

Monroe County Board of Education

Regular Meeting

December 15, 2015

Monroe County Board of Education Office

I. Roll Call

- a. Mr. Lively called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
- b. All members were present.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III Approval of Agenda/Adjustments

- a. Mrs. Hoke Webb made the motion to approve the agenda as written. The vote to approve was unanimous.

IV. Public Comments

- a. None

V. Superintendent's Report

- a. Mrs. Basile informed the board that Monroe County is expecting further budget cuts from the state for FY17. State funds are expected to be reduced by \$11.5 million across the state.
- b. The state Board of Education is expected to place on comment a new calendar policy that would be effective for FY17. The calendar is expected to require counties to have 175 days of instruction rather than 180, and will make available five extra training days for employees.
- c. Textbook adoption committees are being formed for next year's adoptions. Subjects included in the new adoption are Science, Music and Art.
- d. Mrs. Basile announced that the county is looking at phasing in technology equipment and will begin a move to 1:1 initiative for next year. Plans are to begin with fifth and ninth grades and utilize online textbooks for these two grades.
- e. JMHS semester exams will be on December 21 and 22, with makeup exams on December 23. This is the first time exams have been given prior to Christmas break.
- f. Monroe County has received confirmation as being chosen as one of five counties to receive

the innovation Zone STEM Grant. This grant is approximately \$78,000 for the next three years, for a total of \$234,000. Mrs. Basile thanked Sherry Baker and Teresa Epperly for compiling the data into the grant and submitting it to the state department. She also thanked Kevin Throckmorton, Callie McMunigal, Ashley Mann and Col. Womack for their assistance and expertise with the grant. These people were the wheels behind the grant.

VI. Treasurer's Report

- a. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented by Mr. Berry. The vote to approve was unanimous.

VII. Consent Items

- a. Mrs. Fisher made the motion to approve the Consent Items as written. The vote to approve was unanimous.
- b. Consent Items included Minutes from December 3, 2015; Payment of Bills; Transfers and Supplements; Student Educational Leave Request; and a MOU with ROSS IES.

VIII. New Business

- a. Mrs. Basile recommended the purchase of a Utility Truck for the Bus Garage in the amount of \$4500 from the Union Volunteer Fire Department. Mr. Sams made the motion to approve and the vote to approve was unanimous.
- b. Mrs. Basile recommended approval of the JROTC trip to Washington, DC during the month of November, 2016. Mrs. Hoke Webb made the motion to approve and the vote to approve was unanimous.

IX. Student Hearing

- a. Mr. Sams made the motion to enter into Executive Session at 6:17 p.m. under the guidelines of 6-9A-4. The vote to approve was unanimous.
- b. Mr. Sams made the motion to return to Regular Session at 7:26 p.m. The vote to approve was unanimous.
- c. Mrs. Basile announced that the vote in Executive Session was to expel the student for 365 days.

X. Personnel Items

- a. Mrs. Basile recommended approval of the Personnel List as written. Mrs. Fisher made the motion to approve and the vote to approve was unanimous.
- b. Personnel items included Volunteer Approval for Valerie Ayers, Elvis Dunbar, Karsyn Dusold, Courtney Hubbard, and Jennifer Swetnam.
- c. Hires were Travis D. Allen as \$1 Assistant Boys' Basketball Coach for MVS; Marshall L. Neel as Simulated Workplace Instructional Coach for MCTC; Carmen M. Ball and Jennifer L. Swetnam as Homebound and Special Education Homebound Teachers; and Rebecca J. Yates as Bus Operator, Ballard.

d. A leave of Absence was granted to Sandra Hodges beginning December 16, 2015, for four to six weeks.

XI. Discussion Items

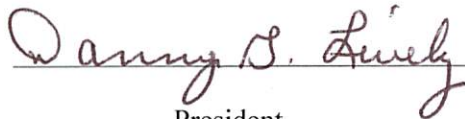
- a. Mrs. Sabol announced that Monroe County 4-H awarded the Monroe County Board of Education a Certificate as a Friend of 4-H at their awards ceremony on Sunday. 4-H is appreciative of students' being given educational leave for 4-H trips and for allowing Don Dransfield, Extension Agent, to be a part of the calendar committee as a voice for 4-H.
- b. Mrs. Sabol also announced an Open House and Presentation for the 4-H Robotics team to be held at Monroe Service Center on December 29, 2015, 6-8 p.m.

XII. Public Comments

- a. None.

XIII. Adjournment

- a. Mr. Lively wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.



President



Secretary