

Moundsville
West Virginia
October 13, 2020

The Marshall County Board of Education met in regular session Tuesday, October 13, 2020, 7:00 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.

There were no delegations.

Minutes of the Regular Session, September 22, 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 B** as recommended by the Superintendent:

A. Resignations

Matt Carnahan – Virtual Teacher, effective October 1, 2020

Gibbs Davidson – Virtual Teacher, effective October 1, 2020

Kenneth Hill – Custodian, Hilltop Elementary, effective November 6, 2020

Carrie Leib – Teacher of Music, Hilltop Elementary, effective October 13, 2020

Andrea Magers – Virtual Teacher, effective October 1, 2020

Lisa Pyle – Substitute Cook, effective October 13, 2020

James Richmond – Custodian (long-term temporary position), John Marshall High, effective October 30, 2020

Zach Robertson – Assistant Boys' Basketball Coach, John Marshall High, effective September 24, 2020

Shelley Tuskey – Substitute Secretary, effective October 1, 2020

Mika Ward – Substitute Counselor, effective October 13, 2020

Grant Williams – Virtual Teacher, effective October 1, 2020

Bob Wilson – Assistant Wrestling Coach, John Marshall High, effective September 28, 2020

Rebecca Wilson – Virtual Teacher, effective September 30, 2020

- B. Employment/Transfer(s) as recommended by the Superintendent and contingent upon clearance by the Criminal Identification Bureau, if applicable, and receipt of appropriate certification

Virtual Teacher
Jayne Frye

Substitute Teachers
Rebecca Moses Pamela Scott

Activity Advisors
John Marshall High
Sarah Petry - National Honor Society Co-Advisor

Aide
April Williams – Special Education Aide (long-term temporary position),
Moundsville Middle School, effective October 19, 2020

Bus Operator
Dennis Ward *from* Bus Operator, Route 47-13 *to* Bus Operator, Route 85,
effective October 19, 2020

Substitute Custodians
Kameryn Crow Douglas Nickerson Lisa Pyle
John Steed Jeannette Stoops Whitney Wagner

Motion by Mrs. Kestner, and seconded by Dr. Miller, that the payment of bills under General Funds and P Card Transactions (attached), as audited and approved by the President and Superintendent, be approved and ordered paid. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Kestner, and seconded by Dr. Miller, that the payment of bills under Direct Annuity Deposit Funds (attached), as audited and approved by the President and Superintendent, be approved and ordered paid. Motion carried.

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Academic Update:

Mrs. Karen Klamut reviewed virtual school grades K-5 and Mrs. Amy Trowbridge reviewed virtual school grades 6-12. At the present time we have 227 students grades K-5 completing virtual and 370 students grades 6-12 completing virtual. When students do not complete their work, the teachers and administrators need to convey those issues to Ms. Tracy Mercer so that she can review them as attendance issues and pursue as necessary.

President Miller announced a request to go into executive session to discuss a legal lawsuit matter.

Motion by Mrs. Coffield and seconded by Dr. Miller, that the Board go into executive session. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Coffield and seconded by Dr. Miller, that the Board come out of executive session. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Kestner, and seconded by Dr. Miller, that the Board reject the Reilley Lawsuit Settlement. Motion carried.

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

To Ohio County – X.F. (student has never attended Marshall County)

Motion by Mrs. Kestner, and seconded by Dr. Miller, that the Board approve the Work Release Agreements. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Kestner, seconded by Dr. Miller and motion carried, that the Board approve the participation in Virtual Professional Development:

Suzanne Muncy to attend virtual Health & PE State Conference, October thru December, 2020, with expenses paid by Title II Funds.

Whitney Healy to attend virtual Mentor Training, October 13-14, 2020, with time and expenses paid by Staff Development Funds.

Jonna Kuskey to attend virtual Teaching Students to Ask Their Own Questions, October 20 – November 9, 2020, with expenses paid by Title II Funds.

Brooke Lightner to attend virtual Mentor Training, November 12-13, 2020, with expenses paid by Staff Development Funds.

Jonna Kuskey to attend virtual NCTE/CEL/ALAN Annual Convention, November 19-24, 2020, with time and expenses paid by Title II Funds.

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Motion by Mrs. Kestner, and seconded by Dr. Miller, that the Board approve the Budget Revisions FY21. Motion carried.

Mrs. Hartley reviewed the Financial Statement ending September 30, 2020.

Superintendent's Reports:

We continue to work with the Marshall County Health Department on COVID-19 related issues. Yesterday was our all-time highest reporting day since the beginning of the pandemic with 16 cases in a single day. These cases are not contracted or spread within the school system. We continue to work as quickly as possible to complete contact tracing and isolate the people who are within 6 feet for more than 15 minutes of the positive person. We continue to get questions such as, "I was in contact with someone who is quarantined." Unless that quarantined person becomes positive, you are not quarantined yourself. The precautions that we take in school are keeping these isolated cases from becoming an outbreak.

The numbers are not looking good for this week. Right now, we are yellow due to our positivity rate but many of the cases from the free testing drop off this week. Remember the WVDE map looks at which number is better, positivity rate or number of active cases.

The principals are working hard to celebrate American Education week and Veteran's Day, but things may look very limited and/or different this year. We cannot be holding assemblies and we cannot have nonessential visitors within the school.

I will begin holding principal goal setting meetings in upcoming weeks. Principals are working on self-reflections and goal setting with their staff.

The following schools received contributions from the Niekamp Foundation to be used in assisting needy students with such items as staff determines necessary to aid students with basic personal and medical necessities:

McNinch \$2000
Cameron High \$5000
Central Elementary \$5000
Moundsville Middle \$16,000

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

President Miller adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

President

Secretary

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