

December 13, 2007

The Marshall County Board of Education met in regular session on Thursday, December 13, 2007 at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Conference Room at Jones School.

Members present were Jerry Campbell, Kristen Gold, Tim Harrison, John McCullough, Craig Michael, Randy Perryman, Ann Tears and Todd Tietgens. Absent was Todd Warner.

Prayer/Pledge

Charles W. (Chuck) Cagle, who practices education law with Lewis, King, Krieg & Waldrop, P.C., addressed the Board at the Board's invitation. He informed the Board about the services his firm can provide.

The citizen who was on the agenda to address the Board was not at the meeting.

Mr. Harrison made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 8, 2007 meeting. Mr. McCullough seconded the motion and the motion passed 8-0.

The only item on the consent agenda was a request from Elizabeth Gray, Director of Bands at Marshall County High and Lewisburg Middle Schools, requesting permission for the MCHS band to take a trip to Atlanta, GA on March 27-29 to participate in a concert festival. Mr. McCullough made a motion to approve the request with the second by Ms. Gold. The motion passed 8-0.

There was a request from the MCHS softball team to accept a donation from Waste Management of \$5,000 which would be used for repairs to the press box and for a sound system at Reese Hambrick field. In return for this donation, Waste Management has asked for their logo to be painted on the back of the press box. Mr. Perryman made a motion to approve the request with the second by Mr. Tietgens. The motion passed 8-0.

The next item on the agenda was the approval of bus bids. There was only one bidder, Central States Bus Sales who bid \$324,912 less trade-in of \$11,200 for four 90 passenger Bluebird buses. Mr. Michael made a motion

to reject the bid and rebid the buses with the stipulation that the bid price per bus be guaranteed for two years. Ms. Gold seconded the motion and the motion passed 8-0.

Lewisburg Middle School made a request for approval to erect a 12' by 20' building with a wood frame and metal exterior guaranteed for 40 years. The building would be used to store equipment and supplies for football practice. After some donated materials and labor, the cost of approximately \$2,000 is to be paid by the football fund at LMS. Mr. Tietgens made a motion, seconded by Ms. Tears, to approve the request. The motion passed 8-0.

Under new business, Mr. Harrison made a motion to purchase two sets of bleachers for the softball field at Lewisburg Middle School at approximately \$9,500. Ms. Tears seconded the motion and the motion passed 8-0. Mr. Harrison will approach the Board again when the LMS baseball field is ready for bleachers.

Ms. Tears informed the Board of a "joint planning venture" that the Tennessee School Boards Association sponsors in May. Janet Wiles will have information on this for the Board at the next meeting.

Mr. Harrison asked Ms. Aldridge to give copies to Board members of all correspondence sent to teachers.

In the Director's report, Ms. Aldridge shared with the Board some information on rumors regarding potential problems at Forrest High and actions underway to allay fears.

She referred to pictures that were on display from the recent teacher appreciation luncheon and read some positive comments sent to her by teachers.

Ms. Aldridge distributed a notebook which had the following information:

- 1) Elementary Grading System-A plan signed by the elementary principals regarding grading is attached
- 2) The metal building at LMS which has been addressed
- 3) Information concerning space at Westhills Elementary
- 4) Notes from Teacher Advisory Council meeting on 12/6/07
- 5) 2007-2008 salary ranking information
- 6) Information on state equity money received in 2004-2005

- 7) Current Insurance Costs
- 8) Operating agreement for high school exams effective 8/12/02
- 9) 11 year history of inclement weather days taken
- 10) Survey to be distributed to teachers to determine if they want 7 hour days with 13 inclement weather days included or 6 ½ hour days with no built in days.
- 11) Technology Updates
- 12) Questionnaire to be distributed to teachers regarding principal performance.

Mr. Perryman asked Ms. Aldridge to ask each principal to review security procedures in each school.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jerry Campbell, Chairman

Nancy Aldridge, Director