

January 12, 2012

The Marshall County Board of Education met in regular session on Thursday, January 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. Denton made a motion, with a second by Mr. Jones, to approve the agenda. The motion passed 9-0.

Cornersville School teacher Brenda Daniel addressed the board appealing a reprimand that had been placed in her personnel file. Ms. Kennedy made a motion, with a second by Mr. Denton, to gather more information before rendering a decision on upholding or reversing the reprimand. A meeting will be scheduled by February 3 for the board to make a decision; Mr. Dukes will gather the information on behalf of the board. The motion passed 9-0.

Gary Davis, President of the Marshall County Branch NAACP, addressed the board regarding the selection process of the next Marshall County Director of Schools. He invited the board to attend a town hall meeting on Saturday, January 21 at 1:00 p.m. in the City Hall Annex.

Greg Horner, the parent of a Chapel Hill Elementary School CDC student, requested funding for a CDC program at Forrest School be included in the budget for the coming school year; if not, his son will have to come to Lewisburg next year to receive services.

Mr. Moses made a motion, with a second by Ms. Kennedy, to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2011, regular session. The motion passed 9-0.

In the MCEA report, MCEA president Patty Hill: announced the Countywide Spelling Bee on February 2 at 6:30 p.m. in the LMS auditorium; addressed the Jobs Bill funds; inquired about the availability of the board's calendar committee school calendar for the 2012-2013 school year (Ms. Kennedy stated it had been emailed today).

The summary financial statement was reviewed; no action was taken.

Journal Entry corrections were reviewed; no action was taken.

Ms. Kennedy made a motion, with a second by Mr. Jones, to approve a resolution to amend the General Purpose School Fund (see attached). The motion passed 9-0.

In the Calendar Committee report, Ms. Kennedy stated that the board's committee and the Teacher's Calendar Committee are currently looking over two calendars for the coming school year: one created by the teachers and one created after conversations with community members and parents. Supervisor of Secondary Instruction Julie Thomas has scheduled a Teacher Calendar Committee for Tuesday, January 24 at 3:30 p.m. in the Central Office; the board's Calendar Committee agreed to a joint meeting with the teachers.

Mr. Moses made a motion to approve the Federal budget (see attached). Mr. Perryman seconded the motion, and the motion passed 9-0.

Under Director's Evaluation, the board asked for clarification from the board attorney if providing copies of the evaluation would fulfill the board's requirement regarding Mr. Dukes' contract/evaluation.

In Director's Search Update, the Special Called meeting will reconvene Tuesday, January 17 at 6:00 p.m. to finalize questions and times for interviews. The board agreed to interview all four candidates on Saturday, January 28 beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Mr. Jones made a motion, with a second by Mr. Moses, to give school system employees a bonus as presented by Mr. Dukes. Prior to the vote, Mr. Keny and Ms. Tears read an ethics statement. The motion passed 7-2, with Ms. Kennedy and Mr. Smith voting no. With this vote, a resolution will be prepared to take the money out of Fund Balance to be distributed for Marshall County Board of Education employee bonuses.

There was no New Business.

During Director's Report, Mr. Dukes announced USS had completed the structural work at Forrest over the Christmas holiday; a drainage problem at Forrest needs to be addressed; as of January 10, the system has 5,338 students; 85 students graduated during Christmas; End of Course tests have been completed.

Mr. Perryman made a motion, with a second by Ms. Tears, to allow CVHS student Victor Palma to participate in boys' soccer at MCHS, since CVHS does not have a soccer program. The motion passed 9-0.

Continuing Director's Report, Mr. Dukes announced the Title III Accountability Information and District Status shows the system is in good standing based on 2010-11 test results; presented information on the Raptor System.

Ms. Gold scheduled a Curriculum Committee meeting for Thursday, January 26 at 6:00 p.m. at Marshall Elementary School.

Ms. Tears scheduled a Policy Committee meeting for Tuesday, January 31 at 5:30 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Mike Keny, Chairman

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Roy Dukes, Director