

February 10, 2014

The Marshall County Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, February 10, 2014, 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, Sheryl McClintock, Donnie Moses, and Randy Perryman. No members were absent.

Before beginning the meeting, Mr. Keny wished fellow board member Donnie Moses a happy birthday.

Prayer/Pledge

The following additions were made to the agenda: Ms. Gold – Under New Business, discuss the accreditation process and minimum credits to graduate. Ms. Kennedy made a motion, with a second by Mr. Lilly, to approve the agenda with the additions. The motion passed 9-0.

Energy Specialist Roy Haislip gave a presentation on the progress of the Cenergistic program.

Mr. Jones made a motion, with a second by Ms. Hunter, to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2014, regular session. The motion passed 9-0.

During the MCEA Report, MCEA president Nicky Randolph stated that she and other members attended a presentation about TEA's legislative agenda and the trouble with TVAAS at Columbia Central; thanked Ms. Abernathy for allowing the Director's Advisory Council to attend the meeting with Sen. Tracy and Rep. Spivey; MCEA has a spring symposium in March; she has a presidents' meeting this month; teachers are getting more involved in the legislature.

In the Maintenance Committee report, Mr. Perryman stated the committee met on January 27, during which Kevin Turner with Stephen Ward and Associates presented a plan of design and schedule for maintenance and replacement of roofs. Mr. Turner's company will oversee this for a fee of 8% of the construction cost; the committee voted unanimously to send this to the Budget Committee for available funding. Mr. Sorrells shared information on maintaining gym floors, and he will develop a schedule for this process. A discussion was held on paying a yearly supplement to each school for maintaining ball fields; this topic is still pending upon further study.

During the Budget Committee report, Mr. Moses said the committee met immediately following the Maintenance Committee meeting on the 27th. In discussing the four topics on the agenda, the committee learned that both expenditures and revenue were in the mid- to high-\$40s, which was expected for this point in the year. Property taxes coming in at this time of year will boost revenues and expenditures. The committee discussed differentiated pay, adjusting the pay at the maintenance and bus garages, and funding roof repairs. Mr. Moses explained that the repairing roofs is a priority, and the system has some county commission money set aside for repairs. He went on to say the system has unused funds in capital money, which is in fund balance and would require a resolution to the commission to access the funds.

He concluded that the issue would be referred back to the Maintenance Committee to determine the priority of repairs.

In the Curriculum Committee report, Ms. Gold stated the committee met prior to this evening's board meeting. Agenda items included End of Course tests (no information to give out at this point), changes to secondary math (will discuss further at next curriculum meeting), programs of study in the CTE program, accreditation process (to be discussed in New Business), minimum credits to graduate (to be discussed in New Business). Integrated math and potential changes to scheduling will be addressed during the next curriculum meeting.

Bringing the discussion back to roof repairs, Ms. Gold made a motion, with a second by Mr. Perryman, to accept Mr. Turner's (Stephen Ward and Associates, Inc.) first-year recommendations, and take a resolution to the commission allowing us to use the funds. The motion passed 9-0.

Ms. Kennedy made a motion, with a second by Mr. Jones, to retain Stephen Ward and Associates, Inc., to start moving us through the process. The board will determine the order of projects. The motion passed 9-0.

The board requested that Rick Daughrity of Orion attend maintenance committee meetings to provide building updates; the board will receive quarterly updates.

Ms. Gold will set a Curriculum Committee upon the availability of Courtney Wood.

Mr. Lilly scheduled a Five-Year Strategic Plan committee meeting for Monday, February 24 at 5:30 p.m.

Mr. Jones made a motion, with a second by Ms. Hunter, to approve the surplus list of welding equipment (attached). The motion passed 9-0.

Due to the low bidder's unsatisfactory performance during the 2011 mowing season, the board rejected the bid of Douglas Lawn Care. Mr. Moses made a motion, with a second by Mr. Lilly, to approve the low-cost split mowing bids submitted by Grasshog and Jed's Lawn Care (attached). The motion passed 7-2, with Ms. Gold and Ms. Kennedy voting no.

Mr. Moses made a motion, with a second by Mr. Perryman, to approve the low paper bid submitted by Contract Paper (attached). The motion passed 8-1, with Ms. Kennedy voting no.

Mr. Perryman made a motion, with a second by Ms. Hunter, to approve the 2014-2015 school calendar. The motion passed 7-2, with Ms. Gold and Ms. Kennedy voting no.

Ms. Kennedy made a motion, with a second by Mr. Lilly, to approve the Director's Evaluation Instrument. The motion passed 9-0.

In New Business, Mr. Jones made a motion, with a second by Mr. Moses, to proceed with the accreditation process. The motion passed 8-1, with Ms. Kennedy voting no.

Ms. Kennedy made a motion, with a second by Mr. Moses, to add two credits (from 22 to 24) for this year's freshman class and all incoming freshman classes. The board suspended the rules

to allow attendance coordinator Ginger Tepedino to address the board. Following discussions, the vote failed 7-2, with Ms. Kennedy and Mr. Moses voting yes.

Mr. Lilly made a motion, with a second by Ms. Gold, to increase the credits by four (from 22 to 26) beginning with the current eighth grade class. The motion passed 9-0.

In the Director's Report, Ms. Abernathy discussed differentiated pay, announced that our system did not qualify for the small school equity money, and the system will receive a \$59,500 increase in growth money this month.

Mr. Moses made a motion, with a second by Mr. Lilly, to approve the resolution supporting legislation that requires the Tennessee Department of Education to reimburse LEAs for the costs of implementing and the ongoing costs of unfunded mandates. The motion passed 9-0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mike Keny, Chairman

Jackie Abernathy, Director