

July 12, 2012

The Marshall County Board of Education met in regular session on Thursday, July 12, 2012, 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, Randy Perryman, Sam Smith, and Ann Tears. No members were absent.

Prayer/Pledge

Mr. Keny thanked Larissa Delk, Beverly Jett, Beth Stockwell and others who supplied refreshments and set up the meet and greet reception welcoming new administrators. He then shared thank you cards from Forrest High School's Rachel Whaley and Paten Pruitt for the reception and gifts presented at the May board meeting. He also displayed a scrapbook which contains thank you cards and pictures from past events; the scrapbook will be placed in the front lobby.

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

Robbie McDaniel and Scotty Liggett of Lewisburg Elks Lodge #1990 presented copies of the book "America's Heroes: Untold Stories of Honor, Courage and Sacrifice" for placement in the libraries at Marshall County High School, Cornersville High School, Forrest High School, and Lewisburg Middle School.

Mr. Moses made a motion, with a second by Ms. Kennedy, to approve the minutes of the June 14 regular session and the June 28 special called session. The motion passed 9-0.

In the MCEA report, MCEA President Nicky Randolph stated there are no issues or concerns at this time. She informed the board that everyone is working hard and several of the teachers are involved with Common Core training.

Mr. Moses scheduled a Budget Committee meeting for Monday, July 30 at 6:00 p.m.

Ms. Kennedy made a motion, with a second by Mr. Denton, to accept the \$568,800 Bridges grant, contingent on federal funding; the motion passed 9-0. Nancy Aldridge currently oversees the Bridges Program; once she retires in the next few months, the system's Deputy Director and Elementary Coordinator will take over those responsibilities.

Ms. Kennedy made a motion, with a second by Mr. Denton, to approve the Special Education Bus Bid (attached). The motion passed 9-0.

Before discussions of the supplement list, Ms. Abernathy asked that the topic be deferred until the August meeting to allow the budget committee a chance to look over the list, as well as give the principals an opportunity to complete the list once their employees are in place. Ms. Kennedy asked that the board be provided the number of students in each sport/club and what surrounding counties pay for supplements.

Ms. Kennedy made a motion, with a second by Mr. Perryman, to approve the first grade report card (attached). During discussions, board members expressed concern that the markings indicating progress were not consistent on the front and back of the report card; suggestion was made to replace “A indicates your child needs to improve” with “/Needs Improvement”. The motion passed 8-1, with Mr. Denton voting no. As discussions continued, Ms. Kennedy rescinded her original motion to make a motion, with a second by Mr. Denton, to accept the first grade report card with the noted change; the motion passed 9-0.

Ms. Kennedy made a motion, with a second by Ms. Gold, to approve the Food Service Budget (attached); the motion passed 9-0. Ms. Kennedy then made a motion, with a second by Ms. Gold, that in the event the county commission approves a raise for county employees, Food Service is authorized to mirror the increase to be paid out of Food Service fund balance; the motion passed 9-0.

There was no New Business.

During Director’s Report, Mr. Denton made a motion, with a second by Mr. Perryman, leave the decision to mow Preston Hopkins Field to Ms. Abernathy until the August meeting; the motion passed 9-0.

Ms. Abernathy announced that Lewisburg’s Tractor Supply Company has donated \$1,000 worth of paint to the system. A thank you note will be sent to TSC.

Since it has been difficult to find a certified Spanish teacher, Ms. Abernathy asked the board’s permission to offer Spanish I and Spanish II at Forrest School through A+ as a new credit this year. The position has been posted and reposted, but there have been no certified applicants. She explained that one of the applicants speaks fluent Spanish, and she would like to hire him as an assistant the first semester; he has submitted his transcripts to the state in an attempt to obtain a license. Ms. Abernathy went on to tell the board if a certified teacher applies before the second semester, that person will be hired; if not, the course will continue with A+ and the assistant. Mr. Smith made a motion, with a second by Mr. Jones, to approve the request. The motion passed 6-1-2, with Mr. Denton voting no, and Ms. Gold and Ms. Tears abstaining.

Continuing the Director’s Report, Ms. Abernathy requested that new Coordinated School Health Coordinator Deborah Wade, who has a Masters + 30 and over 30 years experience, be placed on the coordinators’ salary schedule; this will advance her salary to \$62,175, all of which will be taken from grant funds. Ms. Kennedy made a motion, with a second by Mr. Perryman, to approve the request. Ms. Kennedy asked that the board receive, by categories, what CSH costs the school system; the topic will be added to the Budget Committee meeting agenda. The motion passed 9-0.

Ms. Abernathy told the board that Marshall Medical Center has provided funds to purchase a concussion assessment tool called ImPACT (Immediate Post-Concussion Assessment and Cognitive Testing). The athletic trainers will, with parental approval, perform a baseline test on all athletes at the high and middle schools to use as a guide when testing for a suspected concussion later. Mr. Moses made a motion, with a second by Mr. Denton, to accept the offer.

After discussions, Mr. Moses withdrew his motion until counsel can be consulted about any possible legal ramifications in the future.

Concluding her Director's Report, Ms. Abernathy stated that Finance Director Janet Wiles has made some adjustments to the proposed budget, including adding the 3% support raise contingent on what the county commission decides concerning raises for county employees. During discussions, the board asked that a correction be made to Bus Drivers on 72710. With the adjustments, Mr. Moses made a motion, with a second by Mr. Denton, to send the school system's budget to the county commission's education committee for preliminary review and recommendation. Before taking a vote, Mr. Moses, Ms. Kennedy, Mr. Keny and Ms. Tears read a disclosure statement. The motion passed 9-0.

The meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mike Keny, Chairman

Jackie Abernathy, Director