

Monroe County Board of Education

Regular Meeting

January 6, 2015

I. Roll Call

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

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III Approval of Agenda/Adjustments

- a. Mr. Lively announced that check number 78167 would need to be voted on separately. Mrs. Fisher made the motion to approve the agenda with this adjustment. The vote to approve was unanimous.

IV. Delegations

- a. Dr. Steve Miller spoke about the proposed pipeline and it's proximity to JMHS. He noted that sometimes lines explode and stated that the company did not have available information concerning the blast radius. He requested the board submit letters to FERQ, EQT, and elected officials asking the line be moved a greater distance from JMHS.

V. Public Comments

- a. None

VI. Superintendent's Report

- a. Mrs. Basile announced that the second round of Acuity benchmarks will begin soon. Data talks will be scheduled at each school once benchmark assessments are complete.
- b. Twenty six students are currently eligible for the PROMISE scholarship due to their ACT score only. Numbers are expected to increase as December test scores are available. We are excited about this and want to note that two of the students are only in tenth grade.
- c. Mrs. Basile stated that she had reported earlier about a proposed grant that would fund a group coming into the elementary schools to teach about water preservation. The grant has been received so we look forward to working with Dixie and her colleagues.
- d. Mrs. Basile spoke about working with Gibbs Kinderman and Mark Blevins to grow the radio station. One idea Mr. Kinderman had was to record a blurb by the superintendent on important community issues. We plan to begin this weekly blurb within the next few weeks. This will be a good method of communicating information to the public.
- e. Some Monroe County administrators, Mr. Lively and Mr. Sams met with some Summers County administrators and Roy Cooper on January 5. Mr. Cooper did listen, take notes, and

informed the group he would take the information to Charleston.

- f. Mrs. Basile commended Curtis Lucas and Brandon Comer for the nice paint job in the hallway in the central office. It is a much needed improvement.
- g. Mrs. Basile shared some information about meal bills owed by JMHS seniors which total more than \$8400. For the past two years the board has agreed that if seniors' bills are not paid, those seniors will not be permitted to participate in any senior extra functions such as graduation, senior picnic, project graduation, etc. Monthly bills have been sent to parents, as well as a letter asking for a payment plan. Some bills still are in excess of \$500. Good results have been achieved in the past so Mrs. Basile requested that the board take action again. The item will be placed on the agenda for the January 20 meeting.
- h. Mrs. Basile shared a copy of a letter she had written to Mountain Valley Pipeline, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and the Monroe County Commission asking that the pipeline be routed farther from JMHS. The letter stated that the board had not taken official action in support or against the pipeline and the letter should not be considered either. The letter simply asked that MVP ensure that the pipeline is not in close proximity to any school.

VII. Treasurer's Report

- a. Mr. Berry presented the treasurer's report stating that the budget is showing a good trend and is slightly ahead of last year's budget.
- b. Mr. Sams made the motion to approve the report as presented. The vote to approve was unanimous.

VIII. Consent Items

- a. Mrs. Hoke Webb made the motion to approve the Consent Items with the one exception noted above. The vote to approve was unanimous.
- b. Consent items included Minutes from December 16, 2014, Payment of Bills, Transfers and Supplements, and approve WV School Mental Health Crisis Plans for PMS, MVS, and JMHS.
- c. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to approve payment of check number 78167. The vote to approve was Sabol, yes; Hoke Webb, yes; Fisher, yes; Sams, yes; Lively, abstain.

IX. Student Discipline Hearings

- a. Mr. Sams made the motion at 7:24 p.m. to enter into executive session under the guidelines of 6-9A-4. The vote to approve was unanimous.
- b. Mr. Sams made the motion at 9:40 to return to regular session. The vote to approve was unanimous.
- c. Mrs. Basile announced that the board had voted in executive session to expel four students.

X. Employee Hearing

- a. Mrs. Hoke Webb made the motion to uphold the three day suspension without pay for Gary Thomas. The vote to approve was unanimous.

XI. Personnel Items

- a. Mrs. Basile recommended approval of the personnel list as presented. Mrs. Fisher made the motion to approve and the vote to approve was unanimous.
- b. Personnel items included hires of Paula Wentz as Bus Operator for Waiteville, Regina H. Hunt as Cheer Coach for PMS, and Marla J. Lewis as a Substitute Teacher. An extension of a leave of absence was granted for Kathryn S. Hentchel and James F. Dalton. A resignation was accepted from Tanya M. Reece, teacher at PMS.

XII. Discussion Items

- a. None

XIII. Public Comments

- a. None

XIV. Adjournment

- a. Mr. Lively adjourned the meeting at 9:55 p.m.


President


Secretary