

September 13, 2007

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

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

Prayer/Pledge

Mr. Pierce informed the Board that the Board Chairman is selected in September of each year and opened the floor for nominations. Mr. Harrison made a motion to elect Jerry Campbell. The second was made by Mr. McCullough. Mr. Michael made a motion to elect Tim Harrison. Ms. Tears seconded this motion. Mr. Campbell received five votes and therefore was elected Chairman. Mr. Campbell then asked for nominations for Vice-Chairman. Mr. McCullough made a motion to elect Tim Harrison. Ms. Tears seconded the motion and the motion passed 9-0.

Ms. Tears made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 9, 2007 meeting. Ms. Gold seconded the motion and the motion passed 9-0.

The following items were presented in the consent agenda: Becky Cheatham, Forrest softball coach to take team to Panama City on 3/19-24 for tournament, Danny Morgan to take group of Forrest students to Washington D.C. on 4/23-26, MCHS Cheerleaders to sell flip flops for new uniforms, Marshall County Youth Football requested use of MCHS field for games, Cindi Jones requested use of MES gymnasium to conduct baton twirling, gymnastics and dance classes. Mr. Harrison made a motion to approve all requests with the exception of Ms. Jones. Ms. Allen seconded the motion and the motion passed 9-0. Ms. Jones then asked to speak to the Board. Mr. Perryman made a motion to suspend the rules and allow Ms. Jones to speak. Mr. Michael seconded the motion and the motion passed 9-0. Ms. Jones informed the Board that the instruction is part of the AAU program and asked the Board's consideration. Mr. Michael made a motion to table the request until the October meeting. Ms. Tears seconded the motion and the motion passed 9-0.

Under new business, Ms. Tears requested that the Board meet with Mr. Pierce, the principals and Ms. Lee regarding the new reading program.

There is a scheduled work session with the Education Committee of the County Commission on September 18. Mr. Pierce is to e-mail the principals to inform all teachers about the meeting. All elementary principals or the literacy coach will be required to attend.

In the Director's report, Mr. Pierce reported that the next scheduled Board meeting is during fall break. Ms. Tears made a motion to move the meeting to October 2. Mr. Michael seconded the motion and the motion passed 9-0.

Mr. Pierce distributed a schedule showing student growth since the end of the 2006-2007 school year.

Audit reports of school activity funds were given to the members.

Mr. Pierce announced that the work session will be on Tuesday, September 18 at 5:30 p.m. at the Central Office.

After being asked about the status of the new reading program, Sandy Lee, Supervisor of Instruction distributed a reading materials inventory and informed the Board that nearly all of the materials had been received and distributed to the schools. She told the Board that the elementary classroom teachers will be given \$100 additional to use for supplies needed for the reading program and that the literacy coaches will be given an additional \$300. In addition, each elementary school will be allowed to make 50,000 additional copies at the Central Office.

Mr. Pierce introduced Heather Lodari, the new Coordinator of School Health for the County. Ms. Lodari told the Board about the school health initiative and explained that the program is being funded by an \$85,000 grant from the state. Mr. Harrison asked that Ms. Lodari return to the Board in January to report on the progress of the program.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jerry Campbell, Chairman

John D. Pierce, Director

