

Moundsville
West Virginia
December 10, 2024

The Marshall County Board of Education met in regular session Tuesday, December 10, 2024, 6:30 p.m. at the Board of Education Office, with call-in option available, 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 Board recognized teacher Jared Ulrich for receiving the Carl J. Schaefer Memorial CTE Teacher Candidate Award. Dr. Carl J. Schaefer gained national recognition as a Career and Technical Education (CTE) educator and author and was one of NOCTI's founding fathers. To honor Dr. Carl J. Schaefer, NOCTI and Mrs. JoAnn Schaefer created the Carl J. Schaefer Memorial Award as a tribute to Dr. Schaefer's memory and to recognize an outstanding CTE teacher and CTE teacher candidate each year. With that being said, we have watched Jared come out of industry as an automotive technician and transition to a seasoned instructor in our CTE Dept. He is always looking to improve his instruction and the student learning experience. He has participated in many PD opportunities over the last few years. Most recently the CTE Dept. began to look at NOCTI data. Jared took information from his students test scores over a 7-year cross section and identified areas consistently needing improvement. After identifying these standards, Jared formulated a plan to address these shortcomings. After his first year of addressing these standards in different ways, his students average score rose 40 points (100-point scale). The following year he continued to see growth, with his students seeing an average score gain of 20 points from benchmark to audit (final). Marshall County Schools is lucky to have Jared Ulrich as a teacher in the CTE program.

Stephanie Brown and Josh Gary addressed the Board in response to the board item of the PEIA Resolution. Josh Gary represents AFT and Stephanie Brown represents WVEA. The two of them urged the Board to sign the resolution showing support of the need to repair PEIA as the costs of health care are predicted to increase significantly.

Dr. Haines reminded the Board that they were provided the results of both surveys and that Calendar B was the clear winner.

Dr. Haines introduced Dr. Carrie White to Speak about the Marshall County Entrepreneurship Ecosystem funded by the Marshall County Commission. Dr. Carrie White is the Co-founder of Entrepreneurship Ecosystem Experts, LLC (E3), an entrepreneurship consulting company which helps to connect startups with resource providers. She also serves as the Dean of Academic Affairs at Belmont College in St. Clairsville, Ohio. Dr. White has been working in higher education since 2004 teaching business and entrepreneurship, developing curriculum, as well as holding several administrative positions. Carrie was the Executive Director of the WVU Morris L. Hayhurst Launch Lab at West Virginia University, working with student startup companies and developing innovation education. Carrie was also the founder of the Center for Entrepreneurship at West Liberty University. Prior to entering higher education, Carrie had two startups – Event Pros. Inc – a sport event promotion company located in Western PA, which she

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successfully sold and Fitness Dynamics Inc. - a sport specific fitness training company located in Pittsburgh, PA. Dr. White received her BS and MBA degrees in business administration from Franciscan University, J.D. from Duquesne University Law School, and Ed.D. from West Virginia University. She lives in West Alexander, PA with her husband Craig and their many dogs.

Dr. White spoke about the program which was designed to support early stage entrepreneurs by connecting them with the resources and/or resource providers that they need. This is a 3-year program with the end goal of establishing an office for startup businesses to utilize. Carrie is currently trying to collect data on who and where these entrepreneurs are.

Motion by Mrs. Kestner, and seconded by Dr. Miller, that the Board approve the minutes of Special Session, November 25, 2024 and Regular Session, November 26, 2024. Motion carried.

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

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.

Aides

Darya Henry from Aide/Autism Mentor, Moundsville Middle School, to (25S57) Aide/Autism Mentor, Central Elementary, 200 days, effective December 16, 2024

Custodians

Tracy Lightner from Custodian III (260), John Marshall High School to (25S59) Custodian III (260), Moundsville Middle School, 260 days, effective January 2, 2025

Substitute Nurse

Victoria B. Simons

Coaches/Advisors

Michael E. Thomas (25A59) VOLUNTEER Asst. Boys' Basketball Coach, John Marshall High School, 2024 – 2025 school year, Citizen Coach

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Motion by Mrs. Kestner, and seconded by Dr. Miller, that the payment of bills under General Funds (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 Board approve the 2025-26 School Calendar B. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Kestner, and seconded by Dr. Miller, that the Board approve the Resolution urging the State of West Virginia to stabilize the PEIA. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Kestner, and seconded by Dr. Miller, that the Board give authorization of Board President or Superintendent to execute and record the required Notice of Federal Interest in certain school property arising out of Covid related federal grant. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Kestner, seconded by Dr. Miller and motion carried, that the Board approve the following attendance at professional meetings:

Kim Muldrew to attend virtually PLTW Launch Classroom Teacher Training, January 7-16, 2025, with registration and time paid by Project Lead the Way.

Shelly Behm to attend WVSCA Annual Conference, March 6-7, 2025, Charleston, WV, with expenses paid by General Counseling Funds.

Joshua Gary to attend AFT WV Officer Meeting, December 13, 2024, Charleston, WV, with sub paid by General Funds.

Sue Lewicki to attend WV Music Educator's Conference (accompanying students), March 5-8, 2025, Charleston, WV, with sub and expenses paid by General Funds.

Rich Woods to attend WVCTM Math Conference, March 14-15, 2025, Roanoke, WV, with sub and expenses paid by Step 7D Funds.

Dr. Haines discussed and reviewed the Financial Statement ending November 30, 2024.

Superintendent's Report:

Dr. Haines reported that the December Child Count data was submitted on time for Marshall County Schools. There are 803 students on IEPS in the county. This is nearly 20% of enrolled students.

The Office of Child Nutrition was subject to an onsite monitoring just before Thanksgiving break. The WVDE report was released stating that MCS submitted all required documentation for the review and the county is following federal and state regulations. Congratulations to all personnel who worked so hard on this review.

Dr. Haines reported that she recently met with personnel from the Employee Assistance Program to ensure that we are getting the best use of the services provided. For the first semester Marshall County School employees have accessed 751 web link references on the EAP site. Dr. Haines reported that she has a follow up meeting with personnel from the EAP regarding nutrition, wellness and mental wellness resources available to our employees.

Dr. Haines congratulated the Cameron High School football team and wished them well in Charleston on Friday.

Mrs. Kestner expressed how proud of Cameron High School she was and felt like they were putting Marshall County on the map. She also recognized that the talent across the county is very evident this time of year with the holiday performances. She wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Ms. Robison also wished everyone happy holidays and commented on the musical performances that are happening over the next couple of weeks across the county and praised the students and staff for their work. She was pleased to know that the CPA sound was coming along. She sent gratitude to those who are assisting in getting the Cameron students and staff to Charleston safely and wished the kids good luck in the competition.

Mrs. Coffield spoke about how complimentary the announcers were at the recent Tug Valley Cameron game to the Cameron players and how proud she was of their performance. She too wished everyone a safe holiday.

Dr. Miller wished Cameron High School well in the football and cheering competition and was sure that the band would represent us well. He made reminder of the upcoming basketball games.

Mr. Miller was excited to be going to Friday's game as it is his eighth game this year. He said that the staff and students represent us well and he is looking forward to safe travels for everyone.

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

President Miller adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

President

Secretary