

# **MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**Regular Meeting, April 6, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.**

## **MONROE COUNTY BOARD OFFICE**

### **I. Roll Call**

- a. Mr. Wickline called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.
- b. Board members present in addition to Mr. Wickline included Sally Wallace, Sabrina Stutts, Candace Sabol and Everett Fraley.

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

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

- a. Mr. Wickline noted that Check 86930 should be voted separately.
- b. Mr. Wickline asked to move New Business Number E (County Commission Request) to right after approval of the agenda.
- c. Mr. Wickline stated to remove item IX (JMHS Student Body President's Report) from the agenda.
- d. Motion to approve the agenda with the adjustments was made by Mrs. Stutts. The vote to approve was unanimous.

### **New Business Number E**

- a. Kevin Mann, County Commissioner Spoke about Trinity Corporation owing back taxes in the amount of \$152,186.00 of which the school would receive \$106,000.00 if collected. The remaining would go to the County Commission. Mr. Mann is unsure what attorney fees would cost. He feels that Trinity Corporation should pay their taxes just like everyone else is expected to do. Mr. Wickline stated the Board would decide how to proceed in this matter and that Dr. Basile would reach out to Mr. Donnie Evans and schedule a meeting between the two entities. Dr. Basile thanked Mr. Mann for coming.

### **IV. Public Comments**

- a. Mike O'Neil spoke about the use of facility form for the Softball League. He stated they had sent copies of the forms. Mr. Wickline asked about the number of teams they have and stated that Dr. Hansbarger had approved it and Mr. Wickline stated that they are on

the agenda. Mrs. Sabol stated she would let him know the outcome if they didn't want to stay for the rest of the meeting.

**V. Public Calendar Hearing 2021-2022 Second Hearing**

- a. Mr. McPherson spoke via remote and stated that they had received 621 responses on the calendar surveys. The surveys were for professional and service employees along with students and their parents. 80% of responses requested to use Non-Traditional Days in the calendar. Professional voted for Option 3, Service voted for Option Two, Parents voted for Option two and the students voted for Option One. Option Two begins August 16 and has 5 days of training at the beginning of the year. Mr. McPherson recommend that Option Two be the Calendar for FY 22.

**VI. Adult Education Presentation by Tricia King**

- a. Mrs. King stated MCTC put out a survey and had 189 people respond. She is thrilled to have this kind of feedback from the community. The survey focused on three areas: Do it Yourself/Enrichment Learning where 77% of the people surveyed requested and were in favor of these type of classes, Canning, Food Preservation, Home Maintenance and Gardening. 62% of respondents requested job skills classes. Those request included short term classes such as CPR/First Aid, Technology and Microsoft Office. Long Term Adult programs that were requested by 71% of the respondents included LPN, Culinary Cooking, CNA, EMT/Fire Truck Driving, Machinery, Welding and Cosmetology. Mrs. King stated that 43% of people that responded requested classes at Lindside, followed closely by Union and Peterstown locations. Based on Survey result, A Garden to Table Adult learning series is being planned with WVU Extension. This would begin May 11, 2021 and continue through October 2021. Mrs. King noted that in the survey the respondents were wanting low cost tuition and mostly evening classes. Child Care was another big item for concern with respondents. Mrs. King noted they are looking into that as well. Mrs. King noted she is open to any suggestions and comments that will help with this program. Mrs. King thanked the Board for this opportunity.
- b. Mrs. Sabol commented that she had had community members ask about adult classes. She thanked Mrs. King for all her hard work.

## **VII. Policies and Procedures**

- a. Dr. Basile noted that the Embedded Credit Policy had been put out for a thirty-day comment and no comments had been received. She thanked Mrs. Jones and Mr. Houck for working on the policy revisions. Dr. Basile recommended that the policy be approved as written. Mr. Fraley made the motion to approve the Embedded Credit Policy as written. The vote to approve was unanimous.

## **VIII. Superintendent's Report**

- a. Dr. Basile congratulated MCTC State Hosa winners: First Place: Prepared Public Speaking, Kendra Munsey, First Place: Behavioral Health, Bryceson Whitt, First Place: HOSA Bowl, Cole Thomas, Isabel Adkins, Jordan Lowe, Maddie McMillion, First Place: Creative Problem Solving, Katie Willis, Aliyah Mullins, Brooklyn Lester, and Congratulations to Katie Willis who served as HOSA State President this year. She stated these students will go on to compete in a virtual national competition.
- b. Dr. Basile Congratulated State Educator's Rising winners: Children's Literature Prek – K First Place - Abby Craighead and Morgan Mills, Creative Lecture First Place - Michael Fraley, Educator's Rising Moment First Place - Sierra Broyles, Impromptu Speaking First Place - Michael Fraley. Mr. Fraley placed first in two areas and we are very proud of him and all the other students. She stated these students will go on to compete in a virtual national competition.
- c. Dr. Basile congratulated Jada Stutts for receiving Marshall University's National Science Foundation STEM Scholarship. She stated Jada is the first recipient of this scholarship and Monroe County is very pleased she is representing not only Monroe County but females in STEM fields.
- d. Dr. Basile noted she has a calendar of events planned and approved by the HD (copies given to board members). She will update the calendar as other events are planned and approved.
- e. Dr. Basile stated WVDE has notified counties that they will not provide elementary virtual school next year. Each county is required to provide virtual school but will determine what program best fits their need and budget. Dr. Basile noted Monroe County will explore programs and offerings and bring their choice of programs to the Board for approval at a future meeting.

- f. Dr. Basile announced Monroe County is now offering vaccinations to students ages 16 and older and their family members. Thus far Monroe County has 4 students and 10 family members registered. She stated a notice had been put in both the Watchman and VA Leader, made social media posts, emailed and texted parents, and letters will be sent home after spring break to ensure parents are notified.
- g. Dr. Basile announced the Wellness Centers in schools plan to open fulltime after Spring Break. Monroe County looks forward to having the centers operating fulltime again and providing additional services.
- h. Dr. Basile congratulated the archery teams who recently competed in the State Championship. Monroe County had local winners including Carolyn Clarkson who was the number one middle school female shooter. Trinity Hill was the number one elementary school shooter. Peterstown Elementary team finished in third place, and Peterstown Middle finished in second place. JMHS team finished in 6<sup>th</sup> place. This was Mountain View's first year of competing and they also finished well and were in 11<sup>th</sup> place. She feels MVS's program will grow each year and they will continue to place at the state level. The National competition will be held virtually and all students who competed in the state competition can go on to compete at the Nationals. Dr. Basile stated she appreciates the coaches who spent many, many hours working with our youth and especially Barry Meadows who coached 4 teams this year.

**IX. JMHS Student Body President's Report**

- a. This item was removed from the agenda.

**X. Consent Items**

- a. Motion to approve consent items, transfers and supplements with the exception of Check 86930 was made by Mr. Fraley. The vote to approve was unanimous. Consent items consisted of March 16, 2021 Board Minutes, Payment of Bills (Except Check 86930), Transfers and Supplements, Assistive Communication Assessment Contract Karen B. Haines, Compton Office Machine Company Color Copy Machine Bid for Federal Programs.
- b. Motion to approve Check 86930 was made by Mrs. Sabol and the vote to approve was unanimous with the exception of Mrs. Wallace who left the room prior to the vote and returned after the vote.

## **XI. New Business**

- a.** The Articulation Agreement with Bluefield State College and MCTC for Elementary Education Programs will provide completers with 10 college hours. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to approve and the vote to approve was unanimous.
- b.** Articulation Agreement with Bluefield State College and MCTC for Law and Public Safety will provide completers with 9 college hours. Mrs. Wallace made the motion to approve and the vote to approve was unanimous.
- c.** Dr. Basile spoke about The Early Head Start/Head Start COLA Application Grant. This is a cost of living adjustment for Head Start. Dr. Basile noted that Mrs. Carr would like to use this increase to start putting a rubber surface at Mountain View on the playground that students use. It will not be enough for the whole playground but it is a start and they will continue as funds become available. Mr. Fraley made the motion to approve and the vote to approve was unanimous.
- d.** Mrs. Sabol made the motion to approve the Greenbrier Girls Softball League request for field use at MVS. The vote to approve was unanimous.
- e.** Mr. Wickline asked the Board their thoughts on the County Commission request to join case against Trinity Corporation for refusing to pay personal property taxes. Mrs. Stutts noted she would like to know attorney fees. She asked could an attorney be found who would take a percent. Mr. Wickline asked Dr. Basile to look into Attorneys. Mrs. Sabol would like to have a clear written agreement stating the Board's commitment and share. Mr. Fraley made the motion to table this item and the vote to table was unanimous.
- f.** Dr. Basile stated she had submitted the request for a School Building Authority Major Improvement Project to expand Mountain View's Cafeteria and have a safe school entry way. Mrs. Sabol stated this was a need. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to approve and the vote to approve was unanimous.
- g.** Mr. Wickline made the motion to combine items G (Permission to provide \$1,200 stipend to employees for workload increases due to COVID-19, pending WVDE approval) and H (Permission for use of Cares Funding and Posting of Positions). Motion was accepted. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to enter into Executive Session at 6:50 p.m. and the vote to approve was unanimous. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to return to regular session at 7:31 p.m. and the vote to approve was unanimous.

- h. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to approve both items G and H pending WVDE approval. The vote to approve was unanimous.
- i. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to approve the Spring 2021 Activities for Monroe County Technical Center. The vote to approve was unanimous.
- j. Mrs. Wallace made the motion to approve Adult Education programs and holding classes at Monroe County Technical Center and the vote to approve was unanimous.
- k. Approval of Memorandum of Agreement with WVU Extension Services. Mr. Fraley made the motion to approve and the vote to approve was unanimous.
- l. Approval of 2021-2022 School Calendar. Mrs. Wallace made the motion to approve Option Two for the 2021-2022 School Calendar and the vote to approve was unanimous.
- m. Approval of Non-Traditional Instructional Days for 2021-2022 School Calendar. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to approve and the vote to approve was unanimous.
- n. Approval of Project Graduation request to hold event May 28<sup>th</sup>, at JMHS. Mr. Wickline asked it this will be held inside. Dr. Basile stated they would be using the commons area, upstairs and downstairs gyms. Mrs. Sabol wanted to know if a plan was shared with the health department. Dr. Basile stated yes and that mask would be worn, food would be prepackaged and social distancing would be observed. Mrs. Wallace wants protocol used. Mr. Fraley made the motion to approve and the vote to approve was unanimous.
- o. Approval of Administrative Guidelines Related to Bus Operator Recertification. 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 A-P and R, all Resignations and all Leave of Absence. The vote to approve was unanimous.
- b. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to hire item q and the vote was Mr. Fraley yes, Mrs. Stutts yes, Mrs. Wallace yes with Mr. Wickline abstaining.
- c. Personnel Hires are as follows: Daniel Cox Bus 1 After School Bus Operator, Patricia Beasley Cook II After School at PES/PMS, Helen Burns Cook II After School at MVS, Tammy Pence Temporary Cafeteria Manager at PMS, Teresa Amos Substitute Cook, Randy Collins Girls Softball Dollar Coach at JMHS, Robert Wickline Girls

Softball Dollar Coach at JMHS, Lori Feamster Summer SOLE Coordinator at PES/PMS, Adam Neel Summer SOLE Coordinator at MVS, Joseph Elmore Substitute Bus Driver, Cynthia Fuller Substitute Bus Driver, Karen Bowden Early Lit/Math After School Tutor at MVS, Cathy Hylton Early Lit/Math After School Tutor at MVS, Megan McGhee Lang/Math After School Tutor at MVS, David Pontius Lang/Math After School Tutor at MVS, Kelly Beverage Digital Learning/Tech Coach at MVS, Pamela Wickline Lang/Math After School Tutor at MVS, Zachariah Elmore Lang/Math After School Tutor at MVS.

- d. Personnel Resignations are as follows: Renee Wilson Head Volleyball Coach at JMHS, Amy Meadows Cook II After School PES/PMS, Edna Weikle PM Shift Custodian at JMHS, Joseph Hoke Bus Operator.
- e. Personnel Leave of absence is Carol Dolin for the rest of the school year.

### **XIII. Update on Transportation Matter**

### **XIV. Adjournment**

- a. Mr. Fraley asked that Project Graduation submit safety protocols so that himself and Mrs. Wallace would feel better about event.
- b. Mr. Fraley made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 p.m. and the vote to approve was unanimous.

  
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