

Moundsville
West Virginia
July 21, 2020

The Marshall County Board of Education met in workshop session Tuesday, July 21, 2020, 6:30 p.m., at the Board of Education Office, with call in option due to COVID-19, 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.

The purpose of the workshop was for the Board to review and evaluate their FY20 goals and to establish goals for the 2020-21 school year for the Board and the Superintendent.

The Board reviewed their FY20 goals and completed the Board Evaluation.

The following Board Goals for FY21 were established:

- Support meeting student academic needs including innovative education programs
- Support meeting student mental needs
- Effectively communicate with and support the superintendent, maintaining fiscal responsibility
- Keep the public informed regarding school operations, including finances

The following Superintendent Goals for FY21 were established:

- Implement state and local policies
- Focus on meeting student academic and mental wellness needs
- Maintain fiscal responsibility

Superintendent Haines and the Board had a discussion of the re-entry of school.

Re-entry toolkit from the WVDE

- The re-entry toolkit was released by WVDE and we have been reviewing that with administrators and union representatives.
- We are focusing on what we can control which would be the required sections of this toolkit.
- Avoid getting lost in the recommendations and let's get the requirements covered first and then move to the other sections.

Remote learning option

- We will be offering a remote learning option for families who do not want to send their child back to school due to health risks, etc.
- We will ask people to sign up for this option 9 weeks at a time and then review the effectiveness of that option and the COVID rate, etc.

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Surveys

- The WVDE released surveys to teachers, families and the community at large. We will review the results of that survey when they are released to us.
- MCS released a survey and we know it is vague. We are at a crossroads where the parents want details, but we can't define those details without knowing how many students will want a remote option; are we talking about 5 or 500? The answers in this survey are not set in stone and can be changed, this is just to give us an idea.
- We are working with our principals to create a survey teachers/staff on their thoughts regarding re-entry plans.

Staff

- MCS sent a letter to all employees asking them to arrange meetings with the county office personnel if they are thinking they may need to apply for FMLA
- All substitutes are being called to see if they plan to return to work.
- If we return to school on site, we need to make sure that we have enough staff to do so safely.

Health/Safety

- We work with Mr. Cook at the health department very closely. I have literally spoken with him every day since March 13th.
- Marshall County Schools currently has a supply of masks and cleaning supplies as we want to be prepared.
- We have trained our maintenance and custodians on high touch/high traffic cleaning. We had this training professionally recorded so that we can use it to train any new staff or anyone who missed the training.

Re-entry plan

- The WVDE has stated that they are creating a template for the counties to complete for a re-entry plan that will need to be submitted by each county no later than Aug. 15th.
- Students begin Sept 8th but teachers/staff can begin before that to prepare for remote learning which is inevitable at some point; even if it is a snow day.
- The calendar will maintain the same number of contracted days for staff, it may just be arranged differently than what we are used to. The WVDE has state that we will get as close to 180 instructional days as possible including remote learning days.
- Friday the WVDE distributed draft calendars, those were reviewed internally as well as a couple of other county calendars. We met with neighboring counties to discuss. We will have principals review and comment on the calendars this week. We will take that calendar to the board for approval on July 28th.
- We want to get the information to the community and our staff well before Aug. 15th. July 28th is our next board meeting.

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We continue to monitor the guidelines, listen, read, question and learn in all areas related to COVID-19. We will work with community officials as well as our personnel and the WVDE to make a school re-entry plan that puts the health and safety of our employees and children as high priority. Our goal is always to have students in classrooms to the greatest extent possible, while keeping everyone safe and healthy.

Motion by Mrs. Coffield, and seconded by Vice President Robison, that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

President Miller adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

President

Secretary

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