

Moundsville
West Virginia
March 24, 2020

The Marshall County Board of Education met in regular session Tuesday, March 24, 2020, 6:00 p.m., at the Board of Education Office, all members having been notified of business to be considered.

Present were: President John Miller, Vice President Christie Robison, Members Brenda Coffield, Lori E. Kestner, Dr. Duane Miller; Secretary Dr. Shelby Haines and Members of the County Administrative Staff.

A Public Hearing for the 2020-21 School Calendar was held. This serves as the second presentation of the calendar that was first presented by Mrs. Karen Klamut at the March 10, 2020, board meeting. The calendar will now be forwarded for a vote of MCS employees.

Minutes of the Regular Session, March 10, 2020, were approved on motion by Mrs. Kestner, and seconded by Dr. Miller. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Kestner, seconded by Dr. Miller and motion carried, that the Board approve the following personnel items **A and C** as recommended by the Superintendent:

A. Resignations (if any)

Ruth Riggle – Bus Operator, effective August 11, 2020

C. Employment/Transfers as recommended by the Superintendent and contingent upon clearance by the Criminal Identification Bureau, if applicable, and receipt of appropriate certification

Custodian

Ben Morris – Custodian, John Marshall High, 220 days, flexible schedule, effective March 30, 2020

Marshall County Assessor, Terry McDiffitt, gave the Board a handout that contained assessment information for Marshall County for 2019 and 2020. Currently, there are three companies on the 5% value for 10 years program that was created by the WV Legislature. Two of these will end their 10 years and be placed at full value on the tax rolls of the tax year 2023, and the third will follow in 2024. Additionally, a fourth company is scheduled to finish the abatement agreement and be placed on the tax rolls beginning in the 2022 tax year.

Dr. Haines reviewed the Attendance Report which is to be reviewed with the Board by policy on a monthly basis. The lowest attendance rate between 2/20/20 and 3/18/20 was 91%.

Moundsville, West Virginia
March 24, 2020
Page 2

Dr. Haines discussed the Health Department budget with the Board. In the past years, their budget was \$60,000 per year and they have asked for an increase. Dr. Haines discussed the additional services that are being provided by the Health Department including CPR/First Aid training, inspection training and OSHA trainings, in addition to on site dental services and collaborative nursing services.

Mrs. Hartley discussed the Library budget with the Board. They have asked for the same amount as last year, which was an increase from prior years. The Library Board continues to work on the new Cameron Library building, as well as projects in the Moundsville and Benwood locations.

Dr. Haines led a discussion on a third topic related to the upcoming budget. Dr. Haines and Mrs. Hartley discussed keeping the playground/field budget that each school currently receives and would like to have an additional \$3000 for aesthetics for each school. This would be considered a project grant that would be applied for and approved for school aesthetics including landscaping and murals.

Dr. Haines told the Board she is in very close contact with the State Superintendent of Schools, the Marshall County Health Department, and the Marshall County Office of Emergency Management. She reviewed the past week events of school closures and the communication that has been occurring with the principals regarding offering all employees the option to work remotely. There are a number of students and employees who need to be given special consideration due to the lack of internet.

Motion by Mrs. Kestner, and seconded by Dr. Miller, that the Board approve the second reading of NEOLA Policy updates. Motion carried. There were no additional changes from the first reading on March 10, 2020.

Motion by Vice President Robison, and seconded by Dr. Miller, that the Board approve the schedule of proposed levy rate at 86% to be submitted to the State Tax Commissioner and the State Board of Education. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Kestner, seconded by Dr. Miller and motion carried, that the Board approve the following in county student transfers:

From Ohio County: WJ 7th grade SMS, AJ 6th grade SMS, MJ 9th grade JMHS

Motion by Mrs. Kestner, and seconded by Dr. Miller and motion carried, that the Board approve the following out of county student transfer:

To Ohio County: AC, from SMS to WPHS

Moundsville, West Virginia
March 24, 2020
Page 3

Motion by Mrs. Kestner, and seconded by Dr. Miller, that the Board approve the Lease Agreement (Park View Playground) with the City of Moundsville and Marshall County Board of Education. Motion carried.

Dr. Haines reported that all reduction in force/transfer letters were given prior to school closure. She also reported that the staff who are working both in and out of the buildings are doing great things. She will keep the Board and faculty informed as developments unfold through the WV Governor's office and the WVDE. Everyone in the MCS system are essential and we work as a team.

This meeting stands in recess and reconvened the third Tuesday in April (4-21-20).

President

Secretary

SH/tw