

Monroe County Board of Education
Regular Meeting Minutes
February 7, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.
Monroe County Board of Education Office

I. Roll Call

- a. Mr. Lively called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. All members were present.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Approval of Minutes

- a. Mr. Mann moved to approve the minutes from the January 30, 2012 BOE Meeting. The vote to approve was unanimous.

IV. Delegations

- a. Toby McMahan, spoke to the Board members to request the use of the old Monroe County School building as a site for operating a Food Pantry. She explained that currently, the organization used the kitchen area of the current BOE office but that the space was no longer sufficient given the large number of families in the area that now use the services provided by the Food Pantry. Mrs. McMahan stated that she could get a group of volunteers together to make the space usable for storing and distributing food items. Dr. Siers recommended that the Board agree to Mrs. McMahan's request for a one year period during which time the utility costs of utilizing the old BOE office in this fashion could be examined. Mr. Sams moved to approve this recommendation. The vote to approve was unanimous.

V. Public Comments

- a. Caroline Sparks, Mayor of Union, addressed the Board to ask for a letter of support for her attempt to get funding that would begin construction of a sidewalk going from the intersection of Rt. 221 & Willowbend Road to Mountain View School. Every board member agreed to support her efforts and Dr. Siers was directed to write the letter of support.

VI. Superintendent's Report

- a. Dr. Siers informed those in attendance that Monroe County Schools would be undergoing a review from the WV Office of Education Performance Audits (OEPA) next week. Each Board member has been scheduled for 1 ½ hour interview with the review team. Dr. Siers explained that he expected the team would find many issues with how things have been done in Monroe County especially with finances but that he also felt the school system now has a solid administrative team in place that will be able to address any deficiencies in a timely and effective manner.
- b. Dr. Siers presented the Board members with a request for building use by Barry Yates to utilize the Monroe County Board of Education Office from 1:00-4:00 on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month to conduct a drawing class. He explained that the request was to use the building free of charge but that he didn't want to approve the no charge

stipulation unless the board was in agreement. He went on to state that he personally felt that the building use should only be free of charge when it is for an organization that is working with Monroe County Schools' students. The board gave unanimous consent for the use of the building with the understanding that the fee was applicable for this request.

- c. Dr. Siers congratulated the MVS WV History Bowl Team for their solid showing at the RESA I WV History Bowl on February 3, 2012 at Shady Spring Middle School. He reported that the team had wins against Summers County Middle School and Park Middle School at the event. The team was coached by Mrs. Susan Ryan and chaperoned by Mrs. Megan Jackson.
- d. Dr. Siers reported that MVS had been closed for school that day due to a malfunctioning fire alarm.

VII. Finance

- a. Mr. Sams moved to approve the payment of all bills as they were presented. The vote to approve was unanimous.
- b. Mrs. Sabol moved to approve the transfers and supplements as presented. The vote to approve was unanimous.

VIII. New Business

- a. Based on a request from Mr. Sams, Dr. Siers reported that the amount owed to the breakfast and lunch programs from previous years was \$125,967 and the amount from the current year is \$55,120 for a total outstanding balance of \$181,087.
- b. Dr. Siers recommended changing the OSE days on March 30, 2012 and April 16, 2012 to instructional days. Mrs. Sabol moved to approve this recommendation. The vote to approve was unanimous.

IX. Executive Session

- a. Mr. Sams moved to enter into executive session under the guidelines of policy 6-9A-4 for the discussion of students and personnel. The vote to approve was unanimous.
- b. Mrs. Sabol moved to exit executive session. The vote to approve was unanimous.

X. Public Comments

- a. Leona Honaker addressed the board during public comments to advocate for Lee Carter to be hired as the Varsity Girls' Softball Coach at JMHS. Mrs. Honaker explained that Mr. Carter had reported to her that he did not get his application in during the timeframe allotted through the posting but that she hoped the board would still consider him for the job. Mrs. Honaker then reported that she had concerns about another applicant for the position and began listing some of her perceived issues. Dr. Siers interrupted her and stated that she seemed to be crossing a line into personnel complaints and that any information of this type would need to be discussed with the board during executive session. Mr. Lively asked Mrs. Honaker if she would like for the

Board to go back into executive session to discuss her concern but she declined the offer. Dr. Siers stated that the hire of the next softball coach for JMHS was on the personnel agenda for this meeting but that it could be postponed, if the Board members agreed, until the timeliness of Mr. Carter's application could be checked out. The board members agreed to postpone a decision until the February 21, 2012 BOE meeting.

XI. Personnel

- a. Dr. Siers recommended that Terri Pritt be hired as a secretary at Mountain View Elementary and Middle School. Mr. Sams moved to approve the recommendation. The vote to approve was unanimous.
- b. Dr. Siers recommended the approval of Frank Basile and Susan Bowman-Smith as volunteers at MVS. Mr. Mann moved to approve the recommendation. The vote to approve was unanimous.

XII. Mr. Lively adjourned the meeting at 9:23 p.m.