

## **Monroe County Board of Education**

### **Regular Meeting**

**September 1, 2020**

### **Monroe County Board of Education Office**

#### **I. Roll Call**

- a. Mr. Fraley called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.
- b. Sally Wallace and Candy Sabol attended via TEAMS. Sabrina Stutts joined via TEAMS a few minutes later. Mr. Wickline was absent.

#### **II. Pledge of Allegiance**

#### **III. Approval of Agenda/Adjustments**

- a. Mr. Fraley noted that there were no adjustments to the agenda. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to approve the agenda as written and the vote to approve was unanimous.

#### **IV. Public Comments**

- a. None

#### **V. Delegation/Possible Action**

- a. Cody McDaniel was not in attendance to speak about the UBFL.

#### **VI. CEFP Public Hearing**

- a. Mr. McPherson and Architect Ted Shriver presented the CEFP plan. Projects planned are a new roof and a new gym floor for JMHS, a HVAC system, and a drain for MCTC, MVS cafeteria expansion and PE classroom. Other projects have been discussed.

#### **VII. Superintendent's Report**

- a. Dr. Basile reminded the board that Mr. Fraley had asked that the HVAC system at MVS be checked. She said that a WVDE Mechanical Engineer/HVAC Technician from the Office of School Facilities came to check the system. He indicated that the system is nearing the end of its life expectancy, which we knew from our CEFP plan. The system is still working at present. He did suggest a few timers be changed in the system as it is not starting when they are supposed to in the mornings.

He indicated that the fresh air returns at the school work properly and bring in the amount of fresh air that should be brought in.

Maintenance is changing the timers on the system.

- b. Dr. Basile shared that county employees have been participating in virtual training sessions. Changes were made to the planned sessions but it has worked out well. She appreciates Misty Nelson's hard work to bring this together. Our counselors have also been providing virtual training for parents on virtual school and there was WVDE training for parents of virtual students. JMHS also has planned a virtual Freshman Orientation for Thursday. She appreciates their work. Again, everyone is stepping up to the plate and doing great things for Monroe County in the midst of a bad situation.
- c. Dr. Basile spoke about a Screening App located by Mrs. Tuggle and Mrs. St. Clair for COVID-19 screening. It will be in place for students and staff. The app will ask screening questions and give a green signal if the student and employee are eligible to attend school that day. A red signal will be given if they should stay at home. A daily report will be sent to the nurse.
- d. New School updates shared by Dr. Basile are that the B north wing is about five blocks high. Plumbing is completed in B section and almost complete in C wing. All footers are poured except for the front part of A. Rain has caused slowing of some construction. The power company is working on third phase power. The D wing shows that several rows of block have been laid. The Masonic Lodge has contacted Dr. Basile about planning a cornerstone block-laying ceremony. They are coordinating with their main office in Charleston and will let her know.
- e. Dr. Basile spoke about the WVDE Color Metrics Map showing Monroe County as red on the official state map on Saturday. This map is updated each Saturday and determines if school can begin the next week. A final decision about having school in-person on September 8 will be based on the color of the county on September 5. We have a mass mailing to go to parents once we decide on the re-entry document and information about the start of school.
- f. Dr. Basile spoke about the call with the State Health Department and participation on Saturday to discuss the color map since the map was not up to date with the county health department data. She appreciates Mrs. Sabol's participation in that call to represent the Board. Mr. Wickline nor Mr. Fraley were available. She has fielded

many questions from parents regarding the local health officials' designation of Monroe as a red county prior to the state map. The state health officials said that can happen but recommended obtaining state approval as well. WVDE State Assistant Superintendent Michele Blatt recommended that everyone use the state map.

Mr. Fraley asked about employee attendance on Wednesdays. Dr. Basile noted that Wednesdays are a trade-off day for working extra hours on the other days and that WVDE stated that employees are to work when the county shows red.

#### VIII. Consent Items

- a. Mrs. Wallace made the motion to approve the Consent Items as listed. The vote to approve was unanimous. Those items are Minutes from August 11, 2020, and August 18, 2020; Payment of Bills; Transfers and Supplements; the Rescinding of a Professional Development Contract with Proximity previously approved on August 18, 2020; a Professional Development Contract with Proximity, retroactive to August 21, 2020; and a Quote from Curriculum Associates.

#### IX. Old Business

- a. Dr. Basile shared updated information on the Re-Entry Plan, with students entering on an A/B schedule for the first 9-weeks. An A/B schedule would have students with last names beginning with A-L going to school on Monday and Tuesday and remote learning from home on Wednesday – Friday. Group B would be students with last names beginning with M-Z and those students would attend school Thursday and Friday, with remote learning on Monday – Wednesday. Mrs. Stutts made the motion to approve the plan. The vote to approve was three for the plan, with Mrs. Wallace voting against, saying she was opposed to in-person instruction due to safety concerns.

#### X. New Business

- a. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to approve the quote from Advantage Technology for Chromebook Filtering. The vote to approve was unanimous.
- b. Mrs. Wallace made the motion to approve the PreK/Head Start Calendar for 2020-2021. The vote to approve was unanimous.
- c. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to approve the Contract with Kids Learning Center. The vote to approve was unanimous.
- d. Mrs. Wallace made the motion to approve the MOA for Operation of School Wellness Centers and the vote to approve was unanimous.
- e. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to approve the Contracted Licensed Health Care Agreement and the vote to approve was unanimous.

## XI. Personnel Items

- a. Mrs. Wallace made the motion to enter Executive Session at 6:39 p.m. under the guidelines of 6-9A-4. The vote to approve was unanimous.
- b. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to return to Regular Session at 7:20 p.m. The vote to approve was unanimous.
- c. Mrs. Wallace made the motion to approve the list as written with the exception of Hire Number 4. The vote to approve was unanimous. Those items are Hires of Christina L. Allen as Art Teacher for JMHS; Lorrie P. Broyles as Cross Country Coach for JMHS; Allen J. Haag as Music Teacher/Band Director for PMS; and Jennifer S. Persinger as English Learner Teacher for MVS. A Leave of Absence was granted to Terri J. Pritt; a Listing of Student Teachers/Yearlong Residency from Bluefield State Collee for Courtney Willis; a Retirement for Raye H. Guy, effective November 8, 2020; and Resignations from Haley Williams, Substitute Teacher, and Terry Randall Mills, Substitute Bus Operator.
- d. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to approve the Hire of Johnathan D. McPherson as Transportation, Safety and Personnel Director for the County. The vote to approve was three to one, with Mrs. Wallace voting no.

## XII. Discussion Items

- a. Mrs. Wallace stated that she appreciated the hard work from everyone on the re-entry plan. She believes virtual learning is best for re-entry.
- b. Mrs. Stutts stated that she has had concerns brought to her asking that when our county is orange on the map, are we permitted to go to school and have athletic activities with controlled practices. Dr. Basile shared that we will not go to school in person when orange, however, we can practice while orange. She referred to the county's Re-Entry Plan.
- c. Mr. Fraley thanked the board and the county for support during the loss of his mother, saying it was meaningful to him.

## XIII. Adjournment

- a. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. The vote to approve was unanimous.



President



Secretary