

## **REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOUNTAINBURG SCHOOL BOARD**

**THURSDAY, JULY 13, 2017**

**5:45 P.M.**

### **1. Call to order**

Presiding officer was Brett Peters. Meeting was called to order at 5:45 p.m. Other board members present were Robin Willroth, Jason Watkins, Karen Walker, and Mike Moxley. Administrators present were Dennis Copeland, Tandi Jones, and Jason Rutherford.

### **2. Consent agenda (attachments)**

#### **A. Minutes of June meeting**

#### **B. Financial report**

Willroth moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Watkins seconded. Motion passed at 5:46 p.m.

### **3. Informational items**

#### **A. Election**

Copeland informed the board that no one had file for the open school board position and has received two different answers about what the board does at this point.

#### **B. Administrator comments**

Jones said floors are finished in the elementary building, shade structures are going up and other updates are being made to the playground.

Rutherford said one young man that was disciplined last year has made up a lot of work and is back on schedule to graduate next year.

### **4. Regular agenda**

Peters said with agreement of the board, agenda will be changed to add an item at the beginning and move all items forward.

#### **A. Bond Issue**

Dan Lovelady presented the bids for the Construction Bonds dated July 1, 2017 with sale date of July 11, 2017. Willroth moved to adopt the Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Delivery of the \$530,000 Mountainburg School District No. 16 of Crawford County, Arkansas, Construction Bonds dated July 1, 2017 and other documents pertaining thereto as prepared by the Friday, Eldredge & Clark Law Firm. Watkins seconded the motion. Peters abstained from voting since he is a director at Citizens Bank. Motion passed 4-0 at 6:05 p.m.

#### **B. Bid for the Safe Room/PE facility & Concession**

Phil Jones, construction manager with CR Crawford Construction presented the bids. Discussion. Copeland recommended the board accept the bids for safe room/PE facility/concession as presented totaling \$1,850,358 not including the paint bid and CR Crawford will come back in August with the paint bid. Willroth moved to approve the recommendation. Watkins seconded. Motion passed at 6:36 p.m.

**C. Appointment of the ISO officer**

Copeland recommended the board continue Scott Organ as the ISO officer for the 2017-18 school year. Willroth moved to approve the recommendation. Moxley seconded. Motion passed at 6:37 p.m.

**D. Student transfer**

Copeland recommended the board accept the transfer of River Baldwin (age 8) to the Mountainburg School district from Ozark School district for the 2017-18 school year. Willroth moved to approve the recommendation. Moxley seconded. Motion passed at 6:38 p.m.

**E. Peewee sports program for grades 1-6**

Copeland recommended the board approve adding the Peewee sports programs of football, cheerleading, softball and baseball for 2017-18 school year. Willroth moved to approve the recommendation. Moxley seconded. Motion passed at 6:40 p.m.

**F. Band program new band uniforms**

Copeland presented the quote for the cost of new band program uniforms. Discussion. Copeland recommended the board help the band program purchase new band uniforms in the amount of \$16,754.57 for the 2017-18 school year. Discussion. Moxley moved to pay \$12,000 toward the cost of the new band uniforms. Willroth seconded. Motion passed at 6:58 p.m.

**G. Public sidewalk easement for City of Mountainburg**

Copeland recommended that the board grant a public sidewalk easement to the City of Mountainburg. Willroth moved to approve the recommendation. Walker seconded. Motion passed at 7:02 p.m.

**H. Executive session on personnel**

Moxley moved to go to executive session. Walker seconded. Motion passed at 7:02 p.m. Willroth moved to leave executive session. Moxley seconded. Motion passed at 7:49 p.m.

**H. Resignations**

Copeland recommended that the board accept the resignation of Adam Hamilton as junior high boys' basketball coach contingent upon being hired as the Peewee Athletics coordinator for the 2017-18 school year. Willroth moved to approve the recommendation. Moxley seconded. Motion passed at 7:50 p.m.

Copeland recommended that the board accept the resignation of Tina Dollard, special education aide, effective July 13, 2017. Willroth moved to approve the recommendation. Walker seconded. Motion passed at 7:51 p.m.

Willroth moved to accept the resignation of Dennis Copeland, superintendent, effective June 30, 2018. Walker seconded. Motion passed at 7:52 p.m.

**I. Personnel employment**

Copeland recommended the board hire Adam Hamilton as Peewee athletics coordinator for the 2017-18 school year. Willroth moved to approve the recommendation. Moxley seconded. Motion passed

at 7:53 p.m.

Copeland recommended the board hire Belinda Westfall for middle school counselor position for the 2017-18 school year. Willroth moved to approve the recommendation. Walker seconded. Motion passed at 7:54 p.m.

Copeland recommended the board hire Jennifer Hartman for elementary school counselor for the 2017-18 school year. Willroth moved to approve the recommendation. Watkins seconded. Motion passed at 7:54 p.m.

Copeland recommended the board hire Michael McDonald for junior high boys basketball coach for the 2017-18 school year. Willroth moved to approve the recommendation. Watkins seconded. Motion passed at 7:55 p.m.

Copeland recommended the board hire Robert Reinschmiedt as bus driver for the 2017-18 school year. Willroth moved to approve the recommendation. Watkins seconded. Motion passed at 7:55 p.m.

Peters said board acknowledges special education aide and music aide jobs are open and gave Copeland authority to fill these positions.

**J. Adjustment of pay start date for contracted employees**

Copeland recommended that the board approve paying all employees with a contract of less than 240 days beginning in August, 2017 instead of some in September for the 2017-18 school year. Willroth moved to approve the recommendation. Watkins seconded. Motion passed at 8:00 p.m.

**Adjournment:** Willroth moved to adjourn. Moxley seconded. Motion passed at 8:00 p.m.