

January 14, 2013

The Marshall County Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, January 14, 2013, at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Conference Room at Jones School.

Members present were Kristen Gold, Susan Hunter, Harvey Jones, Barbara Kennedy, Mike Keny, Ken Lilly, Sheryl McClintock, Donnie Moses, and Randy Perryman. No members were absent.

Prayer/Pledge

Mr. Jones made a motion, with a second by Ms. Kennedy, to approve the agenda. The motion passed 8-0.

Ms. McClintock arrived at this point.

Ms. Hunter made a motion, with a second by Mr. Moses, to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2012, regular session. The motion passed 9-0.

There was no MCEA report. MCEA President Nicky Randolph thanked board members for their congratulations when she was named News2's Educator of the Week.

There were no committee reports; however, Mr. Perryman scheduled a Maintenance Committee meeting for Tuesday, January 22 at 5:00 p.m. Mr. Moses scheduled a Budget Committee meeting for the same evening immediately following the Maintenance Committee meeting.

Ms. Kennedy made a motion, with a second by Mr. Jones, to adopt TSBA's policy 1.802 Section 504 and ADA Grievance Procedures as our own (attached). The motion passed 9-0.

Mr. Perryman made a motion, with a second by Mr. Jones, to approve the 2013-2014 School Calendar (attached). The motion passed 9-0.

There was no New Business.

During the Director's Report, Ms. Abernathy thanked board members and her staff for the support shown during the loss of her father. She announced that Sanford Corporation had donated a generous amount of school supplies to the system; Ms. Lewis and Ms. Smith are currently distributing the supplies to the schools. Ms. Abernathy went on to say she met with presidents of school parent organizations just prior to the board meeting; safety was a main concern discussed during the meeting.

Ms. Abernathy then presented a proposal by Sheriff Norman Dalton which would place SROs in all schools and letters she would like to send to county municipalities asking for financial support to hire those SROs. Mr. Jones made a motion, with a second by Ms. Hunter, to support mailing the letters. During discussions, concern was expressed that the additional SROs may create an ongoing expense to the system.

As discussions continued, Mr. Jones made a motion, with a second by Mr. Perryman, to suspend the rules and allow Sheriff Dalton to address the board; the motion passed 9-0. Following Sheriff Dalton's address, the vote on the original motion passed 8-1, with Ms. Kennedy voting no.

Continuing her Director's Report, Ms. Abernathy pointed out that during a previous meeting the board approved the Reading Textbook Adoption Committee. Since then the decision has been made that only K-5 would adopt reading books, while sixth grade would adopt literature books; therefore, sixth grade teachers Alice White and Tammi Pruitt are being removed from the textbook committee. Ms. Kennedy made a motion, with a second by Mr. Moses, to remove these sixth grade teachers from the committee; the motion passed 9-0.

Ms. Abernathy explained that the computer labs at Cornersville Elementary, Forrest School, and MCHS will be open on designated evenings for the public's use. Flyers will be sent home with students indicating days and hours of operation.

Before adjourning, Mr. Keny told the board about a thank you card received from retired teacher Nancy Orman praising the music program at MCHS.

The meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Mike Keny, Chairman

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Jackie Abernathy, Director