

MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting

February 16, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.

Peterstown Elementary School

I. Roll Call

- a. Mr. Wickline called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
- b. Board members present in addition to Mr. Wickline included Everett Fraley, Candy Sabol, Sally Wallace, and Sabrina Stutts.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Approval of Agenda/Adjustments

- a. Mr. Wickline noted item a. under Consent needed to be removed from the agenda. He also noted item a. under New Business should read Peterstown and Union Little League request to use gym. Motion to approve the agenda with the adjustments was made by Mrs. Sabol. The vote to approve was unanimous.

IV. Public Comments

- a. Arna Neel spoke about being a Foster Grandmother and her desire to be back in the classroom serving students. She is a Foster Grandmother at Peterstown Elementary School and this program operates under Senior Corps. She fears the program is in jeopardy due to COVID-19 restrictions. Ms. Neel reported students experienced large increases in learning in past years during her work in Mrs. Ludwig's class. Mrs. Neel loves her job and working directly with students, she does not like working with students through a computer. Mrs. Neel has had one vaccine shot and is scheduled to have the next shot in a couple of weeks.
- b. Linda Kanode also spoke about being a Foster Grandmother. She has worked in the class directly with students for 13 years. She feels safe going into the classrooms, more so than going to the store. Mrs. Kanode has received both vaccines. She spoke about student needs and asks the Board to permit them back into the building to help children.

V. PES LSIC Executive Summary Presentation

a. Ms. Boggess presented the PES LSIC Executive Summary. School goals are to improve math and reading by 8% on summative assessment. PES is working to build stronger literacy, increase the Leader in Me program outcomes, and the school thanked the Board for the social worker and behavioral analyst positions and discussed the impact they are having on student lives. Ms. Boggess presented Samantha Close, Social Worker; Regina Spencer, Guidance Counselor; and Tiffany Yancey, School Psychologist. These ladies created a program called Kid's in Crisis (KIC). Each team member has a specific role when a child is in crisis. They spoke about children who are dealing with parents being given Narcan in front of them, parents being incarcerated, and the goal of the team is to help students get through rough times and help them to be successful.

VI. Policies and Procedures

a. Final Reading, Policy IKH Dual Credit – Dr. Basile stated the policy had been out on a 30-day comment period and no comments were received. She recommended the policy be approved as written. Mrs. Wallace made the motion to approve and the vote to approve was unanimous.

VII. Superintendent's Report

a. WVDE waived the 2.0 GPA requirement and students can participate in SSAC sanctioned events through March 19th. GPA will be reviewed by March 19th to determine eligibility. The goal is to provide students who were ineligible due to remote and virtual learning additional time to get their grades up to at least a 2.0.

b. The State Department of Health and Human Resources issued a letter stating those who have been fully vaccinated with both doses of vaccines and are past two weeks no longer have to quarantine when exposed to COVID-19. The coverage is for 3 months after the vaccine because at this time they are unsure how long the vaccine provides coverage.

c. Dr. Basile reported February is Black History Month and our teachers are working diligently to bring in lessons surrounding this for the month. Obviously they cannot bring in speakers in-person due to Covid-19 but they

are doing some very creative activities: For example, Ms. Wallace's classes compared poems by Langston Hughes and created an Instagram profile for him. This required research on Langston Hughes. Students studied Rosa Parks, Martin Luther King Jr., Frederick Douglas, Harriet Tubman, studied African cultures and compared to that of the West, Dr. Womack presented photos and artifacts from his time in West and Central Africa, studied the transatlantic slave trade, studied and translated Black Latinx poets, watched videos on Katherine Johnson, discussed her role in NASA and created paper airplane projects, studied MLK Jr. speech titled "What is your life's blueprint" and mapped a blueprint for their own lives, completed research projects on influential black leaders, created bulletin boards, student presentations and speeches.

d. Monroe County has a new representative with the SBA, Dana Womack. He came last week to visit JMHS and MVS to see the needs of the project we submitted for funding. Mr. Wickline and Dr. Basile will attend the interviews on March 15th or 16th and are hopeful our project will be funded.

e. Michelle McFall and FRN are hosting a meet and greet event for grandparents raising grandchildren on February 24, 2021 at Market St. in Peterstown. We have many grandparents raising their grandchildren and appreciate their efforts in putting this event together.

f. Jeana Carr and Misty Nelson have planned to virtually hold Kiddie Fair and gain PK-K enrollment. The screenings will be completed in person once enrolled.

g. We sent a survey out to employees, parents and students to gain their input into how they would like spring break to look since WVDE recently decided 3 or more Non-traditional instructional days are not allowed. We will have this item on the next agenda for official action by the Board.

h. Early Childhood Education students and Mrs. Bradley wrote and received a grant for new classroom lab furniture in the amount of \$4,751. Law and Public Safety also wrote and received a grant for \$8,840. Mrs. Basile would like to say congratulations to both programs.

VIII. JMHS Student Body President's Report

a. Jada Stutts spoke about winter sports. She feels getting some normal things going will help student morale. Students have planned spirit week

and are working on news broadcasts. They held a Student Government meeting and all grades have asked for more school activities. Jada stated the upperclassmen are working to help the 9th graders adjust to high school.

IX. Consent Items

a. Mr. Fraley made the motion to approve the Consent Items and the vote to approve was unanimous. Consent items included payment of bills and transfers and supplements.

X. Treasurer's Report

a. Tim Berry presented year to date revenue and expenses and stated everything is moving in the right direction. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to approve and the vote to approve was unanimous.

XI. New Business

- a. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to approve Peterstown and Union Little League requests to use gyms. Dr. Basile noted the local Health Department has approved both plans. The vote to approve was unanimous.
- b. Mrs. Wallace made the motion to approve Peterstown New School Change Order for widening the bus loop and the vote to approve was unanimous.
- c. Dr. Basile stated two bids had been received for the Peterstown Elementary Roof. She recommended approving Premier's quote up to \$15,000. Mrs. Wallace made the motion to approve and the vote to approve was unanimous.
- d. Tricia King spoke about the MCTC Radio Grant and the hope to get an AmeriCorp worker to help facilitate some initiatives they are working on. The grant would provide an employee for 35 hours per week and cost the county between \$3,000 to \$5,000 for match funding. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to approve and the vote to approve was unanimous.

XII. Personnel Items

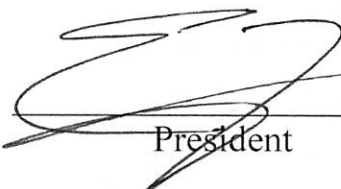
- a.** Mr. Fraley made the motion to approve Hires 2, 3, 5, 7, 8, 9, both Resignations and Leave of Absence 1 and 3 and the vote to approve was unanimous. This action was rescinded by a motion from Mr. Fraley and the vote to approve was unanimous.
- b.** Mr. Fraley made the motion to approve Hires 2, 3, 5, 7, 8, 9, Resignation 2, and Leave of Absence 1 and 3 and the vote to approve was unanimous. Hires included Kimberly Cook as After School Tutor at PES, Steve Ballengee as Varsity Assistant Baseball Coach at JMHS, Mick Ballard as JV Head Baseball Coach at JMHS, Greg Wickline as Varsity Head Softball Coach at JMHS, Cheyenne Carter as Substitute LPN, Aubrey Frank Houck as Assistant Track Coach at MVS. A resignation was approved for Debbie Sizemore, Social Worker. Leave of Absences were approved for Susan Conway, Medical through May 1, 2021 and Hannah Boone, Medical through March 9, 2021.
- c.** Mrs. Sabol made the motion to approve Hire 1, Kimberly Fraley as After School Tutor at JMHS, and the vote to approve was 4-0 with Mr. Fraley abstaining.
- d.** Mr. Fraley made the motion to approve Hires 4 and 6, Nick Newberry as One Dollar Baseball Coach at JMHS and Steve Newberry as Varsity Head Baseball Coach at JMHS, and the vote to approve was 4-0 with Mr. Wickline abstaining.
- e.** Mr. Fraley made the motion to approve Leave of Absence 2, Molly Hoke, Medical through the end of the school year 2020-2021, and the vote to approve was 4-0 with Sabol abstaining.
- f.** Mrs. Sabol made the motion to approve Resignation 1, Chris Booth as Head Football Coach at JMHS and the vote to approve was 4-0 with Mrs. Stutts abstaining.

XIII. Superintendent Contract


- a.** Mrs. Sabol made the motion to enter Executive Session at 7:33 p.m. and the vote to approve was unanimous.
- b.** Mr. Fraley made the motion to return to Regular Session at 8:29 p.m. and the vote to approve was unanimous.
- c.** Mr. Fraley made the motion to table the Superintendent's Contract and the vote to approve was unanimous.

IX. Adjournment

- a. Mr. Fraley made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. and the vote to approve was unanimous.



President



Secretary