

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOUNTAINBURG SCHOOL BOARD
MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2022 **6:00 P.M.**
Study Session 5:15 to 6:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Presiding officer was Jason Watkins, president. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. Other board members present were Boyd Mize, Lesli France, Shari Moxley and Emily Bassham. Administrators present were Dr. Debbie Atwell, Julie Ferguson, Tandi Jones, Nancy Robbins, and Courtney Cristee. Also present was Dama Smith, board recorder.

2. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Approval of Minutes**
- B. Financial Reports**
- C. Enrollment Report**
- D. Personnel Consent Agenda - classified hire noted**
- E. Student Transfer Request**

Atwell recommended approval of Consent Agenda Items. Bassham moved to approve the recommendation. Moxley seconded. Motion passed.

3. REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

A. Policy Items

1. Action Item: 23-24 School Year Calendar

Atwell recommended the Board approve the Calendar as FINAL. Atwell reported the following: The proposal was approved draft, given to both PPC committees for input. The classified committee discussed options and voted in favor of the calendar as proposed. The certified committee discussed feedback from all three schools and recommended the following adjustments:

- Move the PT conferences from Monday and Tuesday to Tuesday and Thursday from 3:30-6:30. Scheduling conflict with football games and PT Conference on a Thursday in October were discussed but they felt parents of football and cheerleaders would have the option of conferences on Tuesday and they would encourage and remind parents of players, etc. to attend conferences on Tuesday night.
- Move the end of the 3rd Quarter from March 8 to March 14 to avoid having more than 50 days in the 4th quarter
- Move PT Conferences to March 26 and 28 (this is after the break but they thought it would work okay since we just came back from break)

Factors to consider:

- Act 688 requires the first date of the school year to be no earlier than August 21, 2023
- We schedule 178 student contact days, 2 Parent Teacher Conferences, and 10 days of professional development/work days
- WATC and concurrent credit classes start August 21, 2023

- Arkansas Virtual (concurrent courses) plan to coordinate with most schools, who plan to break semester before Christmas
- Each quarter has no less than 40 days and no more than 50
- Faculty input is for a teacher break in the fall and the spring and that the current schedule for PT conferences needs more time to get parents in for the after-work times

Moxley moved to approve the recommendation. Mize seconded. Motion passed.

2. Action Item: Policy Revision 5.22.F Concurrent Credit Contract

Atwell recommended the Board approve the proposed policy revision. Students taking concurrent credit courses may drop the college portion of the credit by certain drop dates established by the college to avoid getting a low grade on their college transcript. However, current policy is not clear if they drop the college portion of the course if they are able to drop the high school portion of the course. High school courses must be dropped within the first two weeks of the semester. This revision of policy states that courses may be dropped for college credit but remain in the course for high school credit until the end of the semester. See proposal.

Bassham moved to approve the recommendation. Mize seconded. Motion passed.

B. Business Item

1. Action Item: Section 125 Plan

Atwell recommended the Board approve the District's Section 125 plan administered by American Fidelity.

France moved to approve the recommendation. Moxley seconded. Motion passed.

C. Project Updates:

1. Information Update: Latest construction project update from MAHG:

- We completed the 50% Construction Document milestone last week (see the attached drawings for reference). Our next milestone is 95%, and that is scheduled for December 19th.
- We have been having some preliminary discussions with the State Fire Marshall about the project to get ahead of some of his review comments. As you know, we are changing to the 2021 Building Code come January, so there were some items to work through. He's discussing the Safe Room requirements internally and will keep us in the loop on their decisions. If we have to issue our documents before January 1st to get around the new rules, we've got enough on paper to proceed. We'll follow up with you once we hear.
- We've received updated plans from SOPA (seating company) and will incorporate their changes into our documents
- MAHG needs to touch base with Bai to discuss acoustical and a/v requirements
- MAHG is coordinating items with Civil, Structural and MEP consultants
- Van Horn is looking at the most cost-effective method to get water back to the Maintenance Building west of the gym once the lines that currently supply it are

demolished for the Activity Center. We've proposed simply continuing the new water line serving the new building or simply extending the locker room line out to Maintenance Building

2. Update Item: Middle School gym floor repairs

Atwell reported: Last month the Board approved the gym floor repairs as an insurance claim as presented. Leak detection did not find any water line leaks. When we removed sections of the flooring at the damaged spots we found termites. When we cut out a larger section to track termites we found three saw cuts into the concrete that run north to south, approx 28 feet apart. The joints have cracked and appear to be the source of moisture. The damaged sections line up on each of the three expansion joints. Maintenance had the drainage culverts that run under the gym scoped and jetted to clear the blockage that might be causing leaks and groundwater back up into the joint. The culverts under the gym have settled, allowing the concrete to settle and the cracks in the saw cuts occurred. The cracks will have to be sealed with polyurethane, the bad spots will be cut out Friday, Dec 9 and replaced on Dec 19th. Gym Masters will be back in January to refinish the floors.

3. Update Item: COPS School Violence Prevention Program (SVPP) Grant

Atwell reported: In October the District was awarded the SVPP Grant for a total security project budget of \$661,995.00, with \$496,496.00 (75%) in award funds and \$165,499 (25%) as the local match.

In May the District was awarded Partnership Project Funds for a total security project budget of \$411,044, with \$282,623.87 (68%) in award funds and \$130,875 (32%) required as the local match.

We have received approval from DESE to utilize the SVPP grant funds as the 32% match required for the DESE Partnership Security Project for vestibules, visitor management systems, and electronic locking door access, and verbal approval from the Dept of Justice Grant Manager to utilize the state funds as our required local match. This means the District will be able to utilize as much as \$779,119.87 in grant funds to provide vestibules, visitor management ID systems, electronic door access (exterior and interior doors), as well as cameras, fencing, bollards, and possibly more security lighting and reserved local funds.

We are in the process of submitting the Grant Award Modifications for the federal grant and planning the project.

D. Personnel

1. Executive session for personnel

The board went to executive session at 6:38 p.m.

The board left executive session at 6:55 p.m.

F. Announcements

Atwell said one of the Board's responsibilities is to tour the facilities while students are present. She said they can work together to find times for this that work with members' schedules. She

said if board members are available to also join part of a small team PLC meeting – they are held at the following times:

MES - Monday and Tuesdays 9:00-10:30

MMS & MHS - Mondays 2:00-3:30

Dec 7 & 8 ASBA School Board Conference @ LR

Dec 12 & 13 Clara is on-site for coaching

Dec 14 & 15 Brandon Jones is here for PLC Coaching Academy Days 3 & 4

Dec 17-Jan 2 No classes - Christmas Break

Jan 2 Professional Development for teachers

Jan 10 & 11 Superintendent Symposium @ LR

Jan 16 & 17 Brandon Jones is here for PLC Coaching Academy Days 5 & 6

Jan 19 & 20 Clara here for PLC Coaching

Jan 16 Board Meeting

Jan 24 Leading District Wide PLC training @ LR

Feb 7 FACE & Wellness Meetings

Feb 15, 16, 17 Clara here for PLC Coaching

Feb 20 PT Conferences

Feb 20 Board Meeting

Adjournment: Bassham moved to adjourn at 6:56 p.m. France seconded. Motion passed.