

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOUNTAINBURG SCHOOL BOARD
TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2018**

5:00 P.M.

1. Call to order

Presiding officer was Robin Willroth. Meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. Other board members present were Karen Walker, Jason Watkins, Mike Moxley, and Boyd Mize. Administrators present were Dennis Copeland, Jason Rutherford, Debbie Pinkerton and Sandy Diamond.

2. Consent agenda (attachments)

A. Minutes of December meeting

B. Financial report

Moxley moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Mize seconded. Motion passed at 5:03 p.m.

3. Informational items

A. Proclamation recognizing school board members

Copeland read a proclamation from the Governor recognizing January as school board member appreciation month.

B. Applicant letter

Copeland read a letter from Andrew Curry who was an applicant for superintendent thanking the board for considering him for the position.

C. Card from Subteach

Copeland read a card in recognition and appreciation of school board members from Subteach.

D. HBO proposal for filming on campus

Copeland said HBO had been in contact about using part of campus for a segment on their next episode of True Detective. Copeland asked for approval to negotiate with HBO on their proposal including \$2,500 each day they are here which will be during spring break and proposed contract will be presented for approval by the board at the February meeting. Moxley moved to authorize superintendent to continue negotiations with HBO. Walker seconded. Motion passed at 5:14 p.m.

E. Administrator comments

Rutherford reported the following: there are a lot of basketball games happening, there will be training in the next few weeks for emergency situations, middle school awards will be given this week and high school awards will be given next week, band/choir will present a mini-performance to 5th-12th grades at 12:35 p.m. on January 24th, and ACT for juniors will be given on February 28th.

Pinkerton said she will be doing training for teachers which includes due process since there is new paperwork for that.

Diamond said assessments are starting and there will be meetings in the schools for training.

4. Regular agenda

Agenda change: Item E moved to beginning

E. Student handbook policy change at middle school

Copeland recommended that the board update the semester test exemption policy and GPA for the Middle School effective January 4, 2018. (copy of policy is attached) Mize moved to approve the recommendation. Watkins seconded. Motion passed at 5:28 p.m.

A. School board member inservice hours

Copeland reported on the Mountainburg School Board member in-service hours for the 2017-2018 school year. All five board members have met the state requirement for in-service hours for the 2017-2018 school year.

B. Waiver request to participate in MHS work leave program

Copeland recommended that Kendra Laws be granted a waiver from attending a full day of school and be allowed to participate in the MHS Work Leave program for the 2017-2018 school year due to financial hardship. Watkins moved to approve the recommendation. Moxley seconded. Motion passed at 5:31 p.m.

C. Resolution on the 2018-19 Facilities Master Plan

Copeland recommended that the board approve the resolution adopting the District's Facilities Master Plan for the 2018-2019 school year. All board members voted Aye to approve the resolution. (Resolution and plan are attached.)

D. Fiscal 2017 school audit

Copeland recommended that the board accept the private audit report for 2016-17 from Hubbs, Belcher & Company. The Mountainburg School District received a clear audit with no findings for the 2016-17 school year. Watkins moved to approve the recommendation. Moxley seconded. Motion passed at 5:39 p.m.

(Item E at beginning of regular agenda)

F. Executive session on personnel

Watkins moved to go to executive session. Moxley seconded. Motion passed at 5:40 p.m.

Watkins moved to leave executive session. Moxley seconded. Motion passed at 6:47 p.m.

G. Termination

Copeland recommended that Lisa Sims be terminated effective December 20, 2017 due to not meeting the paraprofessional requirements as required by a Title I school. Walker moved to approve the recommendation. Mize seconded. Motion passed at 6:48 p.m.

H. Clarification of superintendent contract for 2018-19

Walker moved that the superintendent contract for Debbie Atwell be according to salary schedule including stipend of .65 for 2 years from July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2020 and the vehicle benefit be calculated for the commuting distance from her home to school. Watkins seconded. Motion passed at 6:49 p.m.

I. Superintendent's evaluation

No action.

J. 2018 election budget

Watkins moved to adopt the attached Proposed Budget of Expenditures with Tax Levy for Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2019 to and including June 30, 2020 and to approve all related election documents. Walker seconded. Motion passed at 6:54 p.m.

Adjournment: Watkins moved to adjourn. Walker seconded. Motion passed at 6:55 p.m.