

Monroe County Board of Education

Regular Meeting

December 16, 2014

Peterstown Middle School

I. Roll Call

- a. Mr. Lively called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.
- b. All members were present.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III Approval of Agenda/Adjustments

- a. Mrs. Basile recommended removal of three items listed on the agenda. Those are Dr. Steven Miller listed as a Delegation; Approval of Transfers and Supplements under Consent Items, and the hire of Marla J. Lewis as a Substitute Teacher. Mrs. Hoke Webb made the motion to approve the agenda with these adjustments. The vote to approve was unanimous.

IV. Recognition

- a. Jasmine Ogle was recognized as a winner of the West Virginia First Lady's Annual Christmas Ornament Contest. This year's theme was "teacher". Her ornament was made from clay and depicted a stack of books tied with string.
- b. Kathy Frazier, food service employee for PMS, was recognized as Monroe County Service Personnel Employee of the 2013-2014 school year. Ms. Terry accepted a plaque on Mrs. Frazier's behalf.

V. Presentations

- a. Angela Terry spoke on behalf of the PMS LSIC. Items discussed included the improvement in test scores, with some areas seeing gains as large as 24%. The school honored 120 students for being proficient in both Math and Reading Language Arts. The school exceeded the state average in 6th grade math, 7th grade Reading and Math and 8th grade Reading and Science. The school met the state average in 5th grade Math and Reading and 8th grade Math. Growth was seen across all grade levels. That growth helped the school achieve the ranking of a WV Success School. This ranking placed PMS in the top 18% of schools in the state. Goals have been set for the spring, 2015 testing session.

VI. Public Comments

- a. None

VII Superintendent's Report

- a. Mrs. Basile announced that the first round of data talks will be completed this week. The Acuity Benchmark is directly aligned with Smarter Balanced Assessment. Teachers will focus on the vocabulary of the questions and helping students build stamina to complete the test. The Reading Language Arts section of the Smarter Balanced Assessment will be predominately nonfiction and the volume of text is more than students are accustomed to on previous tests.
- b. Questions have been received from JMHS parents with regard to student schedules for the 2015-2016 school year. As earlier discussed, JMHS will be transitioning from a block schedule to an eight period day. This change will decrease class size, increase elective offerings for students, and it is hoped that the school will see an increase in test scores on Smarter Balanced Assessment. With this change will be an additional 32 classes to include in the schedule. A complaint from JMHS parents and students has been the large number of students in classes. Students will have more opportunities to take elective courses not currently being offered. Students will have the same eight classes for the entire school year, meaning a student will not complete a reading or math class in January and be expected to pass a test on that material in May. Many schools in the area have returned to the eight period daily schedule. Students may still take advanced courses and on line classes. A student may take a dual credit course and it will count as a county Math III or Math IV credit, depending on the close alignment of standards and JMHS requesting those courses to be included in the county policy. Data was distributed showing the positive outcomes witnessed in other counties. Schools in surrounding counties that have switched have seen a minimum of 14.63% increase in proficiency rates and one school even obtained a 26.41% increase in proficiency.
- c. The training schedule for December 23 was distributed.
- d. Mrs. Basile distributed enrollment numbers to the Board, stating that Monroe County was one of only 17 counties in the state that saw an increase in enrollment for this year. The state saw a decrease in student enrollment of 1,114 students. Monroe County ranked sixth with enrollment increases.
- e. Donnie Evans will furnish Mrs. Basile with contact information to ask that the proposed pipeline be moved further away from JMHS.
- f. Mrs. Basile notified the Board that the Pro Officers approved through the levy renewal in November should begin the first day of school in August. The levy begins July 1, 2015 and Sheriff Gravely has begun the hiring process for two additional officers to fulfill the PRO spots. WV State Police Major, Tim Bradley, secured two spots for the new hires to attend the January, 2015 Police Academy. In meeting with Sheriff Gravely, it appears that the first year of new officers in the school will be a rotation because a requirement of the PRO Program is for officers to have a minimum of one year experience working in the field. Since the new hires will not have that experience required, Sheriff Gravely has graciously agreed to rotate some of his current force through the schools. The collaboration and extra efforts being put forth from both Sheriff Gravely and Major Bradley are appreciated.

VIII. Consent Items

- a. Mr. Sams 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 4, 2014, Payment of Bills, an Agreement with Bobbie Tuggle and an Agreement with Brian Baker.

IX. New Business

- a. Mrs. Fisher made the motion to approve a vacation request for a student, Englehart. The vote to approve was unanimous.
- b. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to approve a student transfer request for Bennett. The vote to approve was unanimous.

X. Personnel Items

- a. Mr. Sams made the motion at 6:36 p.m. to enter into Executive Session under the guidelines of 6-9A-4 to discuss personnel. The vote to approve was unanimous.
- b. Mr. Sams made the motion at 6:57 to return to regular session. The vote to approve was unanimous.
- c. Mrs. Basile recommended approval of the personnel list with the adjustment noted above. The vote to approve was unanimous.
- d. The only Personnel Item was the extension of a medical leave for James F. Dalton from December 23, 2014, through January 2, 2015.

XI. Discussion Items

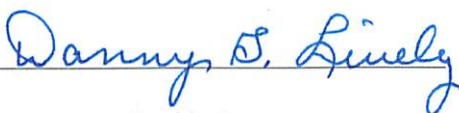
- a. None

XII. Public Comments

- a. Michelle Kegley spoke and requested report cards and any pertinent information be mailed to her as her child does not bring anything home.

XIII. Adjournment

- a. Mr. Lively adjourned the meeting at 7:02 p.m.



President



Secretary