

February 8, 2016

The Marshall County Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, February 8, 2016, at 6:02 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, and Sheryl McClintock. Ken Lilly was absent.

Prayer/Pledge

The following addition was made to the agenda: Ms. McClintock – Under New Business, to continue the Curriculum Committee meeting to cover Early Literacy. Mr. Dippold made a motion with a second by Ms. Hunter, to approve the agenda with the addition. The motion passed 8-0.

Donnie Moses introduced Kathy Kramer, a local citizen who addressed the Board.

Director Abernathy recognized the Classified Employees of the Month: Kirk McLean, Westhills Elementary; Pat Perkins, Westhills Elementary; Nurse Julie Selvey, Marshall County High School; and Bonnie Cozart, Forrest High School.

Director Abernathy then honored the school counselors within the county as follows: Suzie Comstock, Carroll Cope, Jennifer Harris, Christopher Coleman, Jeannie Wiles, Blair Goodman, Pamela Gentry, Mignonne Sawyer, Becky Cheatham, Susan Wild, Debbie Gage, and Edna London.

Mr. Jones made a motion, with a second by Ms. Hunter, to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2016, regular session, the January 13, 2016 and January 15, 2016 executive committee sessions. The Motion passed 8-0.

During the MCEA Report, Ms. Vickie Michael stated that the TEA is encouraging teachers, board members, and parents to review the new standards on-line at the Department of Education website. There was a good turnout for the January new teacher's conference. There will be a Minority Conference in Memphis in March, and the Spring Symposium in April. Ms. Abernathy stated that TEA will be in attendance at the January 17, 2016 Principals' meeting to review the evaluation process and they are working on scheduling a date to meet with teachers for the same purpose.

In the absence of Ken Lilly, Director Jackie Abernathy reported on the recent Maintenance Committee meeting. With regard to the funds that were appropriated for building program we do not need a resolution to utilize these funds. These funds which are approximately \$800,000.00 will be utilized for the roofing program within the school district. Mr. Jones made a motion, with a second by Mr. Dippold, to approve the refurbishing of the gym floor at Forrest High School. The motion passed 8-0. The improvements at the Lewisburg Middle School auditorium and the heat and air at the LMS gym are moving ahead and on track to be completed in March.

The Curriculum Committee began a meeting today at 5:00 p.m. and Sheryl McClintock stated it would be in the best to provide a report at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting in March.

The Policy Committee meeting was held on January 28, 2016. Harvey Jones, Jr. stated that the committee reviewed four existing policies and two new policies. All policies were approved during that meeting. Mr. Jones made a motion, and a second by Sheryl McClintock, to approve the policies (attached). The motion passed 8-0.

Five-Year Strategic Plan Committee meeting was scheduled by Julie Keny Cathey for Tuesday, March 8, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. at the Central Office.

T-DOT Request for Right-of-Way on Highway 50. Director Jackie Abernathy explained that T-Dot has offered to pay \$685 for the referenced right-of-way (attached). Mr. Jones made a motion, with a second by Ms. Hunter, to approve the sale of the right-of-way to T-Dot for \$685. The motion passed 8-0.

Director's Evaluation Instrument. Ms. Abernathy explained that this is the same instrument utilized in the past review. Mr. Jones made a motion, with a second by Mr. Allen, to approve the use of the Director's Evaluation Instrument (attached). The motion passed 8-0. Mr. Moses explained the process would be to bring the completed instrument back at the March Board meeting, assign a committee to tabulate responses and report back the results at the April Board meeting. Mr. Jones made a motion, with a second by Ms. Cathey, to approve the approval schedule. The motion passed 8-0.

Presented on the Consent Agenda: Jessica Ezell requested to utilize the gym at Delk-Henson Intermediate School (attached) for instructing youth basketball fundamentals. Mr. Jones made a motion, with a second by Ms. McClintock, to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion passed 8-0.

Mowing Bids. Mr. Moses made a motion, with a second by Mr. Jones to suspend the rules in order to discuss the bids (attached) presented with Director of Finance, Janet Wiles. After discussion, motion was made by Mr. Jones, with a second by Ms. Cathey, to accept the bid by Jed's Lawn Care. Motion passed 8-0. The determining factors in accepting the high bid centered on the fact that Jed's has been a multi-year incumbent, questionable reference on Brasher's Lawn Care, and the concerns about the quote for the Chapel Hill schools being so far apart in price.

Mr. Allen made a motion, with a second by Ms. Cathey, to approve the Contractor's Pay Request (attached). Motion passed 8-0.

During new business it was determined to move the balance of the Curriculum Committee meeting to immediately following this meeting.

Director's Report – Jackie Abernathy reported that all testing for the remainder of the 2015-2016 school year will be paper and pencil, this information came directly from the State at 4:30 p.m. this afternoon. She stated that we have currently taken 3 snow days and have a total of 9 built in for the year. Ms. Abernathy asked the Board if they would prefer learning of school closings at night or in the morning. The general consensus was to let individuals know as soon as possible.

Mr. Moses stated there were a few items under FYI involving fundraiser, travel requests, use of facilities, and personnel updates.

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Jones and seconded by Ms. Cathey. Motion passed 8-0.

The meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Donnie Moses, Chairman

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Jackie Abernathy, Director