

July 17, 2007

The Marshall County Board of Education met in regular session on Tuesday, July 17, 2007 at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Conference Room at Jones School.

Members present were Debbie Allen, Jerry Campbell, Tim Harrison, Kristen Gold, Craig Michael, Randy Perryman, Ann Tears and Todd Tietgens. Absent was John McCullough.

Prayer/Pledge

Mr. Harrison made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 14, 2007 meeting. Mr. Tietgens seconded the motion and the motion passed 8-0.

Mr. Gary Davis of the NAACP addressed the Board expressing their concern regarding the hiring, promotion and retention of African Americans.

Two lists of technology equipment were presented with a request that the Board declare these items surplus. Ms. Tears made a motion to approve this request with the second by Ms. Gold. The motion passed 8-0.

A change to Policy 6.316 "Suspension/Expulsion/Remand" was presented (see attached). Mr. Perryman made a motion to approve the change with the second by Mr. Harrison. The motion passed 8-0. A motion was made by Mr. Tietgens to delete the last section of Policy 4.603 "Promotion and Retention" (see attached). Ms. Allen seconded the motion and the motion passed 8-0. These policies will be presented again at the August meeting for second and final reading.

A letter was presented from Larissa Delk, Child Nutrition Supervisor, requesting that the price for adult breakfast be increased from \$.95 to \$1.00 for 2007-2008. Ms. Gold made a motion to approve the request with the second by Mr. Tietgens. The motion passed 8-0.

A request was made by Bob Edens, Principal at Cornersville High, to approve Kurt Denton as a volunteer middle school football coach. Harold Roberts, Principal at MCHS, requested that Claire Rebancos and Larry Pung be approved as volunteer coaches for girls and boys soccer. Ms. Tears made a motion to approve these requests with the second by Mr. Michael. The motion passed 8-0.

Amendment #2 for the Federal Special Education Pre-School budget was presented for approval (see attached). Mr. Campbell made a motion to approve the amendment with the second by Mr. Harrison. The motion passed 8-0.

Under new business, Ms. Gold made a motion that line item transfers for General Purpose (141) and Food Service (143) be approved for the 06-07 budget year (see attached). Mr. Harrison seconded the motion and the motion passed 8-0.

In the Directors report, Mr. Pierce informed the Board that more African/American teachers had been hired for the 07-08 school year than any year in memory. He reported that 19% of the administration is African-American. He also reported that new Pre-K, reading and remediation programs should help in closing the test score gap between economically disadvantaged and regular students.

Mr. Pierce gave the Board members a copy of a letter sent to teachers with the upcoming in-service schedule and told them they were welcome to attend any of the sessions.

He gave the members copies of all employees' work schedules and informed them that he had met with the Principals and everything was in place to start school.

Mr. Perryman asked about the status of the reading program and Mr. Pierce replied that the in-service should adequately train the teachers on the program.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jerry Campbell, Chairman

John D. Pierce, Director