



## Regular Meeting Agenda No. 13, 2/24/22 Regular Meeting Minutes

The Pleasants County Board of Education met in a regular session on Thursday, February 24, 2022, at 5:35 p.m. at the St. Marys High School, 2330 N. Pleasants Highway, St. Marys, WV 26170, with President Heather Straight presiding.

Participants: Dr. Heather Straight, President  
Danny DeMoss  
Mr. Bradley VanZile (via phone)  
David Meeks  
Marty Lawhon

Administrative staff participating: G. Michael Wells, Superintendent, Jennifer Hupp, Director of Finance, & Jeff Sole, Director of Maintenance/Facilities.

The Board opened the meeting in the library with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Following the Pledge, President Straight recognized the delegation of the St. Marys High School for the purpose of enabling the Pleasants County Board of Education to receive information, comments and suggestions from the LSIC. Presenting for the LSIC was Lori Barnhart Principal, along with other committee representatives of the school staff.

Mrs. Barnhart recited their Mission Statement, “We believe with vision and focus students will be successful at St. Marys High School!” Being ranked 11<sup>th</sup> in the state, their ***Strategic Plan Focus*** directs their attention at improving student achievement and instruction in English and Mathematics, school leadership and positive climate/cohesive culture and finally, student support services and family/community connections. Classroom walkthroughs and analyzing data contribute to the success at SMHS. SAT testing scored positive results in English, Reading, Writing, Math and Science. PSAT (10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade students) test results were well received with 20 students achieving a score over 1000, being eligible for possible National Merit Scholar status! Other area of student program support is the Advisory (LINKS), After School Tutoring, Academic Intervention, Extended School-Based Mental Health Program, Teacher Leadership/Staff Collaboration, and Family Engagement activities.

Mr. Aaron Hickman, Assistant Principal, reported on Positive Behavior Interventions/Supports, and Discipline Data. Recognizing Resource Officer, Jason Reed, Mr. Hickman noted how Officer Reed provided student mentoring, crisis prevention and intervention providing a safer school environment and closer partnership with local law enforcement agencies. Positive Behavior Intervention and Support includes recognizing Students of the Month, PBIS Store, prizes for good/perfect attendance, and Awards Assemblies every 9 weeks.

***Student Leadership*** at SMHS includes a highly involved FFA Program, which boasts a membership of 119 members, being 35% of the student body. Having over 180 community service hours to date, students have also recorded \$102,723 for the supervised agriculture experiences, competed in 6 difference CDE/LDE competitions, and most recently seven students traveled to Indianapolis for the National FFA Convention and Expo.

Other leadership involvements are the STARS Program, Leo Club, National Honor Society, & Student Council.

In ***Athletics***, special recognition goes out to the St. Marys High School Golf Team for their “3 Peat” State Championship this past fall with Head Coach Catherine Hamilton being named WV National Federation Coach of the Year for Golf, along with Grant Barnhart and Brandon Lawhon named to All State Golf Team! Helping to cheer on our athletes this year, is the welcoming of the newly formed “Pep Band” that helps boost SMHS spirit and pride at the girls’ and boys’ basketball games this year! Without hesitation, we also note the many Scholar Athletes in various sports.

Celebrating their academic excellence, there is National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta (Math Honorary), Science Honorary, & Spanish Honorary. Over 100 students have earned Letters of Scholarship at SMHS and six (6) students are currently in the “30 Club” where they scored 30 or more on their ACT testing. This year, there are 7 Valedictorians and 1 Salutatorian, and all those students have taken all 5 AP college classes that are offered at SMHS in addition to any advanced placement and honor courses, throughout their past 4 years here at SMHS. This year there are 13 early college certificates and Associates Degrees that will be awarded to students at graduation. In addition to these academic achievements, we also have 21 Promise Scholarship winners.

At MOVTI, there are over 50% of the upper classmen involved in career pathways at the Technical Center. For those students who are not college bound, this is an awesome advantage to be able to come directly out of high school entering the workforce with a job skill, being able to secure a good job!

In School Building Improvements, the new Baseball/Softball Athletic Facility Lighting has been completed in those areas. Looking forward, Mrs. Barnhart reported the future projects such as outdoor sports complex Field Turf installation and the school building HVAC improvements.

Mrs. Barnhart presented a short video in view of the past year and a half, which was in collaboration with other schools, (leadership collaborating) creating new ideas, and reflecting on how things have changed, living through the challenging times, and looking to the future at SMHS.

In conclusion, Mrs. Barnhart thanked the Board and Mr. Wells for their continued support of St. Marys High School ensuring the success of everyone.

Mr. Wells thanked Mrs. Barnhart and her staff for all they do and appreciate their support and efforts.

A short recess was taken and the Board reconvened at 6:10 p.m. with President Heather Straight calling the meeting back to order.

In the second Delegation of the meeting, Superintendent Wells presented the FY23 Pleasants County School Calendar Drafts to the Board for discussion. Having met with the Calendar Committee concerning both drafts, Draft 1 and Draft 2, Mr. Wells noted the calendars have been publicly published for the past two (2) weeks in the county newspaper, each schools’ decision preference, and each draft with designated beginning of school and end dates, with holidays. At this time, the Board reviewed and discussed the drafts. As of now, the general consensus is Draft 1. We will have another hearing/discussion at the next board meeting on March 8, 2022, for final approval.

On motion of Danny DeMoss, seconded by Marty Lawhon, and as recommended by the Superintendent, the minutes of the February 10, 2022 meeting were approved 5-0, by consent.

On motion of Danny DeMoss, seconded by David Meeks, and as recommended by the Superintendent, the following 2021-2022 School Year Transportation requests, were approved 5-0, by consent:

- St. Marys High School Golf Team Transportation Request to State Capitol, Charleston, WV, for Championship Recognition, February 22, 2022, retroactive to February 10, 2022;
- St. Marys High School Varsity Girls' Basketball Team Transportation Request for a makeup game to their approved regular schedule, Doddridge County High School, February 18, 2022, retroactive to February 10, 2022;
- St. Marys High School J.V. Baseball Team Transportation Request;
- St. Marys High School Varsity Baseball Team Transportation Request for two (2) additional games to original schedule, March 19, 2022, Doddridge County High School, and April 20, 2022, Frontier High School;
- Math Field Day Transportation Request to WVU-P, Parkersburg, WV, March 15, 2022;
- St. Marys High School Tennis Team Transportation Request;
- St. Marys High School Varsity/JV Softball Team Transportation Request.

#### **FINANCE:**

On motion of David Meeks, seconded by Bradley VanZile, and as recommended by the Superintendent, the following FINANCE items were approved 3-0 by consent:

- INVOICES - \$427,019.73
- Budget Transfers and Supplements:  
Supplements – Approved Grant money (stimulus) to support homeless students in the amount of \$47,289.15 (worked on by Mandy Mote and Kimberly Kehrer).

#### **PERSONNEL:**

On motion of Danny DeMoss, seconded by David Meeks, and as recommended by the Superintendent, the following personnel matters were approved 5-0 by consent, pending all necessary certifications and requirements, for the school year 2021-2022:

#### **Resignations:**

- ESY Teacher Aide/Transportation Aide, Belmont Elementary School, effective 2/7/22, resignation due to retirement- JODIE JOHNSON
- Bus Operator, effective 6/30/22, resignation due to retirement- DAVID FLEMING
- Art Teacher, St. Marys High School, effective 6/30/22, resignation due to retirement - MARY JANE HELGREN
- Counselor, Pleasants County Middle School, effective 6/30/22, resignation due to retirement- KRISTINA CARPENTER
- Substitute Teacher, County, effective February 9, 2022 - JACLYN BARRON
- Custodian, St. Marys Elementary School, effective February 17, 2022- ERICA SMITH

#### **Employment:**

Vacancy #22-28, Assistant Track Coach, Pleasants County Middle School –

BEVERLY KNIGHT

Vacancy #22-29, Mathematics After School Tutor Teacher, St. Marys High School, retroactive to February 10, 2022-

HOWARD MEEKS

#### **Other Personnel Matters:**

Approval for FMLA Infant Bonding, Spanish Teacher, St. Marys High School, retroactive to February 14, 2022, through the end of the '21-'22 School Year-

STEPHANIE CREIGHTON

#### **MISCELLANEOUS:**

On motion of David Meeks, seconded by Marty Lawhon, and as recommended by the Superintendent, West Virginia University request for two (2) students shadowing of Special Education Vision Services at Belmont Elementary School, Spring 2022, 2021-2022 School Year

ALEXANDRIA LANG  
HEATHER BRAGG

Also, under Miscellaneous Items, Superintendent Wells introduced Todd Zachwieja and Ted Zachwieja of ZDS Design/Consulting Services, for discussion with the Board on the HVAC system project at St. Marys High School. They presented an update on the progress and design that has been completed to date. During their power point presentation, the Board was able to ask questions and express concerns.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**MOVTI (Marty Lawhon):** At last meeting on 2/14/22, discussion was based on general business

**PCDA (Heather Straight):** N/A

**SAFETY (Danny DeMoss):** Meeting 2/22/22 – agenda included possible drill & safety walk-throughs

**FAIR (David Meeks):** Ham was purchased by the Board at the recent SMHS Ham & Bacon Show which was a huge success.

**EXTENSION OFFICE (Bradley VanZile):** Meeting 2/22/22 - Director's position still a discussion for approval, leaving the pool of applicants still open; they decided to make the position a Director in Training, allowing anyone with a Bachelor's Degree for consideration and repost at some point; also tentatively approved the new budget for Extension Office.

Mr. Wells concluded the meeting with the following updates:

- COVID update: Tomorrow (2/25/22) masks will be optional; numbers are really good and things are looking up overall with COVID cases down considerably, hopefully soon to move this from a pandemic to endemic;
- Reminder to Board Members to record their own development hours;
- RIF and Transfer Season is upon us, as we will be notifying those involved in that process next week;
- Congratulations to Kathy Martin, Special Education Teacher at Pleasants County Middle School, being selected for the Jan Dils Golden Apple Award this past week!

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 8, 2022, at the Board Meeting Room, 1009 Maple Street, St. Marys, WV 26170, at 6:00 p.m.

On motion of David Meeks, seconded by Danny DeMoss, and approved 5-0, the meeting was adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

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Board President

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Secretary