

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOUNTAINBURG SCHOOL BOARD  
MONDAY, JUNE 19, 2017**

**5:45 P.M.**

**1. Call to order**

Presiding officer was Brett Peters. Other board members present were Mike Moxley, Jason Watkins, Robin Willroth(late, arrived at 6:50 p.m.) and Karen Patrick-Walker. Administrators present were Dennis Copeland, Tandi Jones and Jason Rutherford.

**2. Consent agenda (attachments)**

**A. Minutes of May meetings**

**B. Financial report**

Moxley moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Walker seconded. Motion passed at 5:47 p.m.

**3. Informational items**

**A. Rule 32 designation**

Copeland explained the school has been placed under Rule 32 by the Workers' Compensation Commission because there were two cases where employees missed more than 8 days. This means there will be more safety training for all employees.

**B. Safe room update**

Copeland said letter has been received from City of Fort Smith abandoning the 27 inch line. Bids for construction were advertised in Democrat on June 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> and will be opened on June 27<sup>th</sup>.

**C. Administrator comments**

Rutherford said he has been busy with interviews, temporary concession stand looks nice, maintenance has started on seats in gym, he has been attending workshops, and making plans for next year.

Jones said she has been interviewing and working on scheduling for next year. She said PTO voted to spend money on basketball court at elementary and also on a shade structure.

**4. Regular agenda**

**A. Designation of superintendent as ex-officio financial officer**

Copeland recommended that the board approve the superintendent as ex-officio financial officer for the 2017-18 school year. Watkins moved to approve the recommendation. Moxley seconded. Motion passed at 5:55 p.m.

**B. Service contract for facilities consultant**

Copeland recommended that the board continue using Harvie Nichols as the Mountainburg School District facilities consultant for the 2017-18 school year. Walker moved to approve the recommendation. Moxley seconded. Motion passed at 5:56 p.m.

**C. Purchase of a bus**

Copeland recommended the purchase of a 2003 Freightliner 71 passenger bus for \$13,000 and requested permission to purchase another bus at same price with buses to be paid from enhanced transportation funding. Moxley moved to approve the recommendation. Watkins seconded. Motion passed at 6:00 p.m.

**D. Student insurance bids**

Copeland recommended that the board continue using Dwight Jones Agency for student insurance for the 2017-18 and 2018-2019 school year at a cost of \$12,717.74 per year with no doctor restrictions and services has been very good. Other bids received were Arkansas Student Resources for \$11,513 and Student Assurance for \$11,375 with restrictions on doctors that can be used. Moxley moved to approve the recommendation. Walker seconded. Motion passed at 6:02 p.m.

**E. Report by school nurses**

Copeland recommended that the board approve the survey by the nurses required by ADE for the 2016-17 school year. Moxley moved to approve the recommendation. Watkins seconded. Motion passed at 6:12 p.m.

**F. Financial assistance for new band uniforms**

Copeland recommended the board provide financial assistance for new band uniforms for the 2017-18 school year. Watkins moved to table this item. Moxley seconded. Motion passed at 6:18 p.m.

**G. Decision on whether or not school takes over Mountainburg Youth Association program**

There was discussion of the issues involved with school taking the MYA program. Coach Harrell said coaches do not want to give up any of their stipends. Copeland said Rutherford did not think present staff could take care of this. Questions about personnel and financial considerations were discussed. Peters asked Copeland if he had a recommendation. Discussion. Copeland said he will send out an email to see if any licensed personnel are interested in overseeing this. Board members also want a phone message sent to personnel. (Willroth arrived at 6:50 p.m., during this discussion.)

Willroth moved to table the issue and find out if there are licensed personnel interested in overseeing this program. Watkins seconded. Motion passed at 7:03 p.m.

**H. Executive session on personnel**

Willroth moved to go to executive session. Moxley seconded. Motion passed at 7:04 p.m.

Willroth moved to leave executive session. Watkins seconded. Motion passed at 8:29 p.m.

**I. Resignations**

Copeland recommended the board accept the resignation of Frankie Tvrdik, middle school counselor.

Willroth moved to approve the recommendation. Walker seconded.

Motion passed at 8:30 p.m.

Copeland recommended the board accept the resignation of Sandy Diamond, elementary counselor, contingent upon being hired as administrative assistant.

Willroth moved to approve the recommendation. Moxley seconded.

Motion passed at 8:31 p.m.

Copeland recommended the board accept the resignation of Anna Hodkinson, music educational assistant.

Willroth moved to approve the recommendation. Moxley seconded.

Motion passed at 8:32 p.m.

**J. Personnel employment**

Copeland recommended that the board hire Jason Rutherford for 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade principal.

Willroth moved to approve the recommendation. Moxley seconded. Motion passed at 8:33 p.m.

Copeland recommended that the board hire Tandi Jones for 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade principal. Willroth moved to approve the recommendation. Watkins seconded. Motion passed at 8:33 p.m.

Copeland recommended that the board hire Sandy Diamond as administrative assistant/federal programs coordinator. Willroth moved to approve the recommendation. Walker seconded.

Motion passed at 8:34

Copeland recommended that the board hire Emiley Shepherd as elementary secretary. Willroth moved to approve the recommendation. Moxley seconded. Motion passed at 8:35 p.m.

Copeland recommended that the board hire Alicia Brooks as educational assistant. Willroth moved to approve the recommendation. Moxley seconded. Motion passed at 8:36 p.m.

Copeland recommended that the board hire Tina Sorensen for high school quiz bowl. Willroth moved to approve the recommendation. Walker seconded. Motion passed at 8:37 p.m.

**K. ASBA policy updates**

Copeland recommended the board approve the board policies and school handbook updates for the 2017-18 school year as presented. Moxley moved to approve the recommendation. Willroth seconded. Motion passed at 8:44 p.m.

**L. Summer school pay adjustment**

Copeland recommended adjusting summer school pay to be daily rate of pay per hour. Willroth moved to approve the recommendation. Moxley seconded. Motion passed at 8:45 p.m.

**Adjournment:** Willroth moved to adjourn. Moxley seconded. Motion passed at 8:45 p.m.