

MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting, May 18, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.
MONROE COUNTY BOARD OFFICE

I. Roll Call

- a. Mr. Wickline called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
- b. In addition to Mr. Wickline, Everett Fraley, Candace Sabol, Sabrina Stutts and Sally Wallace were present.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Approval of Agenda/Adjustments

- a. Mr. Wickline noted that Personnel Items C)b. and A)j. be voted on separate.
- b. Mrs. Stutts 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. No Policies and Procedures

VI. Superintendent's Report

- a. Dr. Basile spoke about the meeting room still being under construction. She noted that the carpentry students did a phenomenal job and the acoustics in the room are already improved.
- b. Dr. Basile congratulated the Golden Horseshoe Winners. They were Thomas Sibold at Mountain View School, Brady Baker and Hannah Jewell at Peterstown Middle School.
- c. Dr. Basile stated that MCTC's Therapeutic Services created a TikTok video for a WVDE challenge and won 3rd place in the state. She noted they received \$1,000 for the program.
- d. Dr. Basile stated that all 4 students who took the CNA exam passed and had perfect scores on the skills portion of the test. Two of the

- three that took the phlebotomy test also passed. She would like to say Congratulations to those students and that she is very proud of them.
- e. Dr. Basile stated MCTC Adult Ed had their first class last week and 5 attended. This course was on soil testing. The Educator's Rising students provided childcare and had 4 children during the class.
 - f. Dr. Basile announced that the Drive through Kiddie Fair was scheduled for May 20th at James Monroe High School.
 - g. Dr. Basile spoke about Governor Justice's announcement on Friday that masks are no longer required for those vaccinated. However, WVDE issued a statement that mask remain a requirement for schools until June 20th since most students are not yet vaccinated. She noted they continue to be required on buses as well.
 - h. Dr. Basile announced that Peterstown Middle School had received an invitation from WVDE State Superintendent Burch to formally include the Empowerment Academy (EA) pilot sites as *Innovation in Education* schools. She stated Mrs. Ferguson is completing the application for the school and she will find out when they will be officially recognized at a future state board meeting.
 - i. Dr. Basile announced the School Building Authority sent an email Friday notifying counties that they have decided not to award any funding for major improvement projects, which is the project she submitted for MVS cafeteria expansion and safe school entry. The email stated this decision was made as a result of ESSERF funding being sent to counties and the SBA feels most projects can be funded with ESSERF funds so they're going to hold on to their funds until next year.
 - j. Dr. Basile stated Monroe County had their bus inspections last week and those were very good. She appreciates our mechanics and feels they don't get the recognition they deserve – they have huge responsibilities with keeping our buses running safely.
 - k. Dr. Basile announced the WVDE ESSERCF Funding Conference was yesterday with the state department regarding round 3 of funding. WVDE ESSERCF will be releasing 25% of funds to counties by the end of May. Monroe County will have to do a presentation to the State Department and get their input/approval. She stated the state does feel roof projects can be included in the funding request as an environmental hazard being addressed. She noted they looked to the

World Health Organization for their definition of environmental hazard and infer roofs are allowable. She does not feel comfortable with this and does not intend to change her request from HVAC at MVS to roof at JMHS. She did get some feedback on ESSERF round 2 and there are a couple things she feels we could tweak to meet their requests. One is related to the stipend for employees. Each employee will have to turn in the dates/times they worked outside their normal workday to be eligible for the stipend. Dr. Basile feels this should easily be accomplished.

- i.** Dr. Basile spoke about fundraising for the new playground and athletics programs at the new school site. She stated Peterstown Elementary School and Peterstown Middle School have developed some good fundraising ideas that are being planned. She noted they are planning a golf tournament this summer and an alumni prom this fall. They are also planning a dinner under the lights and plan to ask PHS graduates who were former athletes that went beyond high school and played sports like Steve Newberry, Kelly Mann, Chad Johnston to speak. They're going to sell dinner tickets, put together film clips to show that night, and ask for donations. They're planning a color run, softball tournament, volleyball tournament, flag football tournament and have food vendors set up.
- m.** Mr. Wickline noted he would like to give a shout out to Chad Savage and Eli Allen for 1st Team All-State.

VII. JMHS Student Body President's Report

- a.** Jada Stutts thanked the Board for the kindness she had been shown this school year. She stated that Thursday was Field Day, Friday was Senior Awards and MCTC Graduation. Mrs. Stutts announced that Graduation will be Friday evening at James Monroe High School.
- b.** Mrs. Stutts announced that SAT had gained three more Promise Scholars.

VIII. Consent Items

- a.** Mr. Fraley made the motion to approve all Consent Items and the vote to approve was unanimous. Those items are Payment of Bills, Transfers and Supplements and Board Minutes from May 4, 2021.

IX. Treasurer's Report

- a. Mr. Berry presented the Treasurer's Report and there were no questions.
- b. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to approve and the vote to approve was unanimous.

X. Proposed Budget hearing 2021-20200

- a. Mr. Berry presented the Initial Budget for the State Department and stated that the budget is always changing.
- b. Mr. Wickline asked about paying back the lease next year.
- c. Mr. Berry replied yes.
- d. Mr. Fraley made the motion to approve the Initial Budget for the State Department and the vote to approve was unanimous.

XI. New Business

- a. Mrs. Wallace made the motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding for the PRO Grant. This must be in place to receive grant. The vote to approve was unanimous.
- b. Dr. Basile spoke about the Agreement with Terradon Corporation to complete Inspection Services for Peterstown PK-8. She noted they had agreed to finish the inspections and not to exceed \$13,000. The School Building Authority had also agreed. Mrs. Wallace made the motion to approve and the vote to approve was unanimous.

XII. Personnel Item

- a. Mr. Fraley made the motion to approve Personnel Hire Items A through I, Resignations, Leave of Absence Item A and Retirements and the vote to approve was unanimous. Those hire items include Angela Taylor-Substitute Teacher, Adam Neel-Digital Technology Coach for MVS, Mitchell Fisher-Groundsman/General Maintenance, Patricia Phelps-Substitute Secretary, Cassandra Bailey-Summer SOLE Techer at MVS, Katrina King-Summer SOLE Stem Teacher at MVS, Patricia Preston-Summer ½ Time SOLE Custodian at MVS, Kathy Sizemore-Summer ½ Time SOLE Custodian at PES and Helen Burns- Summer SOLE Cook at MVS. Resignations were Allen Haag as Music/Band Teacher at PMS. Leave of Absence was Kimberly Gusler FMLA through

June 17, 2021. Retirements were Erin Netzel-Kindergarten Teacher at MVS.

- b. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to approve Personnel Hire Item I and the vote was Ms. Sabol-yes, Mrs. Wallace-yes, Mr. Wickline-yes, Mrs. Stutts-yes and Mr. Fraley abstained. This item was the hire of Kimberly Fraley as Summer SOLE Teacher for JMHS.
- c. Mrs. Stutts made the motion to approve Leave of Absence item b and the vote was Mrs. Stutts-yes, Mrs. Wallace-yes, Mrs. Sabol-yes, Mr. Fraley-yes and Mr. Wickline abstained. This item was a leave of absence for Leah Williams FMLA.

XIII. Adjournment

- a. Mrs. Stutts asked the process for use of old schools in the county.
- b. Dr. Basile stated they can be donated, sold at public auctions and other options.
- c. Mr. Wickline stated Tricia King is interested in PES for Adult Education.
- d. Mrs. Wallace stated that Mrs. Netzel will be missed by all. That she was a great asset to Monroe County Schools.
- e. Mrs. Fraley thanked everyone for their help with James Monroe High Schools Prom.
- f. Mr. Fraley made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:33 p.m. and the vote to adjourn was unanimous.



President



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