

**Hardy County Schools
Regular School Board Meeting
East Hardy Elementary School
March 6, 2023**

Members Present:

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

Administrators Present:

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

Others Present:

Shawn Cullers
Jamin Hershberger
Emily Morris
Heidi Flynn
Hannah Heishman
Marsha Hahn
Janae Billmeyer
Penny Rinker
Angela Mathias
Jennifer Miller
Bradley Whetzel
Ryan Miller
James Bodkins
Heather Evans
Amanda Hamilton
Katelyn Pedder
Whitney Pesce
Kendra Molen
Devon Orndorff
Regena Whetzel
Eli Schetrom
Rachel Schetrom
Megan Good
Merissa Thomas
Stephanie Dunithan
Silas Schetrom
Terry Weaver
Britney Nichols

Public Comments:

Jamin Hershberger
Heidi Flynn

I. Call to Order – President

Melvin Shook, President, called the meeting to order at 4:49 p.m.

II. Prayer

Sheena Van Meter 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. Leader in Me Presentation

East Hardy Elementary School students Ryan Gosnell, Georgia Hahn, Alexandra Dunithan, Britney Nichols, Kallie Pesce, and staff presented a presentation of Leader in Me and how it is utilized in their school to the Board. The students also gave the Board their personal goals from Leader in Me.

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 and reviewed them with the Board. Mr. See stated that according to Mr. Logan Moyers, PSD, Moorefield Middle School is not in compliance with backflow. However, the project will be completed and in compliance by summer.

Mr. Melvin Shook asked when the Pilgrim's building at Moorefield Elementary School would be completed. Ms. Van Meter stated they are getting quotes on insulation for the build as the foam insulation currently installed is not enough. Ms. Janet Rose asked if they were getting volunteers from Pilgrim's to complete the work. Ms. Van Meter stated they were not ready for volunteers at this time, but the only commitment from Pilgrim's was the monetary donation. However, Mr. Armentrout has volunteer maintenance workers from there willing to help.

Mr. Melvin Shook asked what the status of the new buses was. Mr. See stated that the current time that was given was three this month and the other two in mid-April.

Mr. Melvin Shook asked about work order 1649 on the Moorefield High School cameras. Ms. Van Meter stated that Ms. Markwood has a ticket in, and they are waiting for Advantage to fix the cameras.

Ms. Janet Rose asked what the status of the filters was. Ms. Van Meter stated they are still working on the quotes for the HVAC and filters together. Once all are received, she will bring them to the Board.

Mr. Melvin Shook stated he had seen where the trucks were advertised for bid and asked for an update. Mr. See said they came in underbid and would be resent.

C. Child Nutrition Updates – Rebecca Lewis

Ms. Rebecca Lewis provided information to the Board on menus for Hardy County. They are available on hardycafe.com, but she will email them to the Board. Ms. Lewis stated that some changes must be made if products are unavailable.

Mr. Douglas Hines asked if any federal government cuts had been made. Ms. Lewis reviewed some of the cuts that would take place next year.

Mr. Douglas Hines stated that a lot of food is being thrown in the trash and wasted. Mr. Hines asked if they had studied how much trash cost had gone up with the grab-and-go breakfast.

Ms. Nancy Hahn asked if they could do anything about the pre-packaged items. Ms. Rebecca Lewis stated that with the change in the school time, they did not have enough time for traditional breakfast. She said they have to have 10 minutes to eat for a sit-down breakfast.

Ms. Dixie Bean asked what happens to the leftover items. Ms. Lewis stated they could use them for after-school programs, snacks, and share tables. She also noted that some things are donated to the senior center.

Mr. Melvin Shook asked if the grab-and-go breakfast was the same as the traditional breakfast. Ms. Lewis stated that sometimes depending on what they are having, some things, like eggs, cannot be put in the grab-and-go.

Mr. Melvin Shook asked what percentage of students eat breakfast. Ms. Lewis stated that in January, it was around 51.9%, and in February, it was 61.01%.

Ms. Jennifer Strawderman asked if all schools are serving smoothies and parfaits. Ms. Lewis stated yes that all schools are doing.

Ms. Jennifer Strawderman stated she commended East Hardy High School for giving the same traditional breakfast as grab-and-go and making their sandwiches from scratch.

Ms. Dixie Bean had concerns with the temperatures of the grab-and-go breakfast. Ms. Lewis will look at the temperatures of the products.

Ms. Lewis stated that the regulations are up for comment, and you can do so at [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov).

The Board asked for all schools to have traditional and grab-and-go breakfasts available to students.

VI. Public Comments

Ms. Jamin Hershberger spoke to the Board about the track project and being unable to hold track meets at the school due to the conditions of the track. Ms. Hershberger stated that every track meet was held away at other schools, and most parents had to miss the meets because of being at work when the students left. Ms. Hershberger also said that students miss the instructional time when they have to leave early for away track meets. She asked the Board if there was any way to fund the track for East Hardy to please do so.

Ms. Heidi Flynn spoke to the board about the track project. Ms. Flynn asked the Board to look at the track; it was horrible even to practice. Ms. Flynn stated that track could make money if they could have home meets, and they could also hold regional meets there if they had eight lanes. Ms. Flynn also discussed travel being a big deal for parents and students. Ms. Flynn suggests coming together with grants to figure out before next year to get a track the students could be proud of.

VII. Consent Items

- A. Special Board Minutes – February 20, 2023
- B. Board Minutes – February 20, 2023
- C. Special Board Minutes – February 21, 2023

On the motion of Dixie Bean, seconded by Nancy Hahn, the Board approved Consent Items.

5-0 motion carried

VIII. Unfinished Business

A. Tabled Approval of EHHS Track Project

On the motion of Nancy Hahn, seconded by Dixie Bean, the Board brought the tabled approval of EHHS track project off the table for discussion.

5-0 motion carried

On the motion of Janet Rose, seconded by Nancy Hahn, the Board approved the EHHS track project as presented.

5-0 motion carried

B. Student Expulsion Update

Ms. Van Meter asked the Board if they had any questions about the information shared with the Board on the student expulsions.

Mr. Melvin Shook asked if she could get an update on the progress of the Alternative Education students. Ms. Van Meter stated she would get the update for the Board.

IX. New Business

A. Approval of Application for Permission to Use Hardy County School Facility SB 150

On the motion of Nancy Hahn, seconded by Douglas Hines, the Board approved the SB 150 for Moorefield High School from Carolyn Strickler for Heritage Weekend.

4-0 motion carried

1 abstained

B. Approval of Admission to Early Childhood Education Policy – JBB

On the motion of Dixie Bean, seconded by Janet Rose, the Board approved Admission to Early Childhood Education Policy – JBB for the first reading.

5-0 motion carried

C. Approval of Hardy County Board of Education Naloxone Policy – JFDA

On the motion of Dixie Bean, seconded by Janet Rose, the Board approved Hardy County Board of Education Naloxone Policy – JFDA for the first reading.

5-0 motion carried

D. Approval of Textbook/Instructional Materials and Learning Technologies Adoption Policy – IEB

On the motion of Dixie Bean, seconded by Janet Rose, the Board approved the Textbook/Instructional Materials and Learning Technologies Adoption Policy – IEB for the first reading.

5-0 motion carried

E. Approval of Naming of the East Hardy School Baseball Complex

On the motion of Douglas Hines, seconded by Dixie Bean, the Board approved the naming of the East Hardy School Baseball Complex after Raymond Snapp by recommendation of Mr. Derick Parks. The recognition will occur on March 22, 2023, at the first baseball game.

5-0 motion carried

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

Ms. Sheena Van Meter handed out the PRO Officers update for February.

Ms. Van Meter told the Board that no personnel hearings were requested for the March 20th meeting and that the meeting would begin at the regular time.

Mr. Melvin Shook thanked Ms. Van Meter for the number of students in each class for the test scores presentation. Mr. Shook also passed out the proposed SB268 and other bills pertaining to education, moving in legislation for the Board to review.

Ms. Janet Rose asked if anyone knew where the book Remembering Early Hardy County, WV Schools The 1976 Bicentennial Project by Gary Smith and compiled by Suzanne Whitson could be purchased. The book had information on all the old school buildings in the county and where they were located.

XI. Future Agenda Items

- PRO Officers – March 20, 2023
- WV Extension Office – March 20, 2023
- ESSERF Budget Update – March 20, 2023

XII. Announcements

- March 7, 2023 – East Hardy Elementary School/East Hardy High School Board Visits – 7:45 a.m. Front Office
- March 20, 2023 – Hardy County Board of Education Meeting – BOE – 5:00 p.m.

XIII. Mission Statements/Accomplishments

- The Board thanked Ms. Emily Morris, students, and staff for the positive Leader in Me presentation they provided.

XIV. Personnel

On the motion of Nancy Hahn, seconded by Douglas Hines, the Board went into Executive Session at 6:43 p.m. Policy BDE, Item 2, Authorization A.

5-0 motion carried

Ms. Dixie Bean excused herself from the session at 6:47 p.m. for the discussion of days without pay because the caretaker was caring for her brother-in-law. Ms. Bean returned to the session at 6:50 p.m. after the discussion.

On the motion of Nancy Hahn, seconded by Douglas Hines, the Board reconvened into regular session at 6:53 p.m. with no action taken.

5-0 motion carried

On the motion of Nancy Hahn, seconded by Douglas Hines, the Board approved the following:

Leave of Absence:

- Teresa Cook: March 2, 2023, through March 23, 2023

5-0 motion carried

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

Days Without Pay:

- Edna Elizabeth See: February 20, 2023 – ½ Day

4-0 motion carried

1 Abstain

On the motion of Nancy Hahn, seconded by Douglas Hines, the Board approved the following:

Days Without Pay:

- Ashley Yokum: March 13-16, 2023 – 4 Day

5-0 motion carried

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

Service Personnel Hirings:

- Nicole McCartney: Substitute Custodian, Countywide, effective 2022-2023 SY

Professional Personnel Hiring:

- Austin Duncan: General Science Teacher, Grades 7-12, EHHS, effective March 7, 2023
- Melinda Ruth: Substitute Teacher, Countywide, effective 2022-2023 SY
- Roy Harper: Substitute Teacher, Countywide, effective 2023-2024 SY

Professional Extra-Curricular Hiring:

- Jamin Hershberger: Summer SOLE MMS/MIS Sites Coordinator, MMS, effective 2022-2023 Summer SOLE program and an additional 5 pre-planning days and 1 post-planning day for the 2022-2023 SY only

Athletic Hiring:

- Hayden Baldwin: Authorized Certified Coach Without Pay, Baseball, MHS, effective 2022-2023 SY
- Noah Orndorff: Authorized Certified Coach Without Pay, Softball, EHHS, effective 2022-2023 SY
- Brett Tharp: Authorized Certified Coach Without Pay, Football, EHHS, effective 2022-2023 SY
- Brian Wilson: Assistant Coach Football, MHS, effective 2023-2024 SY

Letters of Mutual Agreement:

- Sarah Widder Imboden: Original Assignment- Music Teacher, MES, MMS & MHS, 200-day contract, New Assignment- Music Teacher, MES & MHS, 200-day contract, beginning 2023-2024 SY

- Sabrina Dean: Original Assignment, First Grade Teacher, MES, 200-day contract, New Assignment- First /Second Grade Split Teacher, MES, 200-day contract for the 2023-2024 SY only
- Lucas Moyers: Original Assignment- Social Studies Teacher, Grades 7/8, MMS, 200-day contract, New Assignment- Social Studies Teacher, Grades 6-8, MMS, 200-day contract, beginning 2023-2024 SY
- Bonnie Crites: Original Assignment- Science Teacher, Grades 7/8, MMS, 200-day contract, New Assignment- Science Teacher, Grades 6-8, MMS, 200-day contract, beginning 2023-2024 SY
- Rachel Williams: Original Assignment- English Language Arts Teacher, Grades 7/8, MMS, 200-day contract, New Assignment- English Language Arts Teacher, Grades 6-8, MMS, 200-day contract, beginning 2023-2024 SY
- James Beahm: Original Assignment: Bean Settlement area, Rt 55 East to Upper Skaggs Run, Luxemburg, Old Rt 55 West to Cunningham Lane, Day Care Center, Mt. Olive Rd. and Courthouse to MMS & MIS a.m. only. Assignment change beginning July 01, 2023: Bean Settlement area, Rt 55 East to Upper Skaggs Run, Luxemburg, Old Rt 55 West to Cunningham Lane, Day Care Center, Mt. Olive Rd.
These changes shall remain in effect until modified by the mutual consent of the Board and the employee or until the employee's contract is terminated.
- Mark Wratchford: Original assignment: Misty Terrace, Malcolm's Grocery, Tannery Hollow, Brighton Avenue, Rohrbaugh Lane, Arlington Manor, Moorefield Examiner, Grades 9-12 First Run a.m. and Second Run p.m., Misty Terrace, Chipley Lane Apartments, Brighton Avenue, Arlington Manor, Rohrbaugh Lane, Moorefield Examiner, Second Run am and First Run p.m., PreK and Second Grade MIS and MMS p.m. only drop at Elm Street stop, with minor extensions. Assignment change beginning July 01, 2023: 1st Run a.m.: Misty Terrace, Malcolm's Grocery, Tannery Hollow, Brighton Avenue, Rohrbaugh Lane, Arlington Manor, Moorefield Examiner, Grades 9-12, Misty Terrace, Chipley Lane Apartments, Brighton Avenue, Arlington Manor, Rohrbaugh Lane, Moorefield Examiner - Second Run a.m.: MIS and MMS pick up at Elm Street stop, with minor extensions. First Run p.m.: Misty Terrace, Malcolm's Grocery, Tannery Hollow, Brighton Avenue, Rohrbaugh Lane, Arlington Manor, Moorefield Examiner, Grades 9-12, Misty Terrace, Chipley Lane Apartments, Brighton Avenue, Arlington Manor, Rohrbaugh Lane, Moorefield Examiner, PreK, and Second Grade drop off, with minor extensions. - Second Run p.m.: Misty Terrace, Malcolm's Grocery, Tannery Hollow, Brighton Avenue, Rohrbaugh Lane, Arlington Manor, Moorefield Examiner, Misty Terrace, Chipley Lane Apartments, Brighton Avenue, Arlington Manor, Rohrbaugh Lane, Moorefield Examiner, MIS, MMS, MHS
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Resignations:

- Heather Simmons: Student Council Co-Advisor, Extra-Curricular, MMS, effective February 22, 2023
- Roy Harper: Agriculture Science Teacher/FFA Sponsor, MMS/MHS, effective June 30, 2023 (due to retirement)
- Bobby Jack Harman Jr.: Assistant Football Coach, MHS, effective March 1, 2023
- Melissa Rayner: Substitute Aide, Countywide, effective March 3, 2023
- Jillian Bowers: Substitute Cook, Countywide, effective March 3, 2023
- Heather Kelly: Substitute Custodian, Countywide, effective March 3, 2023
- Paul Keplinger: Girls' Basketball Coach, MHS, effective March 6, 2023

Volunteer:

- Drew Samsoe: Volunteer, EHES, effective 2022-2023 SY only
- Amanda Barrett: Volunteer, EHHS, effective 2022-2023 SY only
- Sabrina Kesterson: Volunteer, EHES, effective 2022-2023 SY only
- Linda Markwood: Volunteer, MES, effective 2022-2023 SY only
- John Bruce: Volunteer, EHHS, effective 2022-2023 SY only

5-0 motion carried

XV. Adjournment

On the motion of Nancy Hahn, seconded by Janet Rose, the meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

5-0 motion carried

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