

**Hardy County Schools
Regular School Board Meeting
Hardy County Board of Education Office
January 3, 2023**

Members Present:

Melvin Shook Jr., President
Dixie Bean, Vice President
Nancy Hahn – Absent
Janet Rose
Douglas Hines

Administrators Present:

Sheena Van Meter, Superintendent
Jennifer Strawderman, Assistant Superintendent
Josh See, Director of Transportation/Facilities
Rebecca Lewis, Director of Child Nutrition
Sarah Earle, Treasurer/Director of Finance

Others Present:

Shawn Cullers
Andy Miller

Public Comments:

I. Call to Order – President

Melvin Shook, President, called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

II. Prayer

Janet Rose opened the meeting with prayer.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

Douglas Hines led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. Introductions

Introductions were made around the room.

V. Presentation

A. Bus Maintenance Updates – Andy Miller

Mr. Andy Miller updated the Board on the current bus maintenance. At this time, there are only two buses out of service. One is waiting on a new motor installation, and the other is waiting for a part to arrive.

The Board also discussed the recent bus inspection findings and the issues that were found.

The Board asked if the totaled bus was being utilized for parts to repair buses. Mr. Miller said they are using parts from the bus when possible.

B. Maintenance and Transportation Updates – Josh See

Mr. Josh See provided the Board with a copy of the most recent work orders and major project updates. Mr. See discussed with the Board some current pipe leaks at East Hardy Elementary School and stated he would get some quotes to have them fixed. In addition, he advised the Board that the mortise for the door locks at Moorefield Intermediate School is in and ready to be installed. The night lock system is still being installed, but the door plates are made of stainless steel and will require a particular drill bit; as soon as one is secured, the installation will progress.

Mr. See stated that the work orders that are currently older than 90 days might need to be removed and put back in the system. This is due to the county scorecard will get points deducted.

Ms. Dixie Bean had concerns about many lights being out on the work orders. Mr. See stated that some are due to drivers and some are the wall packs. Twenty-seven LED wall packs were ordered and will be installed at Moorefield High School. The existing lights that work will replace the bad lights at East Hardy High School. The cam lights inside will be done the same way.

Mr. Melvin Shook asked about the lights going up the hill at East Hardy. Mr. See stated that the ground shifted, causing the pipe to break underground. Therefore, the pipe will have to be dug up and replaced to fix the lights.

Mr. Melvin Shook asked where the money for the major projects list was budgeted. Ms. Sarah Earle stated it was the 1.4 million budgeted for the doors and windows that were reallocated to other areas, but it would be good to keep as much as possible in the general account.

Mr. Melvin Shook asked about the status of the building at Moorefield Elementary School. Mr. See stated that the metal was delivered today. The hold-up is the HVAC. The unit was reordered because the location was moved for installation. Mr. Shook asked if the installation was being done in-house. Ms. Van Meter stated that Mr. Kesner was installing the unit.

The Board asked about the filters in the schools. Mr. See stated that the quote from AQS was around \$600 a month higher than the current vendor. The Board discussed the filter ratings and the change time of the filters.

The Board asked how Mr. Wolfe was doing in the new transportation position. Mr. See stated he was doing a better job than expected.

Mr. Melvin Shook asked who was doing the bus maintenance during Mr. Miller's absence. Mr. See stated Mr. Bill Landis.

Mr. Melvin Shook asked if the heat in the East Hardy High School weight room had been fixed. Ms. Van Meter stated they were waiting on an induction motor to arrive.

C. Child Nutrition Updates – Rebecca Lewis

Ms. Rebecca Lewis provided the Board with an update on Child Nutrition. The main issues are still shortages, prices, and out-of-stock items. Local vendors are being utilized to meet the 5% federal requirements. Some items being purchased are beef and fresh produce. Ms. Lewis stated that some items were delivered and some she picked up. Ms. Lewis updated the Board on the number and percentage of meals served for the county so far this year. She also reported on the CACFP after-school meals being served this year.

Ms. Lewis provided the Board with the six areas Child Nutrition is rated on for the state scorecard. The monitoring areas are Governance and Policy, Access and Participation, Health School Environment, Professional Development, Funding, Continuous Monitoring, and Accountability. Child Nutrition score is a pass/fail rating.

Ms. Lewis also updated the Board on some current grant opportunities, civil rights data collection coming up, and the safety grant for elementary schools.

VI. Public Comments

No Public Comments

VII. Consent Items

- A. Special Board Minutes – December 19, 2022
- B. Board Minutes – December 19, 2022

On the motion of Dixie Bean, seconded by Janet Rose, the Board approved Consent Items.

4-0 motion carried

VIII. Unfinished Business

No Unfinished Business

IX. New Business

No New Business

X. Board Members/Superintendent Discussion – No Action May Be Taken

Ms. Sheena Van Meter updated the Board on the following:

- Mediation for the Tharp case is scheduled for January 25, 2023.
- Kim Croyle reached out about doing regional training here. Unfortunately, it is on hold at this time; it may occur during the WVSBA training in February.
- The Board meeting on January 17, 2023, will be held at Moorefield Middle School.
- Ms. Shewbridge is working on a Memo to send out to the local organization with the substitute teacher requirements in hopes of recruiting more substitute teachers. Once the memo is sent out, Ms. Van Meter will ask the Board to look at covering the required fees to become a substitute teacher.
- Discussed the email sent to the Board regarding the additional bus replacement money in the amount of \$131,000 and the additional increased enrollment money in the amount of \$258,797.

XI. Future Agenda Items

- HVAC Letter Discussion – February

XII. Announcements

- January 17, 2023 – Hardy County Board of Education Meeting – MMS – 5:00 p.m.
- January 23, 2023 – Moorefield Elementary School/Moorefield High School Board Visits
- January 30, 2023 – Moorefield Middle School/Moorefield Intermediate School Board Visits
- February 13, 2023 – East Hardy Elementary School/East Hardy High School Board Visits

XIII. Mission Statements/Accomplishments

- The Board sent condolences to the Elwood May family.
- The Board commended the students for the artwork displayed at the Central Office.
- The Board commended the students for participating in the Smart 529 contest in which the county received an award.
- The Board commended the students for their essays published in the Moorefield Examiner.

XIV. Personnel

On the motion of Dixie Bean, seconded by Douglas Hines, the Board approved the updated Central Office and Additional Special Salary Scale for Specified Employees as presented.

4-0 motion carried

On the motion of Janet Rose, seconded by Douglas Hines, the Board approved the following:

Professional Personnel Hiring:

- Ashley Yokum: Social Worker, MMS, effective January 4, 2023

Athletic Hiring:

- Heather Simmons: Authorized Certified Coach Without Pay, Boys' Basketball, MMS, effective 2022-2023 SY

Resignations:

- Michael See: Substitute Custodian, Countywide, effective December 29, 2022

4-0 motion carried

XV. Adjournment

On the motion of Janet Rose, seconded by Douglas Hines, the meeting adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

4-0 motion carried

Melvin Shook Jr., President

Sheena Van Meter, Secretary