

Monroe County Board of Education

Regular Meeting

James Monroe High School

January 20, 2015

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

- a. The ROTC from JMHS posted the colors.

III Approval of Agenda/Adjustments

- a. Mrs. Basile noted that Item 1 under Hires should be removed from the agenda. Mrs. Hoke Webb made the motion to approve the agenda with the one exception. The vote to approve was unanimous.

IV. Public Comments

- a. Nickie Deahl and Dillon Bradley, representing the JMHS student body, spoke against the proposed class schedule change for 2015-2016, stating students would be under extra stress and would have homework from eight classes compared to four classes currently. They presented a petition against the schedule change.

V. Presentations

- a. On behalf of JMHS LSIC, Principal, Lisa Mustain, spoke about events happening this year. She also presented ideas to help test scores increase: PLC, Data Walls, Walk Throughs, Test Prep Class, On Line class for advanced students, 20 Day Plans, Data Talks, and Student Rewards (JMHS recently took 98 students to Applebee's as an award.)
- b. Nickie Deahl informed the group that three JMHS students have been invited to speak for the Ladies Day at the Capitol.
- c. Colonel Womack spoke about the Model UN trip to Atlanta stating that the students did a great job. He gave a huge thanks to Ashley Mann for her hard work and enthusiasm. JROTC competitions are going well and ROTC will compete in a drill next week.
- d. JMHS is beginning a Drama Club and hopes to present "To Kill a Mockingbird" in the spring.

- e. Laura Jane Dransfield and Zachery Schumaker spoke about 4-H events and awards received.
- f. Antonella Blanco will speak about women's rights and discriminatory issues women face at the West Virginia Girls' Day at the Capitol.

VI. Delegations

- a. Don Dransfield from the WVU Monroe County Extension Office informed the group about competitions and awards received. The land judging team is WV state champion and reserve national champion. The grassland judging team is WV state champion and participated in national competitions. The livestock judging team is also WV state champion and participated in national competitions. Zackery Schumaker has won the freshman scholarship from Joliette Junior College in Illinois. The dairy judging team is WV state champion and has participated in national competitions. Laura Jane Dransfield is the current West Virginia State Dairy Princess. The LEGO Robotics team is champion of the Southern Regional Scrimmage, a regional qualifier from the WV First Lego League and Core Values Champion from the WV state FLL Tournament. Key players are Owen, Luke and Ian Jackson and Bryce Sabol. State runner up from the shooting sports state qualifier match is Bryce Sabol from the junior team; and Brett Ridgeway placed first from the senior team.
- b. Mr. Dransfield also spoke to the board about the Energy Express summer reading program and shared results from last summer. He outlined the plan for 2015.

VII. Superintendent's Report

- a. Mrs. Basile announced that twenty eight JMHS students are eligible for the Promise Scholarship based on ACT scores alone. Congratulations to these students and the entire school.
- b. Mrs. Basile stated that she has had two productive meetings to discuss the JMHS schedule for next school year, one of which was with Dillon Bradley and Nickie Deahl. She is looking at policy and procedure to have a student representative sit on the board, not for voting or executive session, but this would be a means for the board to hear input on topics from the student body and also a means for current information to get back to students at JMHS.
- c. Today's meeting was with school administrators and counselors from JMHS and MCTC who understand that 35% proficiency rate must increase. Administrators and counselors plan to return to the superintendent's office in two weeks with their plan for increasing proficiency. Choices are to remain on block and implement strategies to increase proficiency; go to an eight period day; change to a seven period day; or a six period day with two electives having shorter class time. The school must have a minimum of 15% increase in proficiency rates.
- d. Mrs. Basile and Mr. Baker have met with Glenna Kornegay who previously met with Mr. Lively. Ms. Kornegay proposed writing eight to ten grants for the county in exchange for the county purchasing her book about bullying at a suggested cost of \$2000. In discussion with Mr. Berry, Ms. Kornegay must have a business license and we would need to contract with her as a grant writer.
- e. Sheriff Gravely informed Mrs. Basile recently that the County Commission can no

longer pay the upfront costs agreed upon after the passage of the school levy effective

- f. July 1, 2015. Sheriff Gravely is requesting approximately \$40,000 between now and the end of the school year to keep the two newly hired officers. The only safety money in the current levy is for security. We cannot legally pay these officers unless they are placed in the schools now.
- g. Mrs. Basile announced that she had been asked to complete an onsite OEPA monitoring next week in Logan County. With the plan to audit all schools next year, this is a good opportunity for her to bring information back to the principals.
- h. Mrs. Basile informed the group that she has attended two pipeline meetings within the past two weeks. Our concern is the close range to JMHS and the blast radius, should a problem occur. The engineers from both MVP and FERC have said their radius is 1200 feet. The line is scheduled to be 5100 feet from the school. Both engineers verbally stated they would install shut off valves on each side of the school so the pipeline could be shut off quickly in case of an emergency. Once the line is established, we will look at changing bus routes since the line will cross Route 219.
- i. Mrs. Basile requested that a special meeting be scheduled for the RIF/Transfer hearings.

VIII. Consent Items

- a. Mr. Sams made the motion to approve the Consent Items as listed. The vote to approve was unanimous. Consent items included Minutes from January 6, 2015, and January 8, 2015; payment of bills, transfers and supplements; and the WV School Mental Health Crisis Plan for PES.

IX. New Business

- a. Mrs. Fisher made the motion that all JMHS senior meal bills be paid to under \$50 in order for the senior to participate in senior activities. The vote to approve was unanimous.
- b. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to permit out of state travel for administrators. The vote to approve was Sabol, yes; Webb, yes; Sams, no; Fisher, yes; Lively, yes.
- c. Mr. Sams questioned the bill from the County Commission and Sheriff.

X. Personnel Items

- a. Mr. Sams made the motion to enter Executive Session at 7:20 p.m. per 6-9A-4 to discuss personnel. The vote to approve was unanimous.
- b. Mr. Sams made the motion to return to Regular Session at 8:21 p.m. The vote to approve was unanimous.
- c. Mrs. Hoke Webb made the motion to approve the Personnel List with the exception noted above. The vote to approve was unanimous.
- d. The Personnel list included the hire of Angela Terry as Softball Coach for PMS; and an extension of a Leave of Absence for Margaret Wilson from January 17, 2015, through June 12, 2015.
- e. Volunteers approved were Brian Atwood, Stormi Atwood, Michele Balboa, Peggy Brooks, Samantha Grimm, Dania Lively, Megan McGhee, Michelle Mosley, Michelle Via, Jeff Walker, Stephanie Walker, Ashley Williams and Megan Williams.

XI. Discussion Items

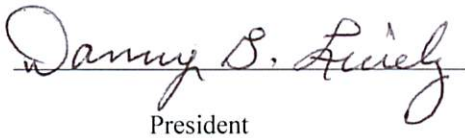
- a. An article taken from the Register Herald was distributed by Mr. Lively.

XII. Public Comments

- a. None

XIII. Adjournment

- a. Mr. Lively adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.


President


Secretary