

Monroe County Board of Education

Regular Meeting

February 2, 2021

Monroe County Board of Education Office

I. Roll Call

- a. Mr. Wickline called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.
- b. In addition to Mr. Wickline, Everett Fraley, Sally Wallace, Candy Sabol, and Sabrina Stutts attended in person.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Approval of Agenda/Adjustments

- a. Mr. Wickline noted that Check Numbers 867373, 86749, 86750, 86752, 86754, 86755, and 561 should be removed.
- b. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to approve the agenda with the adjustments and the vote to approve was unanimous.

IV. Public Comments

- a. No Public Comments.

V. Policies and Procedures

- a. Dr. Basile spoke on the IKG Embedded Credit Policy. She stated Monroe County's Current policy is outdated. Dr. Basile explained the difference between Embedded Credits and Fulfillment Credits. Embedded credits are for Transition Math and English for Seniors that complete certain programs at MCTC. Fulfillment credits, the students get regardless as long as they

complete the program. Dr. Basile stated the update is to follow the WVDE State Policy 2510. The revision will go out on a 30-day comment. Mrs. Wallace made the motion to approve and the vote was unanimous.

- b. Dr. Basile spoke about the Temporary COVID-19 Leave Policy and the previous concerns from employees. She stated she had polled the surrounding counties and this is an issue everywhere. Dr. Basile gave 3 different options.
 1. Option 1 is a 10-day leave like the benefits from the Cares Act that ended in December.
 2. Option 2 is where the current board approves leave, days listed as administrative days if quarantined as a direct result of work. The Board previously approve this leave retroactive to the start of the school year.
 3. Option 3 combines 1 and 2. It gives 10 days paid leave for community exposure and unlimited days for work-related exposure and quarantine.

Dr. Basile asked Mrs. Berry to run expenses that would be involved and presented them to the board and asked that the Board approve one of the three options for a first reading and to go out on 30 day comment period. Mrs. Wallace does not agree with Option 2; she feels that would penalize the staff. She feels regardless of where the exposure occurs employees should not have to use their own days if quarantined for any reason. She suggests that Option 3 looks more appealing. Mrs. Wallace explains that counties are going to be hit hard being open four days a week.

Mrs. Sabol and Mr. Fraley both suggest exceptionalities; they discussed changing Option 3 to 7 days. Mrs. Wallace disagrees with the changing of the days to 7.

Mr. Wickline stated that Option 1 does not allow for outside exposure.

Mrs. Griffith states that she would like the board to consider the mental status of employees as well under these conditions.

Mr. Dixon understands that cost is an issue but expresses that employees should be taken care of. He feels that employees will give back more. Mr. Dixon states that it is all about employee and student safety. The Unions are in support of Option 3.

Mr. Fraley and Mrs. Sabol both expressed that it would be hard to differentiate between community and school exposure.

Mr. Wickline questioned how to know the difference between isolation and quarantine and will they be treated the same. Dr. Basile stated they are treated the same.

Mrs. Sabol suggested that this could be revisited if they see it is needed.

Mr. Fraley suggested that they go with Option 3. Mr. Wickline is concerned if exposure is on vacation. Mrs. Sabol stated that many Monroe County Employees had stayed home through Christmas Break as to not spread the virus. She stated there is a limit on the community exposure days.

Documentation from Health Department is required to use these community exposure days.

Mr. Fraley made the motion for Option 3 to be approved for first reading and put out for 30 day public comment. The vote to approve was unanimous.

IV. Superintendent's Report

- a. Dr. Basile stated we have had 150 employees who have received the first round of vaccines. She also stated WVDE had changed courses and will not offer additional first round doses at schools. Any employee who has not received the vaccine and would like to will need to register

through the state website <http://vaccinate.wv.gov/> . Monroe County has 2nd round doses scheduled for February 3· 2021 for the first set of employees that received vaccines. Dr. Basile stated this will mean 60 employees are fully vaccinated. The other rounds will be scheduled based on when the first dose was received.

- b. Dr. Basile spoke on Adult Basic Education. She had a very productive meeting with WVDE officials and Mrs. King is working with local and state entities to determine the best starting point. This is an area the county met on several years ago, Dr. Basile believes Monroe County’s needs to offer adult education opportunities. The logistics of having adults intermingled with students on the same campus as the high school was a road block Monroe County just seemed unable to get around. Dr. Basile feels the county has a couple of options to work toward and appreciates the Board’s interest in also providing these services.
- c. Dr. Basile stated Wednesday Tutoring began on January 27· 2021 and the session went well from all school reports. She stated after school tutors will be on the next board agenda. Dr. Basile also stated summer school will be offered for credit recovery for those who missed a whole semester and didn’t do any work.
- d. Dr. Basile stated WVSSAC updated their timeline for winter and spring sports this week. She noted February 8, 2021 is now the first day for winter sports conditioning. February 15, 2021 is the first day of practice for winter sports. March 15, 2021 is the first day of high school spring sports practice and March 22, 2021 is first day of middle school spring sports practice. Winter sports attendance at events are limited to parents, grandparents, and household members. Administrators and Board Members are permitted to attend games.
- e. Dr. Basile spoke on the need of roof repairs at Peterstown Elementary School. She stated four contractors had come and looked at it and they

are working up prices for Monroe County. Dr. Basile hopes to have something by the end of the week at the latest.

- f. Dr. Basile stated the boiler at Peterstown Middle School was having difficulties again this year. Curtis Lucas spent the night with it last night making sure it didn't go out again. Dr. Basile wants to publicly thank him for going above and beyond to ensure Peterstown Middle School had heat this morning for students.
- g. Dr. Basile wants to congratulate Jada Stutts for being highlighted on the WV Department of Education social media pages. Jada was highlighted for being a leader and representing CTE during CTE Month. She is an excellent representation of the county and school system and the county is very proud of her!

VI. JMHS Student Body President's Report

- a. Ms. Jada Stutts opened with a quote from Mr. Adam Dixon. "Often times life selects those who have more willingness rather than achievement." She thanked the Board Members for their dedication to the school system. The news broadcast is going well. FCA and YLA hope to have meetings starting soon. Mrs. Angie Mann is having class meetings with each grade. She has outlined expectations and is getting everyone on the same page. Ms. Stutts stated that the gym looks amazing.

VII. Consent Items

- a. Mr. Fraley made the motion to approve Minutes from January 19, 2021 along with Payment of Bills, Transfers and Supplements. The vote to approve was unanimous.

IX. New Business

- a. Dr. Basile spoke about the reason for Bids for Board Office Renovations. She talked about how hard it is to hear during Board Meetings. That renovation is a functional purpose that is needed, to lower the ceiling, so that members as well as guest can hear in the meeting room. Maintenance will be putting in a storage closet to house 4-H supplies. Mrs. Wallace wants the minutes to read why renovations are need. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to approve and the vote to approve was unanimous.

- b. Mr. Meadows detailed the Archery Program-NASP. He stated that this will be the 10th year for their program. It is now in all 50 states. Mr. Woodson started the Archery Program in his school PE class in the Fall of 2011 at Peterstown Middle School. The Archery Program has three divisions: elementary, middle and high school. In 2016 the elementary division won the state tournament. Mr. Meadows also stated Sidney Phipps was a six-time Youth Champion. Sidney was the 2019 Champion, female shooter of the year and she has her own sponsors. Ms. Phipps goal is to compete in the Olympics. Todd Craighead a student at James Monroe High School finished 3rd in the national competition, 1st in the State Competition and received a \$10,000 scholarship. Mr. Meadows states he started with 16 kids and they have built up to 70 to 80 children. Travis Allen has been teaching Archery in his PE class at Mountain View School. They are wanting to start the program there as well. He talked about SSAC tabling taking over the program since it was doing so well. Mr. Meadows says archery gives children something to do the rest of their life. Mr. Fraley asked the ages of the students. Mr. Meadows replied 4th through 12th grade can compete. He states that you do math in your head and even special needs students participate in this program. Mr. Fraley made the motion to approve archery practice to begin February 14, 2021 and the vote to approve was unanimous.

- c. Dr. Basile shared that state vendor Advantage Technology Network had submitted a bid for switch and network upgrades at James Monroe High School. Dr. Basile stated that this was a state bid and should be the lowest price available. Mrs. Tuggle will be using Erate Funds to pay for the upgrade. Mrs. Wallace made the motion to approve and the vote to approve was unanimous.

X. Personnel Items

- a. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to approve all Personnel Items and the vote to approve was unanimous. Personnel Items include Hires of Christian J. Dunlap as the County Young Writers Contest Coordinator. Ashley H. Mann as the County Golden Horseshoe Coordinator. Janet L. Haag as a Wednesday Tutor at Peterstown Middle School. The retirement of Naomi D. Walker Cafeteria Manager at Peterstown Elementary School as of August 1, 2021. The resignation of Megan E. McGhee as Special Ed Designee for Mountain View School effective February 15, 2021.

XI. Superintendent Contract

- a. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to enter into Executive Session at 7:04 pm the vote was unanimous.
- b. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to return to Regular Session at 8:28 pm the vote to approve was unanimous.
- c. Mr. Fraley made the motion to table the Superintendent's Contract and place it on the next agenda. The vote to approve was unanimous.

XII. Board Goals

- a. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to approve The Board Goals and the vote to approve was unanimous.

XIII. Adjournment

- a. Mrs. Sabrina Stutts thanked coaches and maintenance for their work on James Monroe High Schools gym it looks really great. Mr. Wickline asked if the Board could do something for maintenance for staying at the school all night and working hard. Dr. Basile stated that she planned to get them pizza.
- b. Mrs. Stutts made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:33 pm. The vote to approve was unanimous.



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