

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOUNTAINBURG SCHOOL BOARD
MONDAY, AUGUST 17, 2015**

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, Jason Rutherford, Paul Roper, Janice Sharp, Trisha Shepherd and Tandi Jones.

2. Consent agenda (attachments)

A. Minutes of July meeting

B. Financial report

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

3. Informational items

A. Guest – Dan Lovelady, Beardsley Finance

Dan Lovelady, financial adviser from Beardsley Finance, presented annual financial information to board members.

B. Administrator comments

Roper said first day went as well as could be expected with the construction issues. He said last few days have been chaotic. Roper gave credit to teachers and staff for all they did to get school going. He said he is very impressed with the teachers.

Jones said there were 276 students at elementary today and it was a good day.

Rutherford said the first day went fairly smooth and chromebooks were handed out today.

Shepherd said she is working on all the orders today.

Sharp said there are about 10 to 12 new special ed students and she is concerned about numbers.

4. Regular agenda

A. Resolution to adopt the Section 125 Flexible Fringe Benefit Plan

Copeland recommended to the board that the Mountainburg School District continue to use American Fidelity for the Section 125 Flexible Fringe Benefit Plan provider for the 2015-2016 school year. Willroth moved to approve the recommendation. Pense seconded. Motion passed at 6:23 p.m.

B. Propane bids

Copeland opened the two bids: Anderson's bid \$.999 for price today with a cap of \$1.29 thru June 30 and \$55 hour service plus material. Amerigas bid \$.95 fixed rate with a gallons to be used question. Willroth moved to table until there is clarification on both bids. Walker seconded.

Motion passed at 6:30 p.m.

C. Change orders for Partnership Projects

Copeland recommended approving the following change orders for the Partnership Projects.

Change order #9

Remove existing acid neutralization tank. Supply and install new tank per RFP #6 –

Total: \$9,031.04

Pense moved to approve as recommended. Willroth seconded. Motion passed at 6:33 p.m.

Change order #10

Install ductile iron sleeve at sanitary sewer crossing over 27" City of Ft. Smith water line RFP #7- Total: \$494.11

Willroth moved to approve as recommended. Pense seconded. Motion passed at 6:34 p.m.

Change order #8B

Provide Electrical Work-

Secretary's office-replace conduit and circuits under slab

Kitchen-replace conduit, boxes, devices & labor for reinstallation of circuits- Total: \$5,539.33

Willroth moved to approve as recommended. Pense seconded. Motion passed at 6:36 p.m.

Change order #8A

Provide Electrical Work for:

Installation of T-5 lighting upgrade at High School Gymnasium

Installation of T-8 lighting at Band Room Total: \$5,883.62

Willroth moved to approve as recommended. Watkins seconded. Motion passed at 6:38 p.m.

Change order #6

Provide materials and labor to replace storm drain piping- south side of Bldg. 10 Total: \$2,160.27

Willroth moved to approve as recommended. Pense seconded. Motion passed at 6:40 p.m.

D. Executive session on personnel

Willroth moved to go to executive session. Pense seconded. Motion passed at 6:45 p.m.

Willroth moved to leave executive session. Watkins seconded. Motion passed at 6:54 p.m.

E. Resignations

Copeland recommended that the board accept the resignation of Kristi Morris, 1st grade teacher. Willroth moved to approve the recommendation. Walker seconded. Motion passed at 6:55 p.m.

Copeland recommended that the board accept the resignation of Tim Shepard as cook contingent upon being hired as a maintenance assistant in the transportation department. Willroth moved to approve the recommendation. Pense seconded. Motion passed at 6:56 p.m.

Copeland recommended that the board accept the resignation of Shirley Friddle as custodian effective 7-29 since she was hired as maintenance assistance at July meeting effective August 30th. Willroth moved to approve the recommendation. Pense seconded. Motion passed at 6:57 p.m.

F. Personnel employment

Copeland recommended that the board hire Tim Shepard as maintenance assistant in the transportation department with a .75 FTE effective August 11. Willroth moved to approve the recommendation. Pense seconded. Motion passed at 6:59 p.m.

Copeland recommended that the board hire Rhonda Pixley as cook retroactive to August 10. Willroth moved to approve recommendation. Walker seconded. Motion passed at 7:00 p.m.

Willroth moved to give Copeland authority to pursue hiring special education teacher if needed. Pense seconded. Motion passed at 7:02 p.m.

Peters asked about not having an ALE in high school. Rutherford said numbers were around 4 or 5 and he and Copeland had talked and decided not to have it. Peters said board was not informed and would like to be informed in the future.

G. Discussion of priority list of projects

Copeland recommended that the board table the list until September, since all bills should be paid by then and we will know how much is remaining. Willroth moved to approve recommendation. Watkins

seconded. Motion passed at 7:10 p.m.

H. Discussion of the status of the Partnership Projects

Peters said he had received more phone calls on the current projects than any other item in his 13 years on the board. Copeland said punch list will be done later this week and August 16 was the deadline to have all of the projects completed. Peters asked principals to provide detailed list of items for the punch list and to have teachers provide lists also. There was a lot of discussion on the projects not being completed on time. Peters said the school should ask contractor for substantial completion to be signed before final payment is made.

I. High School exemption plan

Copeland recommended to the board to approve the exemption policy as presented in the addendum for the 2015-2016 school year. Willroth moved to approve the recommendation. Pense seconded. Motion passed at 7:40 p.m.

Adjournment: Willroth moved to adjourn. Pense seconded. Motion passed at 7:41 p.m.