

Monroe County Board of Education

Regular Meeting

October 20, 2020

Monroe County Board of Education Office

I. Roll Call

- a. Mr. Wickline called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.
- b. Other members present were Everett Fraley, Candy Sabol, and Sabrina Stutts. Sally Wallace attended via TEAMS.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Approval of Agenda/Adjustments

- a. Mr. Wickline noted that item Personnel Item E and Agenda Item VIII, f and g, should be removed from the agenda. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to approve the agenda with the adjustments and the vote to approve was unanimous.

IV. Public Comments

- a. Melissa Boggs spoke saying she supports students attending four days per week on Re-Entry. She feels students need to be in school for structure and necessities and is concerned about children being home alone for the full day. She feels students are getting behind, noting that quarantined students are not getting any help. She believes that being in school only two days per week has not helped students.

V. Superintendent's Report

- a. Dr. Basile shared with the board that the final October 1 enrollment is at 1663 students. That is a decrease of 39 students. PES enrollment decreased by two students, MVS decreased by 50 students, PMS increased by ten students and JMHS increased by three students. These numbers include virtual enrollment students, which totaled 248 students.
- b. Dr. Basile thanked our mechanics for the recent good bus inspection. The inspector assessed 11 older, substitute buses and gave the county a good report. There were a few things noted that were corrected at the time. She appreciates our mechanics and all they do to keep our buses running and safe.
- c. The revised CEFP due date is October 31, 2020, Dr. Basile noted. The county has completed the plan and sent it to WVDE and the School Building Authority. The Needs Projects are due January 31, 2021, with superintendent interviews to be March 15 and 16, 2021. Projects will be funded April 19, 2021. This is a few months later than normal. If the Board is in agreement she

will submit the JMHS roof project for this cycle.

d. Dr. Basile informed the board that construction is moving along nicely on the new Peterstown school. Concrete is poured on two elementary wings and the gym. Foundations are in place for the middle school and work on that wing is to begin soon. Block laying is continuing daily.

e. Dr. Basile noted that she has had some virtual meetings with Monroe Health Center regarding the school wellness centers. MHS plans to bring the Physician Assistants back one or two days per week to the school clinics to offer well-child services. A start date has not been set but they are working toward this. Construction on the new JMHS Wellness Center space is nearing completion. She noted that both spaces look good.

f. Dr. Basile shared that WVDE has released the summative assessment dates for spring. Students will be required to take summative assessment this year, even with Covid-19 and being in school only part-time.

g. Dr. Basile informed the board that she had contacted the SESCooperative and asked that they put together an administrative cohort since Monroe County needs administrators. She also sent out a survey to teachers, asking if they are interested in obtaining certification in administration. She had 25 responses that they are interested but the majority of them said that cost is a factor. She noted that the board cannot act at this meeting, but she asked the board to think about the possibility of paying for a cohort in order for employees to obtain this certification. This was done several years ago with the employees signing an agreement to remain employed in the county for at least five years or they would be required to reimburse the county. The federal funding mechanism used previously is no longer available so this would be something paid from county funds. We have a process already for applying for the cohort and a rubric for selection that could be used.

VI. Treasurer's Report

- a. Mr. Berry presented revenues and expenses year to date, noting that amounts are as he would expect them to be. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to approve the report and the vote to approve was unanimous.

VII. Consent Items

- a. Mr. Fraley made the motion to approve the Consent Items as listed. The vote to approve was unanimous. Those items are Minutes from October 6, 2020; Payment of Bills; Transfers and Supplements; and a MOU and Agreement for Year Three with Math 4 Life.

VIII. New Business

- a. Mrs. Stutts made the motion to forgive JMHS loan balances for Athletics. The vote to approve was unanimous. Loan Balances were \$6,000 for softball, \$8,086 for Band, and \$4,939 for football. Other teams will be asked if they need assistance.

- b. Mr. Wickline asked Mr. Berry if he had any concerns about the PES LSIC proposed budget. Having none, Mr. Fraley made the motion to approve the budget and the vote to approve was unanimous.
- c. Mrs. Wallace made the motion to approve the proposed PMS LSIC Budget and the vote to approve was unanimous.
- d. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to approve the MOU with WVU Extension Family Nutrition Program and the vote to approve was unanimous.
- e. Mrs. Wallace made the motion to approve the Change Order #2 for the New Peterstown Pre-K School and the vote to approve was unanimous.
- f. This item was removed from the agenda.
- g. This item was removed from the agenda.

IX. Discussion/Action

- a. Dr. Basile shared that she had asked parents to complete a survey so the Board would know the number of parents requesting for their children to be in school four days per week and those requesting two days per week. The survey was sent to students, parents, and employees. Students and parents overwhelmingly requested to attend 4 or 5 days per week. Mrs. Wallace stated that she would like to see remote learning for all students, believing it is irresponsible to think about having more students in class and on buses. She has seen several parent responses on the survey that agree with her. She does not believe we should have all students and add more days to attend. She believes that our return to school will be the new normal. Mrs. Mann spoke about the need for high school students to be in school more than two days per week, discussing both academic and mental health concerns with being out of school. Jada Stutts attends Thursday and Friday and finds this very hard since she tries to teach herself on Monday and Tuesday. She gets behind and feels stressed. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to continue with the A/B schedule until more information can be received on how many students would attend four days per week verses two days per week. The motion passed four to one with Mrs. Wallace voting against.

X. Personnel Items

- a. Mr. Fraley made the motion at 7:20 p.m. to enter Executive Session under the guidelines of 6-9A-4 and the vote to approve was unanimous.
- b. Mr. Fraley made the motion at 7:59 p.m. to return to Regular Session and the vote to approve was unanimous.
- c. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to approve the Personnel List except for Hire Number 11 and the vote to approve was unanimous.
- d. Mrs. Wallace made the motion to approve Hire Number 11, John Matthew Sauvage as Boys' Varsity Head Basketball Coach at JMHS. The vote to approve was three to two, with Mr. Wickline and Mr. Fraley voting against.

e. Other Hires were Stephanie W. Mann as a Substitute Secretary; Stacey G. Bostic as a Substitute Teacher; Danielle L. Clarkson as Pre-K Teacher for MVS; Kamali D. Connell as Digital Learning/Technology Coach, Itinerant, for JMHS and MCTC; Keri N. Medlar as Special Education Aide for PES; Sandra L. Hodges as ECCAT Pre-K Aide for MVS; Jessica A. Booth as One Half Time LPN for PES/PMS; Patricia A. Phelps as Part Time/One Half Time Night Custodian for JMHS and MCTC; Dennis M. Bare as Part Time/One Half Time Night Custodian for MVS; Annette M. Yates as Part Time/One Half Time Night Custodian for PES/PMS; Jerome G. Jackson as Girls' Varsity Assistant Basketball Coach for JMHS; Judith Ann Meadows as Girls' JV Head Basketball Coach for JMHS; Darren Griffith as Boys' Head Basketball Coach for MVS; Michael Ridgeway as Boys' Assistant Basketball Coach for MVS; Kelly R. Mann as Boys' Head Basketball Coach for PMS; James R. Baker, Jr., as Boys' Assistant Basketball Coach for PMS; and Justin Rhodes as Girls' Head Basketball Coach for PMS.

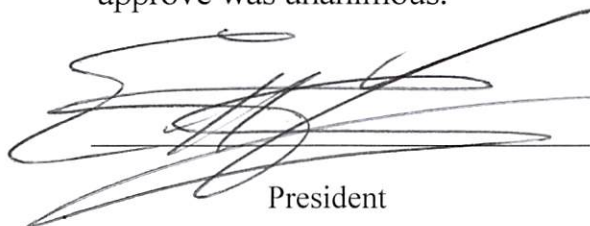
f. Resignations were approved for Lorrie P. Broyles as Yearbook Sponsor for PES and Suzanne L. Shelton as a Substitute Teacher. Designated Sick Leave was approved for Susan G. Conway. A Leave of Absence Extension was approved for Terri J. Pritt.

XI. Discussion Items

- a. Mrs. Wallace shared that she had a telephone call from a parent asking to withdraw from Virtual School and asked if that deadline had passed. Mrs. Basile stated the deadline has passed unless the student has an IEP.
- b. Mrs. Stutts asked if IEP Students were permitted to attend school four days per week and Dr. Basile said they could.
- c. Mr. Wickline congratulated Jada Stutts for being elected as Student Body President at JMHS and said she would be a good leader. Mr. Fraley noted that she is an excellent young lady.

X. Adjournment

- a. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 p.m. The vote to approve was unanimous.



President



Secretary