

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOUNTAINBURG SCHOOL BOARD  
MONDAY, MAY 16, 2016**

**5:30 P.M.**

**1. Call to order**

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

**2. Consent agenda (attachments)**

**A. Minutes of April meeting**

**B. Financial report**

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

**3. Informational items**

**A. Baccalaureate**

Copeland reported baccalaureate service went well.

**B. Accreditation**

Copeland said accreditation report showed the elementary and high schools were accredited and the middle school was cited due to teacher certification issue.

**C. Vocational business class update**

Misty Christian addressed the board and gave them a handout on the number of students that have achieved Microsoft Office Specialist Certification and reported we have high number achieving here compared to other schools.

**D. Graduation**

Copeland reminded board members graduation is at 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 20, with site either football field or gym to be determined depending on weather.

**E. Superintendent health issue**

Mr. Copeland said he appreciates the prayers and support of everyone and will have surgery on Monday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> for kidney removal due to renal cell carcinoma.

**F. Hot topic**

Copeland said an issue school may face in the future is transgender restrooms.

**G. Administrator comments**

Rutherford said graduation is Friday night, lots of banquets going on, band banquet last week and Sr. High athletic banquet tomorrow night. He also said there was a partial lockdown today at this campus.

Jones said finished testing on May 5<sup>th</sup> and students did well. She said there are lots of activities this week including fun day, awards ceremony, kindergarten graduation, and 4<sup>th</sup> grade moving up party. She reported the elementary was in lockdown for an hour today.

Shepherd said she has been working on policies.

Sharp said special education is finishing up the year.

**4. Regular agenda**

**A. Election documents**

Copeland recommended the board adopt the attached Proposed Budget of Expenditures with Tax Levy for Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2017 to and including June 30, 2018 and to approve all related election documents. Pense moved to approve the recommendation. Walker seconded. Motion passed at 5:44 p.m.

**B. Purchased service custodial contract**

Copeland said he asked Will Marion, maintenance supervisor, to be here to talk about the custodial purchases services contract for elementary. Copeland said SG 360 who is a TipTaps vendor had submitted a couple of proposals. Discussion. Copeland recommended accepting the bid of \$103, 029.93 to include a full time SG 360 8 hour custodian during the day. Pense moved to accept the recommendation but resolve issue over whether or not sales tax should be charged. Watkins seconded. Motion passed at 5:55 p.m.

**C. Policy updates**

Copeland said Shepherd has been working on these. This item was temporarily suspended so copies of a couple of items in the policies could be made while board went to executive session.

**D. Executive session on personnel**

Pense moved to go to executive session. Watkins seconded. Motion passed at 6:02 p.m.

Pense moved to leave executive session. Walker seconded. Motion passed at 6:15 p.m.

**C. Policy updates continued**

Pense moved to approve the handbook policies as presented. Watkins seconded. Motion passed at 6:19 p.m.

Pense moved to approve the licensed personnel policies as presented but tabling Items 3.8 and 8.5 until June. Walker seconded. Motion passed at 6:20 p.m.

Pense moved to approve the classified personnel policies as presented but tabling Item 8.5 until June. Watkins seconded. Motion passed at 6:21 p.m.

**E. Resignations**

Copeland recommended accepting the resignation of Trisha Shepherd, Federal Programs coordinator/curriculum coordinator/dyslexia interventionist contingent on being hired in Fort Smith. Pense moved to approve the recommendation. Walker seconded. Motion passed at 6:22 p.m.

Copeland recommended accepting the resignation of Mary Cluck effective April 27, 2016. Watkins moved to approve recommendation. Watkins seconded. Motion passed at 6:23 p.m.

**F. Personnel employment**

Copeland recommending hiring Lyndsie Backus Carr as elementary teacher for 2016-17. Pense moved to approve recommendation. Walker seconded. Motion passed at 6:24 p.m.

Copeland recommending hiring Chris Nolen as head Jr.High football coach for the 16-17 school year. Pense moved to approve recommendation. Watkins seconded. Motion passed at 6:25 p.m.

**G. Adjustment to classified minimum hourly rate**

Copeland recommended changes to hourly and substitute rates on classified salary schedule due to the increase to minimum hourly requirement (attached). Pense moved to make changes as recommended. Watkins seconded. Motion passed at 6:27, 3 to 0, with Peters abstaining.

**H. Contract services for school psychometry services with Tiffany Poor**

Copeland recommended continuing the school psychometry services with Tiffany Poor for the 2016-17 school year. Pense moved to approve the recommendation. Walker seconded. Motion passed at 6:28 p.m.

**I. Participation in Community Eligibility Provision**

Copeland recommended approval of pursuing participation in the Community Eligibility Provision beginning in 2016-17 school year. Pense moved to approve recommendation. Walker seconded. Motion passed at 6:29 p.m.

**Adjournment:**

Pense moved to adjourn. Watkins seconded. Motion passed at 6:30 p.m.