

Monroe County Board of Education

Regular Meeting

September 1, 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. Mr. Lively announced that check numbers 79617, 79623, and 79631 would need to be voted on separately. Mrs. Basile announced that Item e under Consent would be removed from the agenda. Mrs. Fisher made the motion to approve the agenda with the changes. The vote to approve was unanimous.

IV. Presentations

- a. Ashley Mann and Kevin Throckmorton spoke about the three Robotic Teams in the County. Lego Robotics is for students through age 14. Students build a robot and then program it to complete missions. Vex 13 is the high school program where students build a robot from pipe and program the robot. Mrs. Mann and Mr. Throckmorton showed a video of a competition where students research, public speaking, and work together as a team. The teams show excitement of student learning. Mrs. Mann wants to bring it into the schools. The first year team won the Grand Championship at two events and first place in teamwork.

V. Public Comments

- a. None

VI. Policies and Procedures

- a. Mrs. Basile recommended the Board approve the final reading of Monroe County Schools Bring Your Own Device policy. The only comments received were in favor of allowing students to charge their devices at the school. Mrs. Basile noted reasons for not allowing this change. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to approve Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) for the final reading. The vote to approve was unanimous.

VII. Superintendent's Report

- a. Mrs. Basile announced that enrollment numbers are leveling. Some increases are being seen at JMHS and MVS with decreases at PES and PMS.
- b. Complaints have been received about moisture in the main building at PMS. The fresh air dampers were opened last spring and it is believed that was the culprit of the problem. The dampers have been closed and the building is already returning to normal.
- c. Walt Helmick, West Virginia Commissioner of Agriculture, presented our FFA students with a check for \$5000 to assist with expenses to travel to the national judging competition.
- d. Mrs. Basile announced that September is Attendance Awareness Month. Mrs. Baker has ordered banners for each school and has planned awards.
- e. The first county strategic plan meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 3, at 4 p.m. and will be held at JMHS.
- f. The JMHS football team triumphed over Greenbrier East last Friday night in a very exciting game.
- g. Mrs. Basile distributed binders requested by the board containing employee pictures, school location and position at the schools. These were prepared by Ella Wickline and Kim Cook.
- h. Innovation Zone Grant...
- i. Mrs. Basile was pleased to announce that a letter was received from WVDE showing no audit findings for the county.

VIII. Consent Items

- a. Mrs. Hoke Webb made the motion to approve the Consent Items with the exceptions noted above. The vote to approve was unanimous.
- b. Consent Items included Payment of Bills; Transfers and Supplements; an Agreement with Kids Learning Center and a MOU with West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals.
- c. Mr. Sams made the motion to approve check number 79623. The vote to approve was Sams, yes; Sabol, yes; Hoke Webb, yes; Fisher, yes; Lively, abstain.
- d. Mrs. Fisher made the motion to approve check number 79631. The vote to approve was Sams, yes; Sabol, yes; Hoke Webb, yes; Fisher, yes; Lively, abstain.
- e. Mr. Sams made the motion to approve check number 79617. The vote to approve was Sams, yes; Sabol, yes; Hoke Webb, yes; Fisher, yes; Lively, abstain.

IX. Old Business

- a. Mrs. Basile noted changes to the PRO Agreement as requested by the County Commission. Those included Item 1.11 being removed from the agreement. Item 1.11 stated that the board would not pay for the days the officers were not present at the schools. Removing that item does not alleviate the fact that we cannot pay for services not received.
- b. Paragraph 1.10 now reads "substitute deputy", rather than "substitute PRO".
- c. Mrs. Basile suggests attaching a letter to the agreement stating that the

County Commission has a budget of \$747,930 and they should stay within the budget for these services.

- d. Mrs. Hoke Webb made the motion to approve the agreement with the revisions. The vote to approve was unanimous.

X. New Business

- a. Mrs. Basile recommended approval of the Student Transfer Request for Hodge with the understanding that if class numbers at MVS get large enough that we would need to hire another teacher, the student will be instructed to return to PMS. Mr. Sams made the motion to approve and the vote to approve was unanimous.
- b. Mrs. Basile recommended approval of the out of state travel request for MCTC teachers, W. Shawn Hill and Mitchell Boone to travel to Kentucky in October with four students for national judging competition to be paid with levy funds. 65,000 members will be attending from across the nation. Mr. Sams made the motion to approve and the vote to approve was unanimous.
- c. Mrs. Basile recommended approval of the JMHS student request to attend Mercer County Vocational Center for a portion of the school day. Mrs. Sabol made the motion to approve and the vote to approve was unanimous.

XI. Student Hearing

- a. Mr. Sams made the motion at 7:10 p.m. to enter into Executive Session under the guidelines of 6-9A-4 for a student hearing. The vote to approve was unanimous.
- b. Mr. Sams made the motion at 8:00 p.m. to return to Regular Session. The vote to approve was unanimous.
- c. Mrs. Basile announced that the board had voted in Executive Session to deny the parent request to allow the student an early exit from Alternative School.

XII. Personnel Items

- a. Mrs. Basile recommended approval of the Personnel Items as written. Mrs. Fisher made the motion to approve and the vote to approve was unanimous.
- b. Personnel Items included Hires of Sarah Beth Nickell as EHS PAT Home Visitor; Dr. Craig Mohler and Donald L. Brown, II, as \$1 Band Sponsors for JMHS; Howdy Henritz as \$1 Assistant Soccer Coach for JMHS; Ashley H. Mann as Golden Horseshoe Coordinator; Diana Sparks Isom as Spelling Bee Coordinator; and Teresa H. Fisher as Custodian for the Board of Education Office.
- c. A Leave of Absence was granted to A. Renee Wilson for 6-8 weeks beginning approximately November 14, 2015.
- d. Removed from the Substitute Teacher list were Holly Browne, Cheryl Hunter, Susan Sheppard and Alan Thomas. Removed from the Substitute Aide and Cook list was Sheri Brewer; from the Substitute Aide list, Denice Gearheart and removed from the Substitute Bus Operator list was William Bane Morris.

XIII. Discussion Items

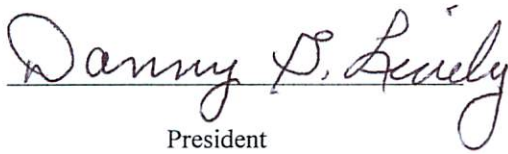
a. None.

XIV. Public Comments

a. None.

XV. Adjournment

a. Mr. Lively adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.


President


Secretary