

# **Monroe County Board of Education**

## **Regular Meeting**

**December 15, 2020**

### **Board of Education Office**

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

- a. Everett Fraley called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
- b. Mr. Fraley and Candy Sabol attended in person. Sally Wallace, and Sabrina Stutts attended virtually. Keith Wickline was not in attendance.

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

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

- a. Mr. Fraley noted that Check Numbers 86637 and 86638 should be voted separate. Personnel Hire A8 should be changed to Jessica Thomas. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to approve the agenda with the adjustments and the vote to approve was unanimous.

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

- a. None.

#### **V. Policies and Procedures**

- a. Dr. Basile spoke about the revised Dual Credit Policy for first reading and comment period. Mrs. Wallace made the motion to approve for first reading and the vote to approve was unanimous.

#### **VI. Superintendent's Report**

- a. Dr. Basile shared that schools are closed until after Christmas break due to the increase in Covid-19 cases throughout the county. As of today, the county infection rate is 56.50, percent positivity is 4.23, and around 90 active cases in the county. Going remote was a very difficult decision to make as our children need to be in school, however, she is hopeful that after Christmas break the county will be ready to move forward.
- b. NAEP testing has been postponed until the 2021-2022 school year due to Covid-19 effects on the educational system, Dr. Basile noted. NAEP is

the National Assessment of Educational Progress and is given in grades four and eight and assesses math and reading. She is hopeful that summative assessments will also be postponed this spring.

- c. Dr. Basile informed the board that the JMHS bleachers are being installed this week and she looks forward to seeing the final product.
- d. The new Peterstown School is progressing, shared Dr. Basile. Workers have insulation and roofing in one wing, and have begun running HVAC and electrical in some areas of the building.
- e. Dr. Basile noted that Mr. McPherson has contacted teachers who are doing well with lessons on Schoology and using video meetings with students. He has asked them to share this with other teachers in the county. The training is planned for Wednesday and she appreciated the presenter's willingness to share.
- f. Dr. Basile informed the board that the WVSSAC has released a new calendar based on winter athletics being given a January 11 start date. The first girls' basketball game could be held January 22 and the first boys' basketball game could be January 29. That moves basketball state tournaments to late March or early April. Spring sports could begin practice on March 15, with spring state tournaments being held later in June.

#### VII. Treasurer's Report

- a. Mr. Berry presented the revenue and expenses year to date. He stated things were where they should be for this time of year. Mrs. Stutts made the motion to approve the report and the vote to approve was unanimous.

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

- a. Jada Stutts reported virtually, speaking about the Masked Maverick Event, Christmas Spirit Week, the sending of e-cards to children at St. Jude's and working to put a face with the board and educational decisions. She wished the board a Merry Christmas

#### IX. Consent Items

- b. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to approve the Consent Items with the exception of the checks noted above. The vote to approve was unanimous. Those items are Minutes from December 1, 2020, Payment of Bills, and Transfers and Supplements.

- c. Mrs. Sabol left the room prior to this action. Mrs. Stutts made the motion to approve check numbers 86637 and 86638 and the vote to approve was unanimous. Mrs. Sabol returned to the room.

#### X. New Business

- a. Dr. Basile informed the board of details of the Quit Claim Deed for the former Greenville School to the Monroe County Council on Aging. Mrs. Stutts made the motion to approve the Deed and the vote to approve was unanimous.
- b. Because of the number of struggling students due to Covid-19, Mrs. Wallace made the motion to approve Wednesday Tutoring and the posting of professional positions for this. The vote to approve was unanimous. Jada Stutts asked if the National Honor Society might assist with the tutoring.
- c and d. Dr. Basile spoke about the Covid-19 Waiver and the MOU with Stonerise Healthcare, LLC, both concerning nursing students at MCTC. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to approve both c and d and the vote to approve was unanimous.
- e. Dr. Basile spoke about the truck bid from Stephens Auto Center to be used as a transportation truck. The bid for the Dodge Ram is \$27,087 plus \$250 for a snow plow package. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to approve the truck bid with the snow plow package and the vote to approve was unanimous.

#### XI Personnel Items

- a. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to approve the Personnel List with the change noted above. The vote to approve was unanimous.
- b. Those items are Hires of Elizabeth Ann Jameson as a Substitute Teacher, effective January 1, 2021; Sarah Worth as Yearbook Sponsor for PES; Heather W. Hubbard as Special Education Aide/Bus Aide for MVS; Travis D. Allen as Athletic Director for MVS; Byron A. Hurley, Trena M. Hurley and Lindsey N. Nash as Substitute Teachers; Jessica Thomas as School Nurse; and Tamara L. Wagner as Accounts Payable/Child Nutrition Secretary.
- c. Resignations were approved for Makayla Wikle as a Substitute Custodian; and Barbara Walters as a Substitute Teacher. Designated Sick Leave was Approved for Erin S. Dotson and Terri J. Pritt.

#### XII. Discussion Items

- a. Mrs. Wallace noted that the staff has been offered the Covid-19 vaccine and hopes this will serve to encourage students to return to school. She also spoke about the Jesse Choose Love Movement, noting that it is free and is being used in more schools.
- b. Mr. Fraley thanked teachers and staff who have made the best of a bad situation.

XIII. Adjournment

- a. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 p.m. The vote to approve was unanimous.



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President



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Secretary