

December 12, 2016

The Marshall County Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, December 12, 2016, at 6:00 p.m., in the Board Conference Room at Jones School.

Members present were Julie Keny Cathey, John Dippold, Kristen Gold, Susan Hunter, Harvey Jones, Donnie Moses, Robert Warf, and Andy Woodard. John Daniel Allen was absent.

Prayer/Pledge

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

Mr. Sorrells recognized Louanne Bailey as the Westhills Elementary School Classified Employee of the Month.

Mr. Jones made a motion, with a second by Ms. Gold, to grant tenure to Wesley Hobbs. The motion passed 8-0.

Ms. Hunter made a motion, with a second by Ms. Cathey, to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2016, regular session. The motion passed 8-0.

There was no MCEA report.

Technology Supervisor Suzanne Ingram presented a technology update.

During the Maintenance Committee report, Mr. Jones made a motion, with a second by Mr. Woodard, to ask the county commission for funding to purchase three maintenance trucks. The motion passed 8-0.

Continuing the Maintenance Committee report, Mr. Jones explained that Westhills Elementary School has a problem with the foundation. Since only one repair bid (\$32,000) has been received and the repairs can be delayed for a short time, the topic was tabled until the January board meeting in order to receive more bids.

Mr. Jones stated that the type of Freon (R22) being used in the system's AC units is being phased out and will be replaced with Freon (410A) that requires the replacement of coils on the inside of the units and the condensers on the outside. Suggestion was made during the Maintenance Committee meeting that the school system purchase a skid of R22 for \$28,800 before the price increases and before the Freon is phased out. Concern was expressed that the system would be paying for the soon-to-be phased out Freon when the units will have to be replaced at some point to accept 410A.

Other topics discussed during the December 5th meeting: lights on the baseball field in Cornersville have blown and need to be replaced; renovating Preston Hopkins field to be a football field only and building a baseball field at a separate location.

Kevin Turner with Stephen Ward & Associates discussed the various bids to repair roofs throughout the system. Mr. Jones made a motion, with a second by Mr. Dippold, to approve the bids for repairs at Forrest School, Cornersville School, Board of Education, and Lewisburg Middle School (attached), placing Marshall Elementary on the priority list for next year. The motion passed 8-0.

During the Curriculum Committee report, Ms. Cathey stated the district's goals, which include ranking as the highest achieving school district in South Central Tennessee on ACT, TNReady exams, and 3-6 ELA TNReady scores. She explained the PLC Plan, and stated that Felisha Eddings, Beth Smith, and Jennifer Smith presented a reading plan, ACT plan, and data, respectively. Ms. Cathey asked Mr. Sorrells to explain in greater detail the plans presented during the Curriculum Committee meeting.

Mr. Jones made a motion, with a second by Ms. Cathey to approve policies 2.601 Student Solicitations/Fundraising Activities, 3.500 Food Service Management, 4.207 English Learners, 4.600 Grading System, 4.700 Testing Programs, 5.305 Family and Medical Leave, 6.200 Attendance Elementary Schools, and 6.2001 Attendance Middle and High School with changes, and new policies 5.1101 Differentiated Pay Plan and 6.505 Students in Foster Care (all attached). The motion passed 8-0. No action was taken on policy 4.605 Graduation Requirements/Activities.

Mr. Dippold made a motion, with a second by Mr. Warf, to approve the 2017 graduation dates (CVHS Thursday, May 18 at 6:00 p.m.; FHS Thursday, May 18 at 7:30 p.m.; MCHS Friday, May 19 at 7:00 p.m.). The motion passed 7-1; Mr. Jones voted no.

Mr. Dippold made a motion, with a second by Ms. Cathey, to approve the 2017-2018 school calendar (attached). Mr. Jones requested that if there is an issue with the 2017 graduation programs (two schools graduating on the same night), that the 2018 graduation dates be revisited. The motion passed 8-0.

Ms. Hunter made a motion, with a second by Mr. Jones, to approve the Federal Budgets Revision #3 (attached). The motion passed 8-0.

There was no new business.

Jennifer Smith presented data information to the board.

During the Director's Report Mr. Sorrells asked for and was granted permission to collect numbers and facts on replacing the lights at the Cornersville School baseball field, and on the renovations on Preston Hopkins Field and the relocation of the MCHS baseball field. He thanked former board member Ken Lilly and CKNA for the \$10,000 donation to the MCHS Renaissance Program; thanked the teachers, staff and students for positive EOC test results; and thanked Ms. Ingram for her hard work providing technology for the school system.

Mr. Jones referred to a letter from Cenergistic placed at each board member's seat which revealed a total energy savings of \$805,954 over the past four years. Mr. Sorrells stated that the contract with Cenergistic ends in June, but the system will retain energy specialist Roy "Bam" Haislip to continue overseeing the system's energy program.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donnie Moses, Chairman

Jacob Sorrells, Director