

September 15, 2014

The Marshall County Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, September 15, 2014, at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Conference Room at Jones School.

Members present were John Daniel Allen, Julie Keny Cathey, Kristen Gold, Susan Hunter, Harvey Jones, Ken Lilly, Sheryl McClintock, Donnie Moses, and Randy Perryman. No members were absent.

Before beginning the meeting, acting chairman Kristen Gold welcomed new board members Julie Keny Cathey and John Daniel Allen.

Prayer/Pledge

Ms. Gold then turned the meeting over to Director of Schools Jackie Abernathy. Ms. Abernathy opened the floor for nominations for Chairman of the Board. Mr. Jones made a motion, with a second by Mr. Lilly, to nominate Mr. Moses for the position. Ms. Gold made a motion, with a second by Mr. Perryman, to close nominations. The motion passed 9-0; Mr. Moses was named Chairman of the Board.

Mr. Moses then asked for nominations for Vice-Chairman. Mr. Jones made a motion, with a second by Mr. Lilly, to nominate Ms. Gold. Ms. McClintock made a motion, with a second by Mr. Perryman, to close nominations. The motion passed 9-0. Ms. Gold will serve as the Vice-Chairman.

Mr. Moses then asked for nominations for Chairman Pro-Tem. Ms. Hunter made a motion, with a second by Ms. Cathey, to nominate Mr. Perryman. Mr. Jones made a motion, with a second by Mr. Lilly, to close nominations. The motion passed 9-0. Mr. Perryman will serve as Chairman Pro-Tem.

Mr. Perryman made a motion, with a second by Mr. Jones, to approve the agenda. The motion passed 9-0.

The following teachers were recommended for tenure: Natalie Dennis, Gina Ervin, Laura Giles, Blair Goodman, Deanna Jenkins, Katherine Jewell, Dana Johnson, Rebecca McKay, and Michelle Thammavongsa. Mr. Jones made a motion, with a second by Ms. Hunter, to grant tenure to these teachers. The motion passed 9-0.

The board acknowledged the generous donation made to the MCHS Swim Team by Ebekenezer Farms in the amount of \$32,000. The donation will be used to purchase equipment, such as a scoreboard, timers, and starting blocks. Ms. Abernathy stated that a thank you note will be sent to the donor.

Ms. Abernathy recognized the Classified Employees of the Month: Marlene Blalock, Patti Harmon, Tim Holt, Lisa Isley, and Adam Morgan.

Ms. Hunter made a motion, with a second by Mr. Lilly, to approve the minutes of the August 11, 2014, regular session, and the August 12, 15, and 18, 2014, executive committee sessions. The motion passed 9-0.

There was no MCEA Report.

Rick Daugherty of Orion presented a building program update.

On the topic of selling the extra topsoil from the Chapel Hill Intermediate School construction site, Mr. Lilly made a motion, with a second by Ms. Gold, to table the issue until the system has more information as to whether or not the soil would have to be bid and to give us a chance to see if the soil can be used for other applications at the remaining schools. The motion passed 9-0.

Roy Haislip presented a Cenergistic progress update.

Ms. Gold made a motion, with a second by Mr. Jones, to combine the Transportation and Acquisition/Maintenance committees. The motion passed 8-1, with Mr. Lilly voting no.

There were no committee reports.

Concerning electing a TLN Representative, Ms. Abernathy told the board she attends legislative conferences, and the system stays well informed through our representatives. The board decided not to appoint a TLN Representative.

Mr. Jones made a motion, with a second by Mr. Lilly, to hold monthly board meetings on the second Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m. (with the exception of the October meeting which was previously scheduled for October 6). The motion passed 9-0.

Ms. Gold made a motion, with a second by Mr. Jones, to approve the salary schedules (attached). During discussions, the board agreed to increase the sub bus driver pay by \$10.00. Ms. Gold amended her motion, with a second by Mr. Jones, to include the change. The motion passed 9-0.

Mr. Jones made a motion, with a second by Mr. Perryman, to approve the propane bid (attached). The motion passed 9-0.

Mr. Jones made a motion, with a second by Mr. Lilly, to accept the toner bid submitted by Toner Campus (attached), the low bidder. The motion passed 9-0.

Ms. Hunter made a motion, with a second by Ms. McClintock, to approve the revised Federal Budgets (attached). The motion passed 9-0.

There was no new business.

To begin the Director's Report, Ms. Abernathy told the board that the City of Chapel Hill will reimburse the system \$59,442.00, the cost of a fire flow project at CHIS.

Ms. Hunter made a motion, with a second by Ms. Cathey, to approve the Marshall County Art Guild's request to use Marshall County High School to hold a Christmas Craft Fair/Bazaar on November 22. The motion passed 9-0.

Mr. Jones made a motion, with a second by Mr. Perryman, to approve salvaging 15 metal TV carts. The motion passed 9-0.

Mr. Perryman made a motion, with a second by Mr. Jones, to approve paying the Contractor's Pay Request. The motion passed 9-0.

The board reviewed enrollment numbers. Ms. Abernathy stated she met earlier in the day with Greg Lowe and Lyn Stacey about CTE; Mr. Lowe expressed that he felt the county would see several new people coming to the area for jobs, which could result in an increase in enrollment numbers.

She added that Tom Creasy from TCAT in Pulaski was also at the meeting to give the group information on certifications, so that when students graduate from high school they would be certified as production techs, and about the four modules included in this program. This could be used as dual enrollment; if this could be worked out, TCAT would give the system half of the dual enrollment to help with the cost of the tests. Also discussed was TCAT using the Vocational School at night to teach skills to students who are recent graduates (19- to 25-year-old population). Mr. Lilly stated he would like to solicit local industry to help support this program financially, since local industry will benefit from what the students will learn.

Mr. Perryman made a motion, with a second by Ms. McClintock, to approve the Marshall County High School Boys' Basketball team's request to take part in a Thanksgiving tournament in Forrest City, Arkansas, November 25-30, 2014. The motion passed 9-0.

To conclude the meeting, Ms. Abernathy thanked those who attended the recent TSBA Fall District Meeting, she thanked MCHS for hosting the event and the students who helped make the event a success. Ms. Abernathy told the board she attended the Directors' Meeting in Gatlinburg the previous week; she asked the governor during a question and answer session if he could help get our bus driver applicants tested for CDLs.

Mr. Moses read a thank you card from Grant Cook, Sara Mitchell, and Jenny Mae Wood for the board's support at the National FBLA Leadership Conference. Mr. Moses also thanked everyone involved for the success of the Fall District Meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donnie Moses, Chairman

Jackie Abernathy, Director