

March 13, 2017

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

Members present were Julie Keny Cathey, John Dippold, Kristen Gold, Susan Hunter, Harvey Jones, Donnie Moses, and Robert Warf. John Daniel Allen and Andy Woodard were absent.

Prayer/Pledge

Mr. Jones made a motion, with a second by Ms. Cathey, to approve the agenda. The motion passed 7-0.

Director Jacob Sorrells and Coordinator of Secondary Instruction Beth Smith presented certificates to students who made 30+ on the ACT or improved by three or more points.

Mr. Sorrells recognized Karen Allen as the Cornersville School Classified Employee of the Month.

Mr. Sorrells recognized the 2017 Teachers of the Year.

Ms. Hunter made a motion, with a second by Mr. Jones, to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2017, regular session. The motion passed 7-0.

There was no MCEA report.

Ms. Cathey stated that the Five-Year Strategic Plan Committee met on Monday, March 6 to review the five-year plan which covered infrastructure, technology, student services, elementary education, career and technical education, and secondary education. The committee reviewed and approved the plan as presented.

Ms. Gold scheduled a Budget Committee meeting for Tuesday, April 4 at 5:30 p.m.

In discussing bids for lights at the Cornersville School baseball field, the board suspended the rules to ask CVS principal Brent Adcox if everything being discussed is accurate. This topic was tabled until the next board meeting.

Mr. Hunter made a motion, with a second by Mr. Jones, to approve the Federal Budget Revisions (attached). The motion passed 7-0.

Presented under consent agenda: Spot Lowe MLR travel request to University of Northwestern Ohio; maintenance surplus list (attached). Mr. Jones made a motion, with a second by Ms. Cathey, to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Jones made a motion, with a second by Ms. Gold, to continue using the firm of Lewis, Thomason, King, Krieg and Waldrop, P.C. The motion passed 7-0.

There was no new business.

During the Director's Report, Ms. Hunter made a motion, with a second by Mr. Dippold, to approve establishing a girls' volleyball program at Lewisburg Middle School and Marshall County High School. The rules were suspended to ask MCHS principal John Bush if potential coaches have been identified and if there is a large student interest in the program. The motion passed 6-1, with Ms. Gold voting no.

Continuing the Director's Report, Mr. Sorrells stated that he would like to add two early-release days for students (one in the fall, one in spring) in next year's calendar to allow all teachers to come together in the afternoon as district teams to discuss data, common assessments, and best practices. Board members asked if, instead of early release, it would be best to give students the entire day, and possibly be more beneficial for the teachers. Mr. Sorrells will bring this topic and a proposed schedule to the April board meeting.

Mr. Sorrells explained that Preston Hopkins sustained a lot of storm damage last week, which included blowing off the back of the pressbox, blowing the side door off, and ripping out some wiring and electronics. With plans to possibly make Preston Hopkins strictly a baseball field, Mr. Sorrells suggested patching the pressbox until further options are presented. He also mentioned that the tennis wall at Lewisburg Middle School had blown down. Finance Director Janet Wiles has been in contact with the insurance company.

On the topic of a new football stadium, Mr. Sorrells will contact (architect) John Trail about the cost of the stadium in order to have some numbers when budget talks begin.

The board discussed various locations and options for a baseball park/football stadium.

Board members submitted their completed Director's Evaluation; Ms. Cathey volunteered to tabulate the results.

The meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Donnie Moses, Chairman

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Jacob Sorrells, Director