

MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Special Meeting, August 31, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.
VIRTUAL BOARD MEETING DUE TO COVID-19

Minutes

I. Roll Call

- a. Mr. Wickline call the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.
- b. Members present on-line in addition to Mr. Wickline included Everett Fraley, Candace Sabol, Sally Wallace and Sabrina Stutts.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Approval of Agenda/Adjustments

- a. Mr. Fraley made the motion to approve the agenda as is. The motion to approve was unanimous.

IV. New Business

- a. Dr. Basile presented the School Building Authority Needs Project, requesting funding to expand MVS cafeteria and construct a safe school's entry. Mr. Fraley asked the capacity of the Mountain View School Building Authority Needs Project. Dr. Basile suggested to add 3,000 square feet to the cafeteria space. Mr. Wickline asked if we are using more than 59% of the building as the utilization. Dr. Basile noted the Architects use a formula to determine the percentage. Mrs. Wallace asked if we were going to ask for funding for James Monroe High School Roof? Dr. Basile noted the roof will continue to leak but that COVID-19 timeline determined priority for MVS and JMHS will be presented in the future. Mr. Fraley made the motion to approve and the vote to approve was unanimous.

V. Personnel Items

- a. Mrs. Wallace made the motion to approve the Personnel Items and the vote to approve was unanimous.
- b. Hires are Patricia Beasley as Substitute Secretary and Substitute Cook, Donna Jones as Substitute Cook, Kevin Johnson Substitute Bus Operator pending Certification Completion, Charles Deem Substitute

Bus Operator pending Certification Completion, Teresa Vickie King School Bus Supervisor/Inventory Supervisor, Benjamin Woodyard as Itinerant Special Education Teacher Multi-Cat including Autism, Jane Nash Reading/Math Interventionist and Sarah Brackenrich as English Learner Teacher for PES.

- c. Resignations are Richard Bailey as Activity Run Bus Operator, Cynthia Kennedy as Substitute Bus Operator and Steven McClure as Science Teacher Grades 7/8 at PMS.
- d. Probationary Re-Hires' Margaret Myers Special Education Teacher at MVS.

VI. Discussion Items

- a. Dr. Basile spoke about COVID-19 quarantines. She stated that 139 students and 5 teachers are quarantined. COVID-19 numbers are drastically increasing through the week. She feels the Board made the right decision to close school. Dr. Hansbarger felt peak not expected for a couple more weeks. Mr. Fraley asked if one school is worse than another. Dr. Basile stated that outside activities have contributed to the numbers. James Monroe High School has the highest and also have 4 positives from volleyball. Mr. Wickline asked about food delivery. Dr. Basile states it will be going out on tomorrow along with paper packets for students. Mrs. Wallace wanted to know if some parents get Chromebooks. Mrs. Wallace would like to know the number of vaccinated teens? Dr. Basile stated they didn't know that number yet that the Health Department was working on that. She said that she had asked about a vaccination clinic and checking on the legalities. Mrs. Wallace stated that she feels the "need for vaccination/masks" be included in automated calling system. Kindergarten was only in school for one day and had to be sent home. Mrs. Wallace states the concerns are heartbreaking.
- b. Mr. Fraley spoke about the Re-Entry Protocol and that reiterate masks and hand sanitizer. He suggests going 2 days then off one day for cleaning and then going 2 more days. Mr. Fraley wants masks revisited. Mrs. Wallace feels like we need to get back strategies like we used last year. Mr. Wickline noted that the state is not allowing us the days off. Dr. Basile stated waivers that were in place last year are not in place this year. Mr. Wickline announced we were a long

way from being in green or gold on the map. Mr. Fraley want to go back to gold for mask wearing. Leslie Ferguson stated biggest problem is cafeteria and spaces where the kids are crammed together. Ms. Wills agrees with Mrs. Ferguson that the kids are doing a great job with wearing mask. She feels the quarantines are not coming from classrooms but lunch rooms. Mrs. Wallace asked could students go back to eating in classrooms. Ms. Wills doesn't feel that would work either. Classrooms have assigned seats and when masks come off then quarantine stops. Mr. Fraley stated that we can't compare last year to this year because we are going to school in the red this year. Mr. Fraley also stated that Virtual doesn't work well. Dr. Basile announced that she had been in all schools this week and they are trying to make sure kids are wearing their masks. Mr. Wallace would like to see more robo calls to parents to emphasize mask wearing. Mr. Fraley stated that the schools and personnel will have to continue to do what they are doing and that their hard work was not going unnoticed.

VII. Adjournment

- a. Mr. Fraley made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:49 p.m. and the vote to adjourn was unanimous.



President



Secretary