

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOUNTAINBURG SCHOOL BOARD
MONDAY, MARCH 27, 2017**

5:30 P.M.

1. Call to order

Presiding officer was Brett Peters. Meeting was called to order at 5:34 p.m. Other board members present were Mike Moxley, Jason Watkins, and Karen Patrick-Walker. Board member absent was Robin Willroth. Administrators present were Dennis Copeland, Paul Roper, Tandi Jones, Janice Sharp and Jason Rutherford.

2. Consent agenda (attachments)

A. Minutes of February meeting

B. Financial report

Watkins moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Moxley seconded. Motion passed at 5:35 p.m.

3. Informational items

A. Saferoom update

Copeland reported FEMA has approved moving the location for the Saferoom to north of the football field. He also said he is waiting on the letter of abandonment of the 27 inch water line from the City of Fort Smith.

B. Athletics

Copeland said he attended an Arkansas Activities Association on the current blended conferences issue and there was discussion on classification for the 2018-2020 cycle. Board members discussed these issues.

C. Legislative issues

Copeland reported SB746 which is similar to HB1222 will come up for vote this week.

D. Academic Banquet

Copeland reminded board members the Academic Banquet will be held on April 4th at 6:30 p.m.

E. Administrator comments

Roper – getting ready for testing, working with Classworks, talked to 8th graders about the honor of serving at the Academic Banquet.

Jones – starting busy time, 2 weeks until state testing starts.

Rutherford – ACT Aspire testing will take place soon, lots of activities happening, cheerleader numbers will be small again next year.

Sharp – winding up testing, annual review conferences coming up.

Moxley asked about water problem at elementary between sidewalk and building. Jones and Copeland said it has been looked at and nothing can be done. Jones said it goes down quickly.

4. Regular agenda

A. Waiver request – work leave program

Copeland recommended that Stormy Cooper be allowed a waiver to participate in the MHS Work Leave program for the remainder of the 2016-2017 school year. Watkins moved to approve the recommendation. Walker seconded. Motion passed at 5:58 p.m.

B. Discussion of moving football concession area to fieldhouse

There was discussion of the football concession area being moved to the fieldhouse with some modifications for the 2017-2018 school year. Copeland recommended that the board approve the upgrades to the fieldhouse for the concession stand area being moved to the fieldhouse with some modifications for the 2017-18 school year-new electrical-\$2700, lumber-\$605, and plumbing-\$150 = \$3455 be added to the existing Football Fieldhouse. Board discussion. Peters suggested total budget for this project should be \$4,000. Moxley moved to make the modifications to the fieldhouse for a football concession area with budget to be \$4,000. Walker seconded. Motion passed at 6:07 p.m.

C. Executive session on personnel

Watkins moved to go to executive session. Moxley seconded. Motion passed at 6:08 p.m.

Moxley moved to leave executive session. Watkins seconded. Motion passed at 6:32 p.m.

D. Resignation

Copeland recommended that the board accept the resignation of Donald “Spanky” Watkins as bus driver effective at the end of the 2016-2017 school year. Moxley moved to approve the recommendation. Walker seconded. Motion passed at 6:33 p.m.

Copeland recommended accepting the resignation of Jason Rutherford as cross country coach effective at the end of the 2016-17 school year. Watkins moved to approve the recommendation. Walker seconded. Motion passed at 6:34 p.m.

E. Administrator contracts

Copeland recommended that the board offer contracts for the 2017-2018 school year to:

Jason Rutherford- High School Principal, Paul Roper- Middle School Principal

Tandi Jones- Elementary School Principal. Moxley moved to approve the recommendation.

Walker seconded. Motion passed at 6:35 p.m.

F. Personnel employment

Copeland recommending hiring Caitlin Zamaripas as cross country coach for the 2017-18 school year. Moxley moved to approve the recommendation. Watkins seconded. Motion passed at 6:36 p.m.

G. New personnel positions

Copeland requested permission for the authority to pursue adding a summer school position for this summer and a math interventionist position for the 2017-18 school year with both positions to be paid from Title I funds. Moxley moved to approve the recommendation. Watkins seconded. Motion passed at 6:44 p.m.

Adjournment: Moxley moved to adjourn. Watkins seconded. Motion passed at 6:45 p.m.