The Marshall County Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, February 13, 2017, at 6:00 p.m., in the Board Conference Room at Jones School.

Members present were John Daniel Allen, Julie Keny Cathey, John Dippold, Kristen Gold, Susan Hunter, Harvey Jones, Donnie Moses, Robert Warf, and Andy Woodard. No members were absent.

Prayer/Pledge

Mr. Jones requested a video be presented during New Business. Mr. Jones made a motion, with a second by Ms. Cathey, to approve the agenda with the addition. The motion passed 9-0.

In honor of National School Counseling Week, Mr. Sorrells, assisted by Student Services Coordinator Ginger Tepedino, honored school counselors Robyn Padgett, Carroll Cope, Jennifer Harris, Debbie Gage, Pamela Gentry, Mignonne Sawyer, Chris Coleman, Becky Cheatham, Susan Wild, Edna London, Jeannie Wiles, and Blair Goodman.

Mr. Sorrells recognized Clyde Shelton as the Lewisburg Middle School Classified Employee of the Month.

There was no MCEA report.

Support Services Supervisor Tres Beasley informed the board that the system has completed the requirements to become a Storm Ready School System, which is a program coordinated through the National Weather Service. Marshall County is one of only four systems in the state of Tennessee considered Storm Ready.

Ms. Hunter made a motion, with a second by Mr. Jones, to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2017, regular session and the January 11, 2017, executive session. The motion passed 9-0.

Ms. Hunter made a motion, with a second by Mr. Jones, to approve the following policies: 1.407 School Board Records, 3.201 Safety, 3.208 Facilities Planning, 4.206 Special Programs, 4.210 Credit Recovery, 4.406 Use of the Internet, 4.605 Graduation Requirements/Activities, 5.401 Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS), 6.200 Attendance, 6.205 Student Assignment and Transfers Within the System, 6.305 Student Concerns, Complaints and Grievances, 6.411 Student Wellness, and 6.600 Student Records (all attached). The motion passed 9-0.

Ms. Cathey scheduled a Five-Year Strategic Plan Committee meeting for Monday, March 6 at 5:30 p.m.

Mr. Jones made a motion, with a second by Ms. Hunter, to approve the surplus lists for books, technology and a Forrest High School wrestling mat (all attached). The motion passed 9-0.

Mr. Beasley told the board that the system is ready to initiate the bid process for the baseball lights at Cornersville High School. He explained that one existing pole is in the field of play, while another is on property owned by the Cornersville Lions Club. When the new poles are installed, one or both poles will be installed on Lions Club property. In order to proceed, the board would need to agree on entering an easement agreement with the Cornersville Lions Club. Mr. Dippold made a motion, with a second by Mr. Allen, to enter an easement agreement with the Cornersville Lions Club. The motion passed 9-0.

Mr. Beasley briefly explained what he has learned from lighting companies concerning the lights.

Mr. Sorrells stated that the County Commission has given the school system a new parcel of land that connects to the Forrest High School property. Ms. Hunter made a motion, with a second by Mr. Jones, to accept the property. The motion passed 9-0.

Mr. Allen made a motion, with a second by Mr. Jones, to approve the Director's Evaluation Instrument (attached). The motion passed 9-0. Each board member will complete an evaluation and return it at the March board meeting.

During new business, the board and audience watched a video of the recent Rutherford County Career Fair, in which eighth graders from that area attended. Mr. Jones felt this would be a good event for this system's eighth graders.

During the Director's Report Mr. Sorrells: thanked the Chapel Hill Lions Club for the deed to the field house at Forrest; thanked the County Commission for the deed to the additional property adjacent to Forrest School; reminded the board of the Storm Ready ceremony on Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. at the Hardison School annex; he is hoping to receive more information soon on the renovation and cost at Preston Hopkins; absenteeism was 8.5% on Thursday, 10% on Friday, and 10.6% today, and he is continually looking at numbers and monitoring in the event the percentage reaches 15.

Mr. Jones asked about the progress on roof repairs. Mr. Sorrells said that work is completed at the Central Office and Forrest School, work continues on the weekend at Cornersville School, and LMS is a big job that will take some time to complete.

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Donnie Moses, Chairman
Jacob Sorrells, Director