

Monroe County Board of Education

Regular Meeting

July 3, 2017

Peterstown Elementary School

I. Roll Call

- a. Mr. Lively called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.
- b. All members were present.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III Approval of Agenda/Adjustments

- a. Mr. Lively announced that item IV should be removed from the Agenda. Check numbers 1455, 1456, and 82312 should be voted separately. Mr. Sams made the motion to approve with the adjustments and the vote to approve was unanimous.

IV. Removed from Agenda.

V. Old Business

- a. Mrs. Basile presented Peterstown School Project information and potential bond information, after which a five minute recess was taken. Mrs. Basile's presentation included: Peterstown Elementary was built in 1962, serves grades Prek-4, current enrollment is 479 students, and has five detached, temporary buildings which house preschool and kindergarten. The school needs a new roof, new windows, a secure entrance, a library/media center, adequate parking, needs brought into compliance with the American's with Disabilities Act requirements, and the modular buildings battle mold underneath that is removed yearly by Orkin. Peterstown Middle School was built in 1950 as the original Peterstown High School. This building houses 280 students. The school needs a new HVAC system with proper ventilation, a new heating system, a secure entrance, new windows, new roof on part of the building, a renovated sewage system, electrical upgrades (the school still uses screw-in plug fuses and yet students all have laptop computers in the building), an elevator and measures to bring the school into compliance with the requirements for the American's with Disabilities, there is a detached building across a public road that students cross eight times per day to attend class, and a separate bus and parent drop off is not available. The cost to bring both schools up to code is close to \$13 million. A new Prek-8 school for Peterstown would serve roughly 760 students. This would provide hands-on learning opportunities and modern facilities for the students to learn. Comparison pictures between the facilities at Peterstown and newer schools throughout the state were shown. Mrs. Basile notified

the audience that if the Board were to decide to run a bond election a second time, complete funding for the school must be in place by December 1, 2017, or the county will lose the \$16,424,000 allocated by the School Building Authority. Bond cost information was shared, if the Board were to run the bond for the Peterstown project only, sample costs of the bond at a 3.75% interest rate were compared to a 6% interest rate. The comparison charts below were shared with the audience.

6% Bond Cost

Appraised Value	Monthly Tax	Annual Tax
\$100,000	\$5.33	\$63.96
\$150,000	\$8	\$95.94
\$200,000	\$10.66	\$127.92

3.75% Bond Cost

Appraised Value	Monthly Tax	Annual Tax
\$100,000	\$4.56	\$54.72
\$150,000	\$6.84	\$82.08
\$200,000	\$9.12	\$109.44

Mrs. Basile discussed the reason the School Building Authority requires local input is there are over \$3.6 billion dollars in facility needs throughout the state and the SBA does not have this amount of money. Since 1989, the SBA has spent approximately \$1.85 billion on schools. A study conducted by WVU graduate students found that for every \$15 spent by the SBA it generates \$3 in funding to the local economy.

Steps taken since the bond election in June include a request from the SBA for additional funding. The county was told the SBA could not contribute more funds than already allocated. The Monroe County Board intends to request a waiver from the SBA to use a Clerk of the Works in place of a Construction Manager, and the cost difference be taken from the construction cost of the school. Mrs. Basile has a planning meeting with SBA to discuss. She has also reached out to Dr. Paine, State Superintendent of Schools and he offered to assist the county with this effort.

Lastly, school tours of the two Peterstown Schools are planned at 6:00 p.m. on the following dates for anyone wishing to tour the schools: August 7, August 14, August 21, August 28, September 11, September 18, and September 25. Additionally, tours will be given during Open House on August 16th, from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.

VI. Public Comments

- a. None

VII. Policies and Procedures

- a. Mrs. Basile recommended a thirty day comment period for the Revised Bus Operator Extra Duty Compensation Policy after the first reading. Mrs. Fisher made the motion to approve and the vote to approve was unanimous.

VIII. Superintendent's Report

- a. Mrs. Basile informed the board that Monroe Health Center will have centers at JMHS and MVS for the full school day. Peterstown will have a full day center two days per week. An additional service being provided this school year is a mental health counselor. The Health Center is actively seeking applicants for this position.
- b. RESA will remain in place for this school year. Beginning July 1, 2018, counties will become a part of a cooperative and Monroe will be linked with the additional counties of Fayette, Nicholas, Braxton, and Randolph, combining Resa 1 and 4.
- c. Energy Express enrollment has increased slightly at PES, but decreased at MVS. Buses are not being used, but rather the program is reimbursing parents for delivering their children to the school.
- d. Mrs. Basile announced that she had received a letter from the County Clerk showing the cost of the recent bond election to be \$30,041.52.

IX. Consent Items

- a. Mr. Sams made the motion to approve the Consent Items with the exceptions noted above. The vote to approve was unanimous.
- b. Consent Items included Payment of Bills and Transfers and Supplements.
- c. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to approve check numbers 1455 and 1456. The vote to approve was Sabol, yes; Sams, yes; Fisher, yes; Evans, yes; Lively, abstain.
- d. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to approve check number 82312. The vote to approve was Sabol, yes; Fisher, yes; Evans, yes; Lively, yes; Sams, abstain.

X. New Business

- a. Mrs. Basile recommended the board approve the two Student Transfer Requests for Eary-Boone. Mr. Sams made the motion to approve and the vote to approve was unanimous.
- b. Mr. Lively requested a motion that all Board Representatives remain the same for 2017-2018. Mr. Evans made the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous. Those areas for 2017-2018 are RESA I, RESA I Alternate, WVU Extension, Monroe County Library, Legislative Committee, State Executive Committee for Region I for School Board Association, and Head Start.

XI. Personnel Items

- a. Mrs. Basile recommended approval of the Personnel List as written. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to approve and the vote to approve was unanimous. The single Personnel Item was the hire of Eric Shamblen as Custodian for PMS.

XII. Discussion Items

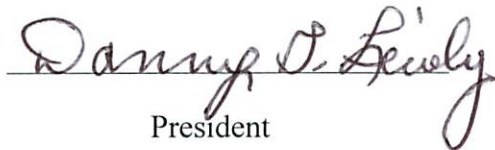
- a. Mr. Evans asked when the board would know more about the bond and make the decision. It was decided to cast the vote at the August 1 meeting.

XIII. Public Comments

- b. None.

XIV. Adjournment

- c. Mr. Lively adjourned the meeting at 8:21 p.m.



President



Secretary