

Monroe County Board of Education

Regular Meeting

April 7, 2015

I. Roll Call

- a. Mr. Lively called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.
- b. All members were present.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III Approval of Agenda/Adjustments

- a. Mrs. Fisher made the motion to approve the agenda as written. The vote to approve was unanimous.

IV. Recognitions

- a. Mr. Corbett presented the Young Writer's Contest winners for the county. Those winners are Aleigha Hill, Brody Heckman, Emma Mann and Gabby Walker from grades one and two; Luke Jackson, Matthew Counts, Mary Beth Meadows and Ceira Roberts from grades three and four; Keiran McClaugherty, Emma Boggs, Brianna Anderson and Brianna Smith from grades five and six; Madison Bragg, Rachel Miller, Jordan Higginbotham and Sierra Ferguson from grades seven and eight; Antonella Blanco and Ethan McKlarney from grades nine and ten; and Dillon Bradley and Tiffany Jameson from grades eleven and twelve.

Antonella Blanco is the first place winner at the state level and will have the opportunity to present her story at Charleston University during the month of May.

- b. A brief recess was taken at 7:35 p.m. and the meeting reconvened at 7:42 p.m.

V. Delegations

- a. Mr. Baker spoke to the board regarding the calendar for the 2015-2016 school year. It is the consensus of the committee to begin staff on Wednesday, August 12 with two Continuing Education days and one Preparation day that week. Students would begin on Monday, August 17, 2015.

Most staff agreed that they would like to have school on Monday and Tuesday of Thanksgiving week. School is proposed to be in session on Monday and Tuesday, December 21 and 22 during Christmas week.

Staff may be surveyed later in the year to choose between having spring break or getting out of school earlier in June. The committee will propose three OS days on Fridays in March with spring break the week after Easter being out of calendar days. Three OS days will be proposed at the end of the calendar.

The calendar must be finalized by April 21, 2015.

- b. David Johnson spoke on behalf of Sports of Monroe and the proposed athletic facility at JMHS. Mr. Johnson has met with the superintendent, assistant superintendent, contractors, engineers, and Tim Berry at various times. He would like to kick off fundraising efforts May through October and wants support from the community. If funds and volunteers are sufficient, the building would be ordered in November and construction completed by 2016, with an opening date in March, 2016.

Materials for a seven to ten thousand square foot building could cost \$56,000 to \$80,000; adding labor cost could be over \$200,000. A building 80 feet by 100 feet could cost \$46,789. The goal is to raise all funds.

The building may be used for baseball, softball and track and will house batting cages, a track, weight room and restrooms.

Engineers and a contractor have volunteered their time.

Mr. Johnson requested board action to approve raising funds.

VI. Public Comments

- a. None.

VII. Policies and Procedures

- a. Mrs. Basile announced that the Embedded Credit Policy and the Dual Credit Policy had both been on a thirty day comment period. No comments were received. Mrs. Basile recommended approval of both policies for final reading. Mrs. Hoke Webb made the motion to approve and the vote to approve was unanimous.

VIII. Superintendent's Report

- a. Dr. Martirano, West Virginia State Superintendent of Schools, will visit all schools in Monroe County on Monday, April 20. His day with us will begin at 9 a.m. at PMS with a ceremony to recognize PMS for being named a High Progress School. A reception will follow the ceremony and Dr. Martirano welcomes the opportunity to meet board members, senators and delegates. Invitations will be sent to officials.
- b. The JMHS JROTC plans to host the Vietnam Memorial Wall on April 17 at JMHS. All Vietnam Veterans in the county will be invited and a ceremony is planned for 10 a.m.
- c. A calendar of events was given to each board member.
- d. Mrs. Basile announced that the Child Nutrition Review went very well with only a few findings for minor things like not having a sign in the cafeteria showing serving amounts of each food group. Overall the review was very successful.
- e. A meeting is scheduled soon with Mrs. Baker and local farmers and WVDE to discuss improving/increasing our Farm to School Program. We hope to use crops from our local farmers more than we have in the past.
- f. The WVDE completed a walk through last week at MCTC. Results were very positive with only a few tweaks to me made. Dr. D'Antoni is looking forward to seeing the three simulated workplace programs implemented for next school year. She also discussed some possibilities for program implementation at the alternative school. Mrs. Basile will work with Mrs. King and Dr. D'Antoni to see what program would best fit at

- g. Mrs. Basile announced that she is in receipt of the budget from the County Commission for the PROfficer for the 2015-2016 school year. A copy was shared with board members.
- h. All employees were given the opportunity to earn Friday, April 3, as a day off from work. All employees completed required training prior to Friday. Only a few chose to work that day or take a day off from work. Mrs. Basile is pleased that all employees were offered the opportunity of a four day weekend. Thank you goes to Mr. Corbett, Jackie Dixon, and Lisa Carter for their efforts in planning and tracking staff development hours. Deputy Heller is also thanked for presenting several after school trainings that enabled employees to gain their needed hours.
- i. Provided WVDE does not approve inclement weather waivers, Mrs. Basile wants to make the last two days of instruction early release days to allow faculty senates the opportunity to work together to develop their school plan for HB 2840 that will become effective July 1, 2015. This bill allows the county, with WVBOE approval, the opportunity to develop a plan for alternate instruction for up to four missed days of school next year due to weather closings. Bank time is available for this early release time.
- j. Mrs. Basile informed the board that state funding for school buses will be cut drastically beginning July 1, 2015.

IX. Consent Items

- a. Mr. Sams made the motion to approve the Consent Items as listed. The vote to approve was unanimous.
- b. Consent Items included Minutes from March 17, 2015, and March 26, 2015; Payment of Bills; Transfers and Supplements; a MOA with WVU Cooperative Extension Service, a MOU with Mission West Virginia, and a MOA with Monroe County Health Department.

X. New Business

- a. Mrs. Basile recommended approval of the JMHS Senior Trip. Mrs. Fisher made the motion to approve and the vote to approve was unanimous.
- b. Mrs. Basile recommended approval of the change in the 2014-2015 calendar to make up for missed days due to inclement weather. Mrs. Hoke Webb made the motion to approve and the vote to approve was unanimous.
- c. Mrs. Basile recommended appointment of J. Tim Berry as Treasurer for the 2015-2016 school year. Mr. Sams made the motion to approve and the vote to approve was unanimous.
- d. Mrs. Basile recommended approval of the student vacation request for Long and will ask that the student make a presentation to the class upon return. Mr. Sams made the motion to approve and the vote to approve was unanimous.
- e. Mrs. Basile recommended approval of Delta Dental as the Dental and Optical Insurance provider beginning July 1, 2015. Mrs. Hoke Webb made the motion to approve and the vote to approve was unanimous.

XI. Personnel Items

- a. Mr. Sams made the motion to enter into executive session under the guidelines of 6-9A-4 at 9:00 p.m. The vote to approve was unanimous.
- b. Mr. Sams made the motion to return to regular session at 9:25 p.m. The vote to approve was unanimous.
- c. Mrs. Basile recommended approval of the personnel list as written. Mrs. Hoke Webb made the motion to approve and the vote to approve was unanimous.
- d. Personnel items included a Maternity Leave of Absence for Malory McPherson beginning approximately May 23, 2015, through the end of the school year and a Leave of Absence for Susan Conway for eight weeks, beginning after April 13, 2015.
- e. Leslie Young was hired as a substitute cook.
- f. Retirement was approved for Quinton Crawford, effective June 30, 2015.
- g. A resignation was accepted from Sharon Shaver as a substitute aide.
- h. Probationary Professional Rehires for 2015-2016 are Tracy K. Dransfield, Lezli H. Baker, Stacie L. Bennett, David A. Pontius, and Allison B. St. Clair.
- i. A Donation of Sick Leave for ten days was granted to Susan Conway from Bill Conway.
- j. Volunteers approved are Kelsey Carr, James Ingle, Bradley L. Porterfield and Alexandria G. "Tandy" Stone.

XII. Discussion Items

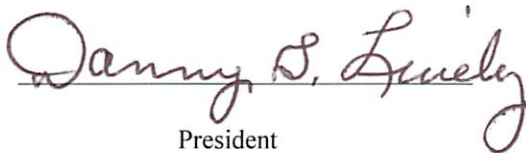
- a. None.

XIII. Public Comments

- a. None.

XIV. Adjournment

- a. Mr. Lively adjourned the meeting at 9:31 p.m.


President


Secretary