

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOUNTAINBURG SCHOOL BOARD
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2017 **5:30 P.M.**

1. Call to order

Presiding officer was Brett Peters. Meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m. Other board members present were Jason Watkins and Robin Willroth. Board members absent were Karen Patrick Walker and Mike Moxley. Administrators present were Dennis Copeland, Tandi Jones and Jason Rutherford.

2. Consent agenda (attachments)

A. Minutes of January meeting

B. Financial report

Willroth moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Watkins seconded. Motion passed at 5:36 p.m.

3. Informational items

A. ASBA inservice

Copeland reminded the board the ASBA inservice will be held at Mountainburg School on March 16th from 5:30 to 8:30 and will provide 3 hours of the 6 required for board members each year.

B. Athletics

Copeland reported the Sr. Girls basketball team made it to first round of regionals but lost their first game.

C. Administrator comments

Jones: They are having science night at the elementary tonight. Dr. Seuss week is next week. They are preparing for testing.

Rutherford: High school student are helping with science night at the elementary. FCA members will be reading to classes during Dr. Seuss week at the elementary. Basketball season is over and track, softball, and baseball are starting. Preparing for testing which will be done in large groups in the gym this year.

4. Regular agenda

A. Request from Robert Kain for more storage space in the band/choir room

Kain addressed the board by reading a letter he had written concerning the need for storage space in the music building and also provided letters written by school patrons. Peters commended the job Kain has done with the music program and explained the reasons behind changing plans for the additions on the safe room. Copeland said safe room project bids are on hold until City of Fort Smith provide letter of abandonment for the 27 inch line which runs thru the area planned for the safe room.

B. Approval to apply for \$500,000 Second Lien Bonds to complete safe room/PE facility

Copeland gave board members a handout on projected revenue and expense for building projects including safe room. (attached) Dan Lovelady addressed the board about the application for \$500,000 in second lien bonds. He said payments will be about \$42,000 per year for 16 years. The application has to be approved by the State Board of Education at their meeting in June. He also recommended a resolution for reimbursing the operating funds if needed. Willroth moved to submit an "Application for

a Permit to Issue Bonds”, with related documents, for \$530,000 in Construction Bonds to the State Department of Education and to employ First Security Beardsley as Fiscal Agent, and to authorize the Superintendent of Schools to accept or reject the best bid submitted in connection with the public sale of the proposed bonds in consultation with the fiscal agent. Watkins seconded. Motion passed at 6:22 p.m.

Willroth moved to adopt the Reimbursement Resolution authorizing the Mountainburg School District to reimburse the operating funds used for the purpose approved for the Application For a Permit to Issue Bonds in the amount of \$530,000. Watkins seconded. Motion passed at 6:23 p.m.

C. 2017-18 school calendar

Copeland recommended approving Calendar B for the 2017-18 school year. Willroth moved to approve the recommendation. Watkins seconded. Motion passed at 6:30 p.m.

D. ASBA policy updates

Rutherford answered questions concerning the proposed policy updates. Willroth moved to approve policies as presented. Watkins seconded. Motion passed at 6:35 p.m.

E. Update on the safe room/PE facility

This item was covered in Item A.

F. Discuss government E-bids of all surplus school property.

Board discussed possible options of getting rid of excess inventory items at the school.

G. Executive session on personnel

Willroth moved to go to executive session. Watkins seconded. Motion passed at 6:55 p.m.

Willroth moved to leave executive session. Watkins seconded. Motion passed at 7:20 p.m.

H. Resignation

Copeland recommended accepting the resignation of Janice Sharp, special education supervisor, effective at the end of this school year. Willroth moved to approve recommendation. Watkins seconded. Motion passed at 7:21 p.m.

I. Superintendent’s contract

Willroth moved to extend the contract of Dennis Copeland, superintendent, through the 2018-19 school year. Watkins seconded. Motion passed at 7:22 p.m.

Adjournment: Willroth moved to adjourn. Watkins seconded. Motion passed at 7:25 p.m.