

MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting, August 3, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.
MONROE COUNTY BOARD OFFICE

Minutes

I. Roll Call

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

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Approval of Agenda/Adjustments

- a. Mr. Wickline noted that checks 87284 and 87287 should be voted on separately and that Personnel Item Number L be removed from the agenda.
- b. Mrs. Wallace made the motion to approve the agenda with these adjustments and the vote to approve was unanimous.

IV. Public Comments

- a. Crystal Largen would like a copy of curriculum. Ms. Largen wants to know if Critical Race Theory is being taught in schools. It is not being taught. She also was questioning if masks are being required? Dr. Basile hasn't got that guidance from Health or State Departments yet. Ms. Largen understands that the schools have to follow CDC guidelines, but she does not want her child to wear a mask.

V. Policies and Procedures

- a. Mr. Fraley made the motion to Repeal Policy JC-1, as it is an outdated policy and does not meet code, and the vote to repeal was unanimous.
- b. Mr. Fraley made the motion to approve first reading of revision policy and place on 30-day comment Policy JEC-1, the vote to approve was unanimous.

VI. Superintendent's Report

- a. Dr. Basile would like to congratulate the Agriculture Department at MCTC. They received a Program Modernization Grant for \$15,000 to purchase a tractor in efforts to re-enter tractor driving contests.
- b. Dr. Basile announced WVDE guidance is supposed to be released August 4th for counties to use in determining re-entry protocols. CDC current guidance recommends 3 feet social distancing and masks. She believes we will need to schedule a special meeting next week to approve our re-entry document and hire teachers for vacant positions.
- c. Dr. Basile would like to say congratulations to Michael Fraley and let him know that she is very proud of him. Michael competed in the Educator's Rising National Competition at the end of June and placed 3rd in the nation in Impromptu Speaking.
- d. Dr. Basile announced that Fall Athletic practice began August 2nd at the high school and begins next week for middle schools. She is hopeful to have a year closer to normal for athletics in addition to education.
- e. Dr. Basile Stated that Monroe County is less than two weeks from employees beginning the new school year and less than three weeks from students first day of school. The Central Office and school administrators, custodians, and maintenance have been working hard all summer preparing. She is looking forward to the new year.

VII. Consent Items

- a. Mrs. Stutts made the motion to approve Consent Items with the exception of Check Numbers 87284 and 87287, the vote to approve was unanimous.
- b. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to approve Check 87284 and the vote was, Mrs. Sabol-yes, Mr. Wickline-yes, Mrs. Stutts-yes and Mr. Fraley-yes. Mrs. Wallace left the room before the vote and returned afterwards.
- c. Mrs. Stutts made the motion to approve Check 87287 and the vote was Mrs. Stutts-yes, Mr. Wickline-yes, Mrs. Wallace-yes and Mr. Fraley-yes with Mrs. Sabol leaving the room before the vote and returning afterwards.
- d. Consent items were approval of Board Minutes from July 20, 2021, approval of Payment of Bills, Transfer and Supplements.

VIII. New Business

- a.** Dr. Basile announced that nine Architecture Firms had responded to the bid for Mountain View School's HVAC replacement. The top three firms that were selected for interviews were; Williamson and Shiver, Thompson & Litton and Thrasher. Dr. Basile recommended Williamson and Shiver for the job. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to approve Williamson and Shiver and the vote to approve was unanimous.
- b.** Dr. Basile asked that the Board Meeting scheduled for September 7, 2021 be moved to September 9, 2021 due to WVDE Teacher and Service Personnel of the Year Banquet. This meeting will be held at James Monroe High School. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to approve and the vote to approve was unanimous.
- c.** Dr. Basile presented the proposal from DC Shires to repair exterior light pole at Mountain View School. Mrs. Wallace made the motion to approve and the vote to approve was unanimous.
- d.** Dr. Basile asked permission to post a grant funded "School-Based Public Health Workforce COVID-19 Response/Recovery Support Service Personnel Secretary for School Year 2021-2022. Mrs. Wallace questioned where duties would fall. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to approve and the vote to approve was unanimous.

IX. Personnel Items

- a.** Mrs. Sabol made the motion to enter into Executive Session at 6:22 p.m. and the vote to approve was unanimous.
- b.** Mrs. Wallace made the motion to return to Regular Session at 7:28 p.m. and the vote to enter back into Regular Session was approved unanimously.
- c.** Mrs. Sabol made the motion to approve all Personnel Items with the exception of Item Number L and the vote to approve was unanimous.
- d.** Personnel Hires were Jewell Ramsey as Special Education Aide/Bus Aide at PES, Crystal Gammon as Head Start Pre-K Floater Aide at PES, Krisha Kees as Pre-K Teacher 3-4-Year-Old Programs at PES, Benjamin Thornton as Head Football Coach at PMS, Tammy Page as Athletic Trainer at JMHS, Carter Shiflet as Athletic Trainer at JMHS, Jason Goodman as One Dollar Assistant Football Coach at JMHS, Woody

Waldron as Temporary Bus Operator for Wayside Run, Kristie Dobbins as Fourth Grade Teacher at MVS, Margaret Myers as Special Ed Teacher Multi-CAT with Autism at MVS, Patricia Phelps as Head Start Pre-K Floater Aide at MVS, Megan McGhee as Sixth Grade Teacher at MVS, Jennifer Vass as One Dollar Assistant Cheer Coach at MVS, Michael Biggs as Bus Operator for Laurel Creek, Lillydale and Rock Camp Run, Donna Jones as Substitute Aide, Custodian and Cook for the county, Brittany Quigley as Substitute Teacher for the county.

- e. Personnel Resignations were Darla Ellison as Girls Assistant Basketball Coach at PMS, Mitchell Fisher as Groundsman/Maintenance effective immediately 7/26/21 and Tania Gravel as Social Studies-Grades 7/8 Effective 8/7/21 at PMS.
- f. Probationary Re-Hires were Tiffany Yancey as School Psychologist, Itinerant.
- g. Dr. Basile made the recommendation for the Head Mechanic Request and the vote to approve was unanimous.

X. Adjournment

- a. Mrs. Wallace likes having a Valedictorian and Salutatorian instead of State and County Scholars. Mrs. Wallace feels the Monroe County Technical Center is not meeting the needs of graduates. She would like to see more offered to the students. Mercer County does commercials highlighting what they offer. Mrs. Wallace wants students recognized at graduation for accomplishments. She feels we need to step it up. Dr. Basile noted if changed would need to be phased in with 9th grade class. Mrs. Wallace noted that the former Superintendent and Board of Education were the ones that had gotten rid of Valedictorian and Salutatorian.
- b. Mr. Fraley made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 p.m. and the vote to adjourn was unanimous.



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