

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOUNTAINBURG SCHOOL BOARD

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2018

6:30 P.M.

1. Call to order

Presiding officer was Robin Willroth. Meeting was called to order at 5:34 p.m. Other board members present were Karen Walker, Jason Watkins, and Boyd Mize. Board member absent was Mike Moxley. Administrators present were Dennis Copeland, Tandi Jones, Jason Rutherford, and Debbie Pinkerton.

2. Consent agenda (attachments)

A. Minutes of January meeting

B. Financial report

Watkins moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Walker seconded. Motion passed at 5:35 p.m.

3. Informational items

A. Quiz Bowl recognition

Rutherford said good things are happening with Quiz Bowl. Sr. quiz bowl sponsor, Tina Sorensen, introduced Sabina Ryburn, Sr. quiz bowl team member, to the board and said Sabina has been accepted to attend John Hopkins Leadership Forum in Baltimore this summer. Jr. quiz bowl sponsor, Courtney Cristee, introduced Jodin Davidson and Eli Lovell, Jr. quiz bowl team members and reported they have done well in regionals and state competition. She also said Jodin Davidson qualified for the all star tournament at regional and state.

B. Administrator comments

Rutherford said Juniors will take the ACT tomorrow. He said baseball, softball and track are coming up, CAPS conferences have been completed, cheer tryouts are this week, and dance tryouts are soon. He said absenteeism is down at all schools but high school is still about 17%.

Jones said it is Seuss week at elementary with guests readers and activities. She said on March 9th they will have a guest author, Rhonda Friend, science night is March 9th and testing will be starting at the end of March into April.

Pinkerton said special education is preparing for assessment and working on annual reviews.

4. Regular agenda

A. Update on Safe Room/Change order

Phil Jones of C.R. Crawford said they will do a punch list walkthrough on Thursday and expect to have project completed by March 9th. He explained the items on change order #4 which totaled \$21,749.31. Copeland recommended approval of change order #4. Mize moved to approve the recommendation. Watkins seconded. Motion passed at 6:52 p.m.

B. Waiver request to participate in MHS work leave program

Copeland recommended that William Turkle and Matthew Thompson be allowed to participate in the MHS Work Leave Program for the remainder of the 2017-2018 school year due to financial hardship. Watkins moved to approve the recommendation. Walker seconded. Motion passed at 6:53 p.m.

C. Legal Liability insurance

Copeland recommended that the board approve BXS Insurance through the ASBA for \$6334 for Legal Liability Insurance for the 2018-2019 school year. Walker moved to approve the recommendation. Mize seconded. Motion passed at 6:54 p.m.

D. 2018-19 school calendar

Copeland presented the two calendar options and said Dr. Atwell had input on these options. Dr. Atwell explained the calendar options. Copeland said the vote on Option A was 58 and the vote on Option B was 55. Copeland recommended approving calendar option A for the 2018-19 school calendar. Walker moved to approve the recommendation. Mize seconded. Motion passed at 7:00 p.m.

E. Agreement with HBO (Random Production LLC) to film on campus for a fee

Copeland recommend that the board approve the contract with Random Productions LLC for \$19,250 for use of the Mountainburg Campus Facilities during Spring Break March 17-March 25/2018. Watkins moved to approve the recommendation as presented. Walker seconded. Motion passed at 7:03 p.m.

F. Executive session on personnel

Watkins moved to go to executive session. Mize seconded. Motion passed at 7:04 p.m.

Watkins moved to leave executive session. Mize seconded. Motion passed at 8:17 p.m.

G. Resignations

Copeland recommended accepting the resignation of Angela Volk, cook, effective 2-5-18. Watkins moved to approve the recommendation. Walker seconded. Motion passed at 8:18 p.m.

Copeland recommended accepting the resignation of Brooke Lockhart, Jr. High cheerleading sponsor, effective at the end of the 2017-18 school year. Walker moved to approve the recommendation. Mize seconded. Motion passed at 8:19 p.m.

Copeland recommended accepting with regret the retirement resignation of Ninette Gossage, special education secretary, effective at the end of the 2017-18 school year. Watkins moved to approve the recommendation. Mize seconded. Motion passed at 8:19 p.m.

Copeland recommended accepting the resignation of Madison Lemonier, math interventionist, effective at the end of the 2017-18 school year. Mize moved to approve the recommendation. Walker seconded. Motion passed at 8:20 p.m.

Copeland recommended accepting the resignation of Linda Dillard, reading specialist, at the end of the 2017-18 school year. Watkins moved to approve the resignation. Walker seconded. Motion passed at 8:20 p.m.

H. Personnel employment

Copeland recommended hiring Debbie Brummett for cook position for the remainder of the 2017-18 school year effective February 27, 2018. Watkins moved to approve the recommendation. Mize

seconded. Motion passed at 8:21 p.m.

Copeland recommended hiring Lindsey Manley for music paraprofessional/lunch duty for the remainder of the 2017-18 school year effective February 27, 2018. Walker moved to approve the recommendation. Mize seconded. Motion passed at 8:21 p.m.

Copeland recommended hiring Courtney Wasko for Jr. High cheerleading sponsor effective for the 2018-19 school year. Mize moved to approve the recommendation. Walker seconded. Motion passed at 8:22 p.m. Motion passed at 8:22 p.m.

I. Discussion of a Joint/Use Grant Opportunity

Copeland explained Dr. Atwell had met with personnel at each of the schools. One of the grants she is focused on is a grant opportunity for PLC group. Two grants recently received were for elementary PE and high school PE. Some other grants are based on joint use with the community. Copeland said the board discussed in executive session the possibility of contracted SRO services for remainder of school year.

Dr. Atwell expressed her appreciation for the cooperation of Mr. Copeland in allowing her to visit with staff and said she is impressed with the personnel.

Copeland reminded those present the deadline to file for the open school board positions is March 1st at noon.

Copeland stated the next board meeting will be March 26th at 5:30 p.m.

Adjournment: Watkins moved to adjourn. Walker seconded. Motion passed at 8:30 p.m.