

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOUNTAINBURG SCHOOL BOARD
MONDAY, JANUARY 25, 2016**

5:30 P.M.

1. Call to order

Presiding officer was Brett Peters. Other board members present were Carol Pense, Jason Watkins, Robin Willroth and Karen Patrick-Walker. Administrators present were Dennis Copeland, Trisha Shepherd, Janice Sharp, Tandi Jones, Paul Roper and Jason Rutherford.

2. Consent agenda (attachments)

A. Minutes of December meeting

B. Financial report

Willroth moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Pense seconded. Motion passed at 5:31 p.m.

3. Informational items

A. Toy Toss

Brooke Lockhart, Natasha Hamilton and Austin Woodward explained the toy toss held at one of the games in December, sponsored by cheerleaders and dance team, benefited children in the area. (Attachment)

B. Proclamation – Board Member Recognition

Copeland read proclamation from governor recognizing January as School Board Member Recognition month. Copeland expressed appreciation for all the board members do.

C. Financial Statements

Copeland reminded board members that financial statements must be filed by January 31.

D. Administrator comments

Roper said middle school is back in gear, preparing for testing and in the middle of basketball season.

Rutherford said high school has been doing practice tests, UAFS and ATU representatives came to talk to Seniors and Citizens Bank representatives spoke to Seniors about good and bad debt. Rutherford also gave a shoutout to CBA student who are currently ranked 1st and 3rd in state.

Jones said elementary school is getting ready for testing.

Sharp said evaluations are in progress, conferences are continuing and self-monitoring is in process.

4. Regular agenda

A. Consideration of refunding bonds

Dan Lovelady with Beardsley Finance shared information concerning the refunding of bonds at this time. He explained the funds can be used for academic facilities. Copeland

recommended the board apply to refund bonds. Willroth moved to submit an "Application for a Permit to Issue Bonds", with related documents, for a \$3,415,00 Refunding Bond Issue to the Commissioner of Education and to employ First Security Beardsley Public Finance 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 5:55 p.m.

B. Resolution for the Facilities Master Plan

Copeland recommended approval of the Facilities Master Plan for 2016-17 as presented. Willroth moved to approve the recommendation. Pense seconded. Motion passed at 6:02 p.m.

C. Legal Liability insurance

Copeland recommended renewal of the School Board Legal Liability Insurance plan with ACE USA Bancorp South through ASBA Risk Management for \$6,259. Willroth moved to approve the recommendation. Pense seconded. Motion passed at 6:05 p.m.

D. 2014-15 audit findings

Copeland said there are no findings on the audit again this year and recommended approval of the 2014-15 audit report. Willroth moved to approve recommendation. Watkins seconded. Motion passed at 6:08 p.m.

E. ASBA Superintendent Evaluation Cohort II process

Copeland recommended the the board approve the ASBA Superintendent Evaluation Cohort II process. Willroth moved to approve recommendation. Pense seconded. Motion passed at 6:11 p.m.

F. Safe room project

Copeland recommended committing for the safe room application provided that we receive 75% funding from the Crawford County Mitigation Program. Willroth moved to approve the recommendation. Pense seconded. Motion passed at 6:27 p.m.

G. Executive session on personnel

Willroth moved to go to executive session. Pense seconded. Motion passed at 6:28 p.m.

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

Note: Willroth left at 7:00 to attend another commitment.

H. Resignation

Copeland recommended accepting the resignation of Dan Garringer effective at the end of the

2015-16 school year. Pense moved to approve recommendation. Watkins seconded.
Motion passed at 7:22 p.m.

Copeland recommended accepting the resignation of Jeremy Phillips effective at the end of the 2015-16 school year. Pense moved to approve recommendation. Watkins seconded.
Motion passed at 7:23 p.m.

I Personnel employment

Copeland recommended hiring Zack Dean as girls' basketball coach for the 2015-16 school year. Pense moved to approve recommendation. Walker seconded. Motion passed at 7:24 p.m.

J. Superintendent's evaluation

Peters commented that Copeland meets or exceeds expectations of the school board. Peters read comments from the board: We commend Mr. Copeland on his continued growth in the role of Superintendent, and firmly believe that the present Administrative staff is the strongest that we have had in the School District during the current Board's tenure.

Added:

K. Board meeting rescheduled

Consensus of board members was to change the February meeting to the 22nd at 6:00 p.m.

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