

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

**MONDAY, AUGUST 21, 2017**

**5:45 P.M.**

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

Presiding officer was Brett Peters. Other board members present were Mike Moxley, Jason Watkins, and Robin Willroth. Absent board member was Karen Patrick-Walker. Administrators present were Dennis Copeland, Tandi Jones, Debbie Pinkerton, and Jason Rutherford.

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

#### **A. Minutes of July meeting**

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

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

### **3. Informational items**

#### **A. Safe room update**

Copeland said dirt is being moved.

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

Rutherford said it was a good start, went well, working new schedule, problems but manageable, good time watching eclipse. He said there is scrimmage football game tonight with Jr. High starting at 5:30 and Sr. High starting at 7:00.

Jones said it was a good first week, got everybody home okay, did not view eclipse today at elementary, 5-6 grades viewed eclipse, more students at elementary, new schedule issues.

Pinkerton said she is glad to be back, so far everything has gone well, parent communication has gone well.

Copeland also said open house was well attended.

Copeland said he has been doing safety training as required by Rule 32 and letters with his name on them have been posted concerning this.

### **4. Regular agenda**

#### **A. Paint bids on safe room project**

Phil Jones with C.R. Crawford said two paint bids were received and said bid received from Stuckey would be rejected due to previous problems and recommended accepting the bid from Paint Innovators for \$70,266. Copeland recommended accepting the bid from Paint Innovators for \$70,266. Moxley moved to approve the recommendation of the superintendent. Willroth seconded. Motion passed at 6:05 p.m.

#### **B. Safe room – change order**

Change order was presented to substitute 18" of B-Stone (5"-7" stone aka gabion) for 18" of select fill for the safe room site with cost of \$27,315.02 coming out of the contingency fund. Copeland recommended approval of the change contingent on review and approval of MAHG.

Moxley moved to approve the recommendation. Watkins seconded. Motion passed at 6:11 p.m.

**C. Resolution to adopt the Section 125 Flexible Fringe Benefit Plan**

Copeland recommended that the board continue to use American Fidelity as the Section 125 Flexible Fringe Benefit Plan provider for the 2017-18 school year. Willroth moved to approve the recommendation. Moxley seconded. Motion passed at 6:14 p.m.

**D. Election resolution for absentee and early voting only**

Copeland recommended that the board adopt a resolution to use absentee and early voting only. Moxley moved to approve the recommendation. Willroth seconded. Motion passed at 6:17 p.m.

**E. Request to address board on interest in a school board position – Leslie France**

Leslie France addressed the board expressing her interest in serving on the school board and said she has children in school, loves Mountainburg and would like to serve the children and the staff.

**F. Student waivers to participate in MHS work leave program**

Copeland recommended that the board approve the waivers for not attending a full day of school due to financial hardship for Elizabeth Mitchell, Kyla Polk, and Kaitlan Lamproe. Willroth moved to approve the recommendation. Moxley seconded. Motion passed at 6:20 p.m.

**G. Decision on 2018 school election month**

Copeland explained schools must decide whether to have school elections in May or November. Discussion. Copeland recommended that the school board election be held in May beginning in 2018. Moxley moved to approve the recommendation. Willroth seconded. Motion passed at 6:25 p.m.

**Added item:**

**M. Staff lunch price**

Copeland recommended staff lunch cost be changed to \$3.60 as required by ADE Child Nutrition. Willroth moved to approve the recommendation. Watkins seconded. Motion passed at 6:27 p.m.

**H. Executive session on personnel**

Willroth moved to go to executive session. Watkins seconded. Motion passed at 6:28 p.m.  
Willroth moved to leave executive session. Watkins seconded. Motion passed at 7:26 p.m.

**I. Resignations**

Copeland recommended that the board accept the resignation of Jamie Hitchcock, pre-k educational assistant effective 8-7-17. Willroth moved to approve the recommendation.

Moxley seconded. Motion passed at 7:26 p.m.

Copeland recommended that the board accept the resignation of Amanda Pense, cook, effective 7-24-17. Willroth moved to approve the recommendation. Moxley seconded. Motion passed at 7:27 p.m.

Copeland recommended that the board accept the resignation of Denise Wilkinson, cook, (contingent on being hired as educational assistant) effective 8-4-17. Willroth moved to approve the recommendation. Moxley seconded. Motion passed at 7:28 p.m.

**J. Personnel employment**

Copeland recommended hiring Denise Wilkinson for educational assistant for special education for the 2017-18 school year, retroactive to August 8, 2017. Willroth moved to approve the recommendation. Moxley seconded. Motion passed at 7:28 p.m.

Copeland recommended hiring Lisa Sims for music educational assistant/lunch duty monitor, retroactive to August 8, 2017. Willroth moved to approve the recommendation. Moxley seconded. Motion passed at 7:29 p.m.

Copeland recommended hiring Brandy Akins, cook, for the 2017-18 school year, retroactive to August 7, 2017. Willroth moved to approve the recommendation. Watkins seconded. Motion passed at 7:30 p.m.

Copeland recommended hiring Alisha Friskey, cook, for the 2017-18 school year, retroactive to August 7, 2017. Willroth moved to approve the recommendation. Watkins seconded. Motion passed at 7:30 p.m.

Copeland recommended hiring Amber Ridenoure, prek educational assistant for 2017-18 school year effective when background check and central registry requirements are met. Willroth moved to approve the recommendation. Moxley seconded. Motion passed at 7:31 p.m.

**K. Index adjustments for principals and peewee athletics coordinator**

Copeland recommended index of .10 be added to elementary principal for middle school principal of grades 5-6 bringing total index to .30. Willroth moved to approve the recommendation. Moxley seconded. Motion passed at 7:32 p.m.

Copeland recommended stipend of .10 be added to high school principal for middle school principal of grades 7-8 bringing total index to .45. Willroth moved to approve the recommendation. Moxley seconded. Motion passed at 7:33 p.m. Willroth moved to approve the recommendation. Moxley seconded. Motion passed at 7:33 p.m.

Copeland recommended index of \$5,000 for peewee athletic coordinator. Willroth moved to approve the recommendation. Moxley seconded. Motion passed at 7:34 p.m.

**L. Supplemental instruction program**

Rutherford presented information on the AAA supplemental instruction program. Copeland recommended that the Mountainburg School District use the AAA supplemental instruction program for the 2017-18 school year. Willroth moved to approve the recommendation. Moxley seconded. Motion passed at 8:52 p.m.

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