

April 9, 2018

The Marshall County Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, April 9, 2018, 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.

Pledge/Prayer

Mr. Jones asked that the Certification of Adoption be pulled from Consent Agenda for discussion. Mr. Allen made a motion, with a second by Mr. Jones, to approve the agenda with the change. The motion passed 9-0.

Mr. Sorrells recognized 2018 Mr. Basketball, SCOPE Conference attendees, and Cornersville Elementary School top readers.

There was no MCEA Report.

During the Maintenance Committee report, Mr. Jones stated that the committee met on April 3 to consider closing out maintenance issues in the 2017-2018 budget. Three of the items were purchasing a box truck, replacing the carpet in the Oak Grove hallways with tile, and redoing the Forrest School front office. The committee approved the purchase of the truck and bids will be accepted for the work at Oak Grove and Forrest. The committee also discussed the maintenance contract for roof repairs, doing work at Preston Hopkins Field.

Mr. Woodard stated that the Policy Committee met immediately following the Maintenance Committee to approve changes to several policies. Mr. Woodard made a motion, with a second by Mr. Dippold, to approve changes on the following policies: 3.206 Community Use of School Facilities, 4.203 Advanced College Placement (delete), 4.206 Special Programs, 4.209 Correspondence Courses (delete), 4.602 Class Ranking, 4.603 Promotion and Retention, 4.605 Graduation Requirements/Activities, 4.700 Testing Programs, 5.802 Qualifications and Duties of the Director of Schools, 6.319 Alternative School Programs, 6.405 Medicines, 6.4051 Glucagon and Diazepam Gel (Diastat) (new), and 6.4052 Opioid Antagonist (new) (all attached). The motion passed 9-0.

Ms. Gold stated the Budget Committee met immediately following the Policy Committee Meeting to review the first draft of the proposed 2018-2019 budget. Mr. Sorrells and Ms. Wiles (finance director) had given members a copy of the major changes that were incorporated into the budget. The committee is waiting on final numbers in order to complete the budget. No action was taken during the meeting. The proposed 2018-2019 budget will be included in the May board packet for approval. Additional budget committee meetings will be scheduled if/when needed.

Presented under the Consent Agenda: March 12, 2018, regular session minutes; March 16 and April 3 executive committee minutes; MCHS Student Council & Yearbook's travel request to Orlando, Florida, July 11-14; and SLTC MLR's travel request to Lima, Ohio, April 13 & 14. Ms. Gold made a motion, with a second by Mr. Jones, to approve the consent agenda items. The motion passed 9-0.

During the approval of the agenda, Mr. Jones asked to pull Certification of Adoption from Consent Agenda for discussion. Mr. Jones asked if kindergarteners and first graders will receive textbooks during the adoption, as indicated on the attached documents. Motion was made to suspend the rules to allow K-6 curriculum supervisor Tammy Lewis to address the question. Ms. Lewis explained that these students aren't receiving actual textbooks; during the adoption process, kindergarten, first and second grade teachers asked that they not receive the entire kit but only the level reader books that go along with the science textbook adoption. When asked if teachers had a chance to review the books, Ms. Lewis stated that sample books were in the schools anywhere from six weeks to two months for the teachers to review. The textbook representative in each school then came back with the teachers' vote. Mr. Jones made a motion, with a second by Ms. Gold, to approve the certification of adoption. The motion passed 9-0.

Ms. Hunter made a motion, with a second by Ms. Cathey, to approve an interscholastic wrestling program at Marshall County High School. The motion passed 9-0.

During the review of the Director's Performance Evaluation, Ms. Gold made a motion, with a second by Ms. Cathey, to put on next month's agenda the possible extension of Mr. Sorrells's contract. The motion passed 9-0. Mr. Moses congratulated Mr. Sorrells on receiving a 4.46 out of a possible 5 on the evaluation.

There was no new business.

During the Director's Report, Mr. Sorrells thanked the board for the good evaluation and vote of confidence; he then thanked everyone in the audience, because he considers everyone in the system as part of a team.

Mr. Dippold made a motion, with a second by Ms. Cathey, to adjust the 2018-2019 Academic Calendar to reflect the swap of an administration day and county-wide in-service day at the beginning of the school year. The motion passed 9-0.

Concluding the Director's Report, Mr. Sorrells thanked Vickie Veatch, Jeff Brock and all the members of the maintenance department for painting the boardroom and the ladies' restrooms at the Central Office. Mr. Dippold added that maintenance has done a great job painting and cleaning up at the Forrest High School fieldhouse.

Mr. Jones asked Mr. Sorrells to explain information he sent out in his Director's Update concerning the Teacher Leader Program. Mr. Sorrells stated that the program was used this year with technology. An increase to the budget is now allowing the system to expand the program to include mentor teachers for new teachers and ELA lead teachers. These teachers, who will receive a stipend, will work with the Central Office to lead professional development in the

summer and in their buildings, and will act as a liaison between the teachers and Central Office supervisors.

The meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Donnie Moses, Chairman

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Jacob Sorrells, Director