate. Personnel Hire Number 9 should be changed to Samantha Close. Mrs. Stutts made the motion to approve the agenda with the adjustments and the vote to approve was unanimous.

**IV. Presentations**

- a. Principal, Angela Mann and chairperson, Matt Phillips, presented the JMHS LSIC Budget and Executive Summary. Mrs. Mann noted that the LSIC had met twice, as required. Their carryover amount is \$10,000. She outlined the proposed budget. School successes were discussed as well as school goals. Goals included a 5% increase in English and Math on SAT scores and to create a school environment that promotes open communication and school pride.

**V. Public Comments**

- a. Wayne Spangler spoke to the board about a letter from the PES Faculty Senate and complimented the board and superintendent for teacher support during the Covid-19 pandemic. He shared that he appreciates the opportunity to voice his opinion. He feels that it has been a struggle getting elementary students used to Chromebooks and Schoology, and that teachers are feeling overwhelmed. He stated that the PES principal directed teachers to use video lessons for both math and ELA. He feels that teachers should not be required to video themselves. He states that he is using Remind 101 and that not everyone is comfortable with technology such as videotaping. Student participation rates are very low and Mr. Spangler does not feel that is due to lessons not being videoed. He also states that

some parents are appreciative of paper packets. He feels that teachers are making adequate parental contacts without having to use Schoology.

## VI. Superintendent's Report

- a. Dr. Basile shared that the grading period had been extended for the first nine weeks. The deadline to turn in work is now November 16. Staff decided to do this because students have only been in school four weeks, the first two weeks of school being remote and the last two weeks prior to report cards were remote. Students did not know how to log in to Schoology at the beginning of the year since they were not in class to start the year, providing teacher's the opportunity to teach students to log in.
- b. Dr. Basile noted that West Virginia has received the Summer Food Waiver through the end of June, 2021. The county will continue serving meals to any child ages birth-18 under this waiver.
- c. Bleacher construction is a little behind schedule, Dr. Basile noted. The company has those for JMHS in production and is scheduled for delivery sometime in December. Those for MVS have not gone to production yet as they are awaiting Fire Marshall approval since they added an additional row. The additional row would extend out a little further onto the floor, thus the need for approval. If they obtain approval and get them into production very soon, the earliest they will be complete is February. Covid-19 put the bleacher company behind.
- d. Dr. Basile shared that she has held meetings with JMHS and MCTC administrators and counselors discussing additional course offerings and/or MCTC programs. They also met with Concord University representatives and discussed online college course offerings this spring for high school students. MCTC sent a survey out to students and is gathering feedback on program offerings students would be interested in taking. There is an item on the agenda tonight for approval of online offerings this spring, an MOU with Concord, and approval to offer dual credits for those students in Early Childhood Education Program. She appreciates the schools' work on these programs and hopes to continue adding additional programs and courses for students.
- e. Dr. Basile congratulated Bio-Medical Students, William Sneddon, James Sneddon, and Jacob Craft. They joined the National Guard as high

school juniors and each received a \$20,000 bonus plus \$11,000 per year tuition, the GI Bill of \$397 per month and Bill Kicker of \$200 per month. She sent congratulations to those students and appreciation for what they are enlisting to do for our freedom.

- f. Dr. Basile informed the board of the rescheduling of the MVS LSIC board meeting to November 17 and PES LSIC board meeting for February 16.
- g. Dr. Basile congratulated Braydie Carr for competing in the State Cross Country competition and shared that JMHS Volleyball is competing in the Sectional Tournament tonight at Summers County.

#### VII. JMHS Student Body President's Report

- a. Jada Stutts thanked everyone for their support. She shared that seniors are planning a "Masked Singer" event and hope to start a new tradition. Students are thankful for the grading period extension. She expressed much concern over a two-day school schedule, stating that students want to be in school four days per week. She shared that assignments and the workload are not easy while not in school and students need face to face instruction. She proposed going back to four days after Thanksgiving break. She noted that any problems can be adjusted between then and Christmas break.

#### VIII. Consent Items

- a. Mrs. Wallace made the motion to approve the Consent Items with the exceptions noted above. The vote to approve was unanimous. Those items are Minutes from October 20, 2020; Payment of Bills; and Transfers and Supplements.
- b. Mrs. Sabol left the room prior to this action. Mrs. Stutts made the motion to approve Check Numbers 86520 and 86521 and the vote to approve was unanimous. Mrs. Sabol returned to the room.

#### IX. New Business

- a. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to approve the JMHS LSIC Budget and the vote to approve was unanimous.
- b. Tricia King shared the proposed MCTC LSIC budget saying they had a huge rollover from last year due to the Covid-19 shutdown and less travel at the end of the year. She detailed the proposed budget. Mrs. Wallace made the motion to approve the MCTC LSIC Budget and the vote to approve was unanimous.
- c. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to approve the MOU with Concord University and WV Department of Education's Career Technical Education Program for Early Childhood Education at MCTC for college credit. The vote to approve was unanimous.

- d. Mrs. Stutts made the motion to approve the MVS athletic request for payment of sports uniforms and the vote to approve was unanimous.
- e. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to approve the paying of eight employees' classes through SESC at \$1200.00 per semester with two classes per semester. The Cohort is a need in the county. There is an application process with an agreement to remain in the county for five years. The vote to approve was unanimous.
- f. Mrs. Stutts made the motion to approve the MOA with Concord University to Offer Online Courses and the vote to approve was unanimous.
- g. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to approve the Concord University Classes for Spring Semester, 2021, and the vote to approve was unanimous.

#### X. Personnel Items

- a. Mrs. Wallace made the motion to approve the Personnel List with the one change noted above. The vote to approve was unanimous. Those items are Hires of Tiffany B. Yancey as School Psychologist, Itinerant; Jason B. Massie as Math Seven Teacher for MVS; Beverly Ann Turley as Music Teacher, K-4 at MVS; Tammy M. Bishop as Executive Secretary; Sarah G. Martin as Volleyball Coach for MVS, retroactive to October 7, 2020; Kayla L. Bradley as Sixth Grade Teacher for PMS; Deanna K. Bradley as Temporary Secretary for MVS; Debra L. Sizemore as Social Worker for MVS; and Samantha Close as Social Worker for PES/PMS.
- b. Resignations were approved for Justin Rhodes as Girls' Head Basketball Coach for PMS; Catherine I. Neel as a Substitute Aide; and Shirley T. Huffman as a Substitute Secretary.
- c. A Retirement was approved for Elizabeth Ann Jameson as Third Grade Teacher at MVS, effective December 31, 2020.

#### XI. Discussion Items

- a. A re-entry discussion was held; two days per week versus four days per week. Dr. Basile shared letters from PES and MVS. She noted that 611 parents had requested students be in school four days per week. There is a need to look at classrooms and their sizes. The health department requires this data before a decision can be made on attending four days. Masks are considered safe and are required by the health department.  
The faculty wants either a two or four-day schedule but not a combination of both, with 45 in favor of four days per week, and 60 not in favor.  
There a major learning gap in addition to the social and emotional toll. She noted that a decision should be made by the next board meeting to give adequate time for planning and preparation. Jada Stutts stated that students want to get back in school and are willing to do what they need to do to make that happen.  
Melissa Griffith is concerned that the community is not taking the virus as

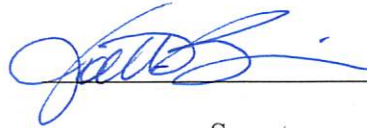
serious as they should, which can affect the spread in the schools.  
Kim Fraley, speaking as a parent, urged the board to get students back in school.

XII. Adjournment

- a. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 p.m. The vote to approve was unanimous.



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President



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Secretary