

October 16, 2017

The Marshall County Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, October 16, 2017, at 6:00 p.m., in the Board Conference Room at Jones School.

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

Prayer/Pledge

Mr. Jones made a motion, with a second by Mr. Warf, to approve the agenda. The motion passed 6-0.

Mr. Sorrells recognized five Oak Grove first graders for their exceptional scores on the STAR Benchmark test, and the system employees who retired over the past year.

There was no MCEA Report.

During the Policy Committee Report, Mr. Woodard made a motion, with a second by Mr. Jones, to approve the following policies with changes: 1.704 Charter Schools (delete), 1.901 Charter School Applications, 4.700 Testing Programs, 5.117 Procedure for Granting Tenure, and 6.2011 Voluntary Pre-K Attendance (all attached). The motion passed 7-0.

Presented under the Consent Agenda: September 18, 2017, regular session minutes; September 20, 2017, and October 6, 2017, executive session minutes; 2017 LEA Compliance Report; MCHS Softball Travel Request to Gulf Shores, AL, March 25-28, 2018; and technology salvage list. Ms. Cathey made a motion, with a second by Mr. Warf, to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed 6-0.

Ms. Gold made a motion, with a second by Mr. Warf, to accept the anti-virus bid (attached) submitted by Kaspersky. Because Kaspersky was not the low bidder, Technology Supervisor Suzanne Ingram explained that the system had been using the low bidder (AVG), and their experience with AVG had not been good, which has caused her to fear a real danger to the integrity of the network and its devices. Ms. Ingram stated that her department would like to try Kaspersky for one year, and if they are pleased with its performance, they would like to then purchase coverage for a longer period of time. The motion passed 6-0.

Mr. Jones scheduled a Maintenance/Transportation Committee meeting for Monday, November 13 at 5:30 p.m.

There was no new business.

During the Director's Report, Mr. Sorrells told the board that Jennifer Smith will present a data report at the next board meeting. He congratulated students, teachers, administrators and Central Office staff for their hard work in helping Marshall County reach 2nd place in ACT standings in South Central, with an average of 20.1; he thanked the board members for everything they've done to support the system.

The meeting adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donnie Moses, Chairman

Jacob Sorrells, Director