

March 11, 2013

The Marshall County Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, March 11, 2013, at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Conference Room at Jones School.

Members present were Kristen Gold, Susan Hunter, Harvey Jones, Barbara Kennedy, Mike Keny, Ken Lilly, Donnie Moses, and Randy Perryman. Sheryl McClintock was absent.

Prayer/Pledge

The following addition was made to the agenda: Mr. Moses – Update on the entrance camera system at Westhills. Mr. Perryman made a motion, with a second by Mr. Jones, to approve the agenda with the addition. The motion passed 8-0.

Ms. Abernathy publicly thanked the Town of Chapel Hill for the donation of a car to Spot Lowe Vocational Center's automotive class.

The winners of the LMS National Geographic Bee and the MCEA District-wide Spelling Bee were honored, as well as the system's Teachers of the Year.

Ms. Hunter made a motion, with a second by Mr. Lilly, to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2013, regular session. The motion passed 8-0.

There was no MCEA report; however, MCEA President Nicky Randolph took the opportunity to thank the board for allowing her to attend a recent teacher recruitment fair.

There were no committee reports.

Mr. Perryman scheduled a Maintenance Committee meeting for Tuesday, April 2 at 5:30 p.m.

A work session of the board was scheduled for Thursday, April 4 at 6:00 p.m.

Ms. Kennedy made a motion, with a second by Mr. Jones, to approve Policy 3.202 Emergency Preparedness Plan; the motion passed 8-0. Mr. Perryman made a motion, with a second by Mr. Moses, to approve Policy 5.113 In-Service and Professional Learning Opportunities; the motion passed 8-0. Ms. Kennedy made a motion, with a second by Mr. Jones, to approve Policy 6.201 Compulsory Attendance Ages; the motion passed 8-0. These policies will be brought before the board for a second reading during the April board meeting.

Mr. Moses made a motion, with a second by Mr. Lilly, to declare an old scoreboard as surplus and donate it to the city of Lewisburg. The motion passed 8-0.

Ms. Kennedy made a motion, with a second by Mr. Keny, to award the mowing bid to Denton Lawn Care, even though it wasn't the low bid, because Mr. Denton is a local citizen.

Ms. Abernathy informed the board that there is a possibility the system could have an audit finding for not accepting the low bid. Ms. Kennedy asked that the rules be suspended and allow Finance Director Janet Wiles address the board; Ms. Wiles stated that years ago the system had an audit finding because the board awarded a bid to a business because they were local, and not the low bid. She added that we have to prove that there's an issue with the low bidder. The motion passed 8-0 (bid sheet attached). The board wanted it on record that Denton Lawn Care was also selected because of Mr. Denton's prior experience mowing the school system's properties.

Ms. Gold made a motion, with a second by Mr. Jones, to approve the textbook adoption (attached). The motion passed 8-0.

Mr. Perryman made a motion, with a second by Mr. Jones, to continue using Lewis, King, Krieg & Waldrop, P.C., as our board attorney. The motion passed 8-0.

In providing an update on the security camera system at the entrance to Westhills, Ms. Abernathy stated it would cost approximately \$7,000 to equip the remaining schools. She added that Westhills is pleased with the system. This will be a topic of discussion at the upcoming Maintenance Committee meeting, as well as the purchase of cameras to place throughout the schools, not just at the front entrance.

During the Director's Report, Ms. Kennedy made a motion, with a second by Mr. Jones, to approve the use of facility request submitted by the Town of Chapel Hill Parks & Recreation Board to use the Forrest School back parking lot and concessions building restrooms to host a car show on April 13. The motion passed 8-0.

Mr. Moses made a motion, with a second by Mr. Lilly, to rescind the previous motion to approve the reconfiguration plan; the motion passed 8-0. Ms. Kennedy made a motion, with a second by Mr. Moses, to approve the reconfiguration as is currently presented (OGES: PreK-1; MES: 2, 3; WES: 4-6; beginning 2013-14 school year); the motion passed 8-0.

Continuing Director's Report, Ms. Abernathy gave the number of out-of-county students attending Marshall County schools. Mr. Moses requested to suspend the rules and allow Cornersville School Principal Bob Edens to address the issue of out-of-county students attending his school; he explained the majority of these students' homes are in Marshall County, while their mailing addresses are out of county.

Ms. Abernathy told the board that Nicky Randolph, Julie Thomas, and Beth Wright attended the Teacher Recruitment Fair in Nashville, and Ms. Thomas, Ms. Wright, Deborah Wade, and Mike Wiles attended the Career Fair in Huntsville. The HR department is now able to accept applications on-line.

Mr. Jones made a motion, with a second by Mr. Perryman, to give Forrest music director Billy Bateman a \$1,000 middle school supplement this year. The motion passed 8-0.

Board members submitted their Director's Evaluation to the Chairman. A date will be scheduled in the near future for the Director's Evaluation Committee to meet; the tabulated results will be reported in the April board meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Mike Keny, Chairman

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Jackie Abernathy, Director