

July 11, 2011

The Marshall County Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, July 11, 2011, at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Conference Room at Jones School.

Members present were Curt Denton, Kristen Gold, Harvey Jones, Barbara Kennedy, Mike Keny, Donnie Moses, Sam Smith, and Ann Tears. Randy Perryman was absent.

Prayer/Pledge

The following additions were made to the agenda: Mr. Keny – removing a bus from surplus; Ms. Kennedy – collaboration team, the budget and where we are in the process, job postings, policy for standard school attire, and moving sports to after school. Ms. Kennedy made a motion to approve the agenda with the additions. Ms. Gold seconded the motion, and the motion passed 7-0 (Mr. Denton was not present for the vote).

The following teacher was recommended for tenure: Jessica Writesman. Mr. Jones made a motion to grant tenure to Ms. Writesman. Mr. Moses seconded the motion, and the motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Moses made a motion, with a second by Mr. Smith, to approve the minutes of the June 13, 2011, regular session. The motion passed 7-0.

There was no MCEA report.

Ms. Kennedy made a motion, with a second by Mr. Smith, to approve the transportation department's list of items for surplus (see attached), and, going forward, transportation supervisor Michael Frey investigate what a surplus item would sell for scrap metal and use that amount as a floor for bidding. The motion passed 7-0.

Ms. Kennedy made a motion to approve the salvage list of technology equipment (see attached). Ms. Gold seconded the motion and the motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Jones made a motion, with a second by Mr. Moses, to opt out of the portion of policy 4.301 Interscholastic Athletics which would allow homeschoolers to participate in school sports. During discussion, Mr. Dukes stated if the board votes to opt out, he would send a letter to TSSAA stating such. Mr. Denton arrived at this point. The motion passed 7-1, with Ms. Kennedy voting no.

On second reading, Ms. Kennedy made a motion, with a second by Mr. Moses, to approve the changes on policy #4.603 Promotion and Retention and policy #4.700 Testing Programs (see attached). The motion passed 8-0.

Ms. Kennedy made a motion to approve Special Course Codes (see attached). Ms. Tears seconded the motion, and the motion passed 8-0.

Supervisor of Secondary Instruction Julie Thomas addressed the board on Accreditation Progress Report, followed by a PowerPoint presentation on the Model Schools Conference and Common Core Standards.

Before approving bids, Mr. Dukes informed the board that a bus had been pulled from the bid list because the county expressed interest in purchasing the vehicle for use by Solid Waste Director Morgan Thomas/ Marshall County Solid Waste Department, to transport prisoners for trash pick-up. Ms. Kennedy made a motion to accept the highest bids on surplus items (see attached). Mr. Moses seconded the motion and the motion passed 8-0. Mr. Moses made a motion, with a second by Mr. Denton, to sell the previously-mentioned bus to the county at an average of the five bids on a similar piece of equipment (1995 Blue Bird 27-passenger bus: avg. = \$667). The motion passed 8-0.

In the Budget Committee report, Mr. Moses stated that with all the information requested for the next meeting, the board should be able to finalize numbers. Mr. Dukes added that he had spoken with Marshall County's Director of Accounts and Budgets Freda Terry who indicated that if the board could have some type of budget prepared by the first week of August, she can start the process to get the information to the Education and Budget Committees of the Commission, then on to the Commission. Mr. Moses reminded the board of the next Budget Committee meeting: Tuesday, July 19 at 6:30 p.m. Ms. Kennedy made a motion, with a second by Ms. Gold, that by the July 19th Budget Committee meeting, Mr. Dukes and Ms. Cook-Jones provide the board with complete and accurate information in regards to where the board stands with the budget. During discussions, the board requested month-end reports be included in each monthly board packet. The motion passed 7-0-1, with Ms. Tears abstaining. A Special Called meeting was scheduled for Monday, August 1 at 6:30 p.m. to approve an organization chart and budget.

In the Policy Committee report, Ms. Tears stated the committee met on June 21 to discuss policy #6.310 Dress Code. Several principals and administrators present expressed favor for passing a Standard School Attire policy for the 2012-2013 school year. The committee will continue to study the issue and bring it back to the full board at a later date. The committee also addressed requirements for graduation; more discussion and study will take place on this issue.

Ms. Gold, speaking on behalf of the Curriculum Committee, stated the Curriculum Committee will meet on Thursday, August 18 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss many of the issues Ms. Thomas brought out in her PowerPoint presentation.

Ms. Gold left the meeting at this point.

Since removing a bus from surplus was discussed earlier, the request to add this on the agenda was withdrawn. On the topic of collaboration team, Mr. Dukes told the board a meeting is being held in Bedford County on August 5; Ms. Kennedy encouraged Mr. Dukes to include chairmen of the policy, budget, curriculum, and calendar committees on the team.

Continuing New Business, budget and school attire were removed from the agenda. On the topic of job postings, Ms. Kennedy requested that on future job postings the language "pending budget approval" be included. Ms. Kennedy asked the board to consider moving sports to after school.

Under Old Business, Mr. Moses made a motion, with a second by Mr. Denton, to relieve the current mower and go with Jed Lamb, last year's mower who completed the job successfully, at a slightly increased rate for the balance of this mowing season. Mr. Dukes will contact Mr. Lamb to verify he is available to complete the season; he will then contact the current mower to see if he would like to forfeit his contract. The motion passed 7-0.

On the topic of Structural Engineers at Forrest, Ms. Kennedy made a motion to retain United Structural Systems to provide an assessment and estimate for repair. Mr. Jones seconded the motion and the motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Smith left the meeting at this point.

During the Director's Report, Mr. Dukes asked the board to complete the mediation settlement discussed in last month's meeting. Mr. Keny made a motion, with a second by Mr. Jones, to approve the mediation settlement. The motion passed 6-0. Continuing Director's Report, Mr. Dukes discussed: Siemens is on task, Model Schools Conference, Teacher Evaluation Training, Test Scores and AYP. Ms. Kennedy requested that, after completing the budget process, Supervisor of Elementary Instruction Vylatte Gooch give a presentation to the board concerning plans to increase test scores. Mr. Dukes displayed a thank you card from CHS teacher Vicky Carlton and students Rebecca Talley, Camie Culbertson, and Jessica Carlton for allowing them the opportunity to attend the FBLA National Leadership Conference in Orlando.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mike Keny, Chairman

Roy Dukes, Director