

Monroe County Board of Education

Regular Meeting

September 15, 2020

Monroe County Board of Education Office

I. Roll Call

- a. Mr. Wickline called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
- b. All members were present with Mrs. Sabol attending via TEAMS.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Approval of Agenda/Adjustments

- a. Mr. Wickline noted that Hire Number 3 should be removed from the agenda, and that check number 86386 should be voted separate. Mr. Fraley made the motion to approve the agenda and the vote to approve was unanimous.

IV. Public Comments

- a. Wayne Spangler spoke about the color metrics on the state map and the governor's daily press conference. He urged the board to follow the weekly Saturday ruling. He spoke about the stress level in the county.
- b. Allison St. Clair, school nurse, requested an Executive Session with the board. Mrs. Wallace made the motion to enter Executive Session at 6:07 p.m. under the guidelines of 6-9A-4. The vote to approve was unanimous.
- c. Mr. Fraley made the motion to return to Regular Session at 7:17 p.m. The vote to approve was unanimous.

V. Delegation/Possible Action

- a. Cody McDaniel, representing the Union Bulldogs Football League, spoke to the board about their need to use the Mountain View football field rather than the baseball field at Beckett's Park. They presented an agreement with MVS, saying they would require that everyone exit after the first game, masks will be required when social distancing is not possible and participants will be asked the recommended Covid-19 questions. Restrooms will be cleaned before and after the first game and again after the second game. Trash will be removed. Other items were included in the agreement. Mr. Wickline, Mrs. Wallace and Mr. Fraley asked questions. Dr. Basile noted that some surrounding counties are permitting other teams to use their fields. Mrs. Stutts made the motion to allow the UBFL to use the MVS football field for four home games. The vote

to approve carried with the following restrictions in place: No locker room use; no concession stand use; two entrances, one for home, one for visitors; everyone exit after the first game; no standing at fence; wearing of masks, screening; trash removal; restrooms cleaned prior to the first game, prior to the second game, and after the second game, if there are consecutive games. Mrs. Wallace voted against the motion.

VI. Financial Closeout for Fiscal Year 2020

- a. Mr. Berry presented the final balance for closeout for the fiscal year 2020. He stated that the balance of \$8,368,566 includes some funding for the new Peterstown School and will decrease as the construction progresses. Mrs. Wallace made the motion to approve the Closeout and the vote to approve was unanimous.

VII. Discussion

- a. Mr. Berry spoke about the President's Memorandum on Deferring Payroll Tax Deductions in light of the ongoing Covid-19 disaster, saying the deduction is optional and that employees would not have Social Security taken from their pay in the coming months. The money not withheld now would be taken from employees' payroll in the spring.

VIII. Superintendent's Report

- a. Dr. Basile noted that the county has received PPE from Highmark for classrooms and did receive kits for our nurses. We appreciate the donations. Once all the contents are received from Highmark, we will get those out to each teacher.
- b. Dr. Basile shared that the county is working on follow-up training for teachers for Schoology. She realizes what training was provided was not the greatest training and that our teachers need additional assistance. We have training scheduled on Thursday at JMHS/MCTC and Friday at MVS. Mrs. Tuggle is also working with the company to schedule in-person follow-up training.
- c. Dr. Basile shared the WVDE Color Metrics for School Re-entry, saying the governor met yesterday with state health and education officials and developed a new color for the state metrics system. Gold was developed to make the orange zone a little smaller. What that means is that the color green is three or fewer cases of infection per 100,000; face coverings are required on buses and congregate areas where social distancing cannot be maintained for grades 3-12; athletic and extra-curricular activities are permitted with attendance for the immediate household and grandparents. Cheerleaders and bands may

participate at home games. The color yellow means increased cohorting of students, limited assemblies, masks are required for grades 3-5 on buses and congregate areas, and required for grades 6-12 at all times. Athletic and extra-curricular activities allow immediate household members and grandparents. Cheer and band may participate at home games. Gold, the new color, means increased cohorting, no assemblies, working with local health authorities to determine if increased steps are needed, face coverings are required at all times in grades 3-12. For athletic and extra-curricular activities, parents only are permitted, cheer and band may participate at home games, competing only in-county or with other gold counties. For orange, we will have remote learning, staff will continue to report to work, face coverings are required at all times, athletic and extra-curricular activities are limited to conditioning only as defined by the SSAC, marching band is outdoors only. When in the color red, all instruction and athletics are suspended immediately.

- d. Dr. Basile noted that Monroe did not change on the color metrics from Saturday's map as a result of the new gold color. However, as of today's map, Monroe is yellow. If we can maintain yellow, our students should be back in schools on Monday, following our re-entry plan. The county will update our appendices in our re-entry document to include the updated color system information.
- e. Dr. Basile shared that the WVDE has again extended the deadline for CEFP Plans due to a change in the online system that causes some plans to lose sections of the data. She will have the plan on the next agenda for approval.

IX. Treasurer's Report

- a. Mr. Berry presented the Treasurer's Report, saying revenue and expenses are as expected. Mr. Fraley made the motion to approve the report and the vote to approve was unanimous.

X Consent Items

- a. Mrs. Wallace made the motion to approve the Consent Items with the exception noted above. The vote to approve was unanimous. Those items are Minutes from September 1, 2020; Payment of Bills; Transfers and Supplements; an Agreement with Summers County School of Practical Nursing and a Quote from Teaching Strategies.

- b. Mrs. Wallace left the room prior to this action. Mr. Fraley made the motion to approve Check Number 86386. The vote to approve was unanimous. Mrs. Wallace returned to the room.

XI New Business

- a. Angie Mann spoke on behalf of the JMHS request to borrow \$6000 for dugout improvement for the softball program. Mr. Fraley made the motion to approve the request and the vote to approve was unanimous.
- b. Mrs. Wallace made the motion to approve the Child Nutrition Milk Bid from Broughton and the vote to approve was unanimous.
- c. Dr. Basile spoke about the need for two additional classrooms at the new Peterstown PK-8 school. Mrs. Stutts made the motion to approve Change Order #1 for Peterstown PK-8 School. The vote to approve was unanimous.
- d. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to approve the purchase of two 65-passenger buses from Matheny Worldwide. The vote to approve was unanimous. The cost for each bus will be \$89,984. Mrs. Stutts asked about warranties for the buses.

XII. Personnel Items

- a. Mrs. Wallace made the motion to approve the Personnel List with the exception noted above. The vote to approve was unanimous. Those Items are the Hires of Sreenaiah Nakka as English Learner Teacher for JMHS, and Heidi L. Houck as Art Teacher, Grades 5-8, for MVS. A Resignation was accepted for Nathan R. Dixon as Second Grade Teacher for MVS, effective September 14, 2020.
- b. Three Pay Step Increases were approved for Heather Broyles, Kamali Connell, Paula Ellison, Britney Greer, Heather Houchins, Alicia Mann, Ashley Mann, Deana Wills, Pat Boone, Karen Bowden, Sharon Kay Diem, Erin Dotson, Darla Ellison, Pamela Grajo-Mullins, Cathy Hylton, Megan Jackson, Katie Mann, Malory McPherson, Sreenaiah Nakka, Jane Nash, and Terri Walker.

XIII. Superintendent's Goals

- a. Mr. Fraley made the motion to enter Executive Session under the guidelines of 6-9A-4 at 8:36 p.m. The vote to approve was unanimous.
- b. Mr. Fraley made the motion to return to Regular Session at 9:16 p.m., and the vote to approve was unanimous.
- c. Mr. Fraley made the motion to approve the superintendent's goals, and the vote to approve was unanimous.

XIV. Discussion Items

- a. Mrs. Wallace shared that some parents are not happy with Virtual School.

- b. Mr. Fraley noted that Mr. Wickline would have a birthday the following day.
- c. Mr. Wickline thanked those who had delivered food to employees at Springfield Center.
- d. Mr. Fraley again thanked those who remembered his family during his mother's passing. He also thanked Jeremy Willis for the app for the board.

XV. Adjournment

- a. Mr. Fraley made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m. The vote to approve was unanimous.



President



Secretary