

November 10, 2014

The Marshall County Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, November 10, 2014, at approximately 5:50 p.m., immediately following the Policy Committee meeting, in the Board Conference Room at Jones School.

Members present were John Daniel Allen, Julie Keny Cathey, Kristen Gold, Susan Hunter, Harvey Jones, Sheryl McClintock, Donnie Moses, and Randy Perryman. Ken Lilly was absent.

Prayer/Pledge

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

Director Abernathy recognized students Makayla Sheppard and Meagan Walsh, who represented MCHS at the FCCLA National Leadership Meeting in San Antonio, Texas, during which they earned gold in their respective events.

Ms. Abernathy then honored the Classified Employees of the Month: Becky Blackall, MCHS; Glenn Ezell and Ricky Hitchcock, Bus Garage; Wendell McClure, Technology Dept.; Todd McLean, MES.

Forrest School CDC teacher Ava Hinson introduced the board to one of her students, Calvyn Bohnert, who creates beautiful works of art on ceiling tiles, glass and from working with polymer clay.

Maury Wood, a teacher at Westhills, told the board about the Be Kind Club, which consists of his sixth grade class performing acts of kindness for others. Ms. Abernathy stated she would like to expand the club to other schools.

Emily Darnell and Anna Childress from the Marshall County Health Department presented information about the Teenagers Against Tobacco Use (TATU) grant.

Elementary Coordinator Tammy Lewis and Bridges Director Pam London presented information on the 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant (Building Bridges).

Mr. Jones made a motion, with a second by Ms. McClintock, to approve the minutes of the October 6, 2014, regular session. The motion passed 8-0.

Vicki Michael presented the MCEA Report. She thanked the board members for finding the funds and getting the county commission to approve raises. She mentioned that MCEA hosted a community meeting in which educational issues were discussed. Ms. Michael concluded by saying the TEA is planning an upcoming meeting for first-through-fifth-year teachers.

During the Policy Committee report, Mr. Jones stated the Policy Committee met prior to the evening's board meeting. Mr. Jones made a motion, with a second by Ms. Hunter, to approve the following policies with changes: 4.400 Instructional Resources and Materials, 4.401 Textbook Selection, Distribution and Care, 5.112 Extended Contracts, 6.308 Bus Conduct, 6.309

Zero Tolerance Offenses, 6.4001 Student Surveys, Analyses, and Evaluations, and 6.601 Student Records Annual Notification of Rights (all attached). The motion passed 8-0.

Mr. Perryman made a motion, with a second by Ms. McClintock, to approve the consent agenda (attached). The motion passed 8-0.

Mr. Jones made a motion, with a second by Mr. Allen, to approve the low bid of Mobile Fixture for the cafeteria serving line (attached). The motion passed 8-0.

Mr. Jones made a motion, with a second by Ms. Hunter, to approve the low bid of Team Craft for roof repairs (attached). The motion passed 8-0.

Mr. Perryman made a motion, with a second by Mr. Jones, to approve the Contractor's Pay Request (attached). The motion passed 8-0.

Mr. Allen made a motion, with a second by Mr. Jones, to approve the revised Federal budgets (attached). The motion passed 8-0.

Ms. Gold made a motion, with a second by Ms. Hunter, to acknowledge the system's cash flow and where the fund balance stands (cash flow schedule attached). The motion passed 8-0.

The board was given a link to view the system's report card on the TDOE website.

There was no new business.

To begin the Director's Report, Ms. Abernathy told the board there are several Veterans' Day programs the next day, and board members are welcome to attend any and all of the events.

Ms. Abernathy explained the food service department wishes to make renovations in the Cornersville School cafeteria because it is still set up as a K-12 school. The renovations will cost approximately \$51,344.30, and food service has the money in the budget to cover the costs. Mr. Jones made a motion, with a second by Ms. McClintock, to allow the renovations to take place; the motion passed 8-0.

Oak Grove and Westhills would like to change their mascot from the Eagles and Bulldogs, respectively, to the Tigers, effective next school year. Ms. Hunter made a motion, with a second by Ms. Cathey, to allow the change. The motion passed 8-0.

Ms. Abernathy told the board that the Athletic Director at Cornersville High School is retiring in December; according to the supplement schedule, "No head coach or administrator shall be Athletic Director." She feels this is posing a problem in the schools because of the difficulty finding someone willing to fill the position; therefore, Ms. Abernathy recommends striking that line from the supplement schedule. Mr. Jones made a motion, with a second by Mr. Allen, to delete the line. Ms. Gold expressed concern that this would result in too much time needed to adequately perform both duties for one person. Ms. Abernathy stated that if this becomes an issue, the board can always reverse the change. The motion passed 7-1, with Ms. Gold voting no.

Mr. Jones made a motion, with a second by Ms. Cathey, to move the fence behind MES 16 feet, fill the space with gravel and dirt to make a road (per the Fire Marshal), and allow for additional paving for the buses to park. The motion passed 8-0.

Ms. Abernathy told the board that Verizon has offered to place phones in every classroom, at no cost, for the teachers to use in an emergency. The only charge would be if the phone was used to contact a person outside the Verizon network (5 cents per minute). She will investigate to make sure this is true.

She concluded the Director's Report by stating she spoke with a representative of R&D Enterprises, who is working with TDOT. TDOT is seeking to purchase .037 acre of land north of Westhills for \$685. The property is needed to expand the intersection. Ms. Abernathy told the board that she explained to the gentleman that the system wouldn't consider selling the property for less than \$2,500. The board asked Ms. Abernathy to check with someone who could give her market value on the property.

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donnie Moses, Chairman

Jackie Abernathy, Director