

August 25, 2020

The Board of Education held the Tax Rate Hearing at 5:45 p.m. on Tuesday, August 25, 2020 in the MHS Band Room.

Present: President Erin Meyer, and members Bryon Jacques, Harry Carrell, Ed Harper, Ellen Lance, Matt Smith, and Christy Varner. Also Carol Maher, Superintendent of Schools; Linda Perkins, Board Secretary; Terry Lorenz, Assistant Superintendent; Diane Gillaspie, Director of Curriculum and Instruction; Grace Durham, Director of Special Services; Ian Verts, MHS Principal; Kristen Niemeyer, Athletic Director/Assistant Principal; Brian Wilcoxson, MHS Assistant Principal; Amy Heuman, Janine Machholz and Rendy Maupin, Elementary Principals; Susan Angelhow, Director of TLC; Renee Vaught, Principal of Spainhower Primary; Kim Alberson, Assistant Principal of Spainhower Primary; Callie Dobbins, Director of SCCC; representatives of certified staff; and Roger Blakely.

Absent: Member None

President Dr. Erin Meyer called the Tax Rate Hearing to order.

On a motion by Mrs. Lance, seconded by Mr. Jacques, the board unanimously approved to increase the School Operating Levy to \$2.75 per Amendment 2 of the Missouri State Constitution.

On a motion by Mr. Jacques, seconded by Mr. Carrell, the board approved to set the tax rate at \$3.2000. The motion carried on the following vote:

Ayes: Carrell, Jacques, Lance, Meyer
Nays: Harper, Smith, Varner

A motion was made by Mr. Harper to set the levy at \$3.2326 but died due to the lack of a second.

Dr. Meyer adjourned the tax rate hearing at 6:14 p.m.

The Board of Education of the School District of Marshall met in regular session on Tuesday, August 25, 2020 in the MHS Band Room at 6:15 p.m.

On a motion by Mr. Carrell, seconded by Mrs. Varner, the board unanimously approved the minutes of the July 21 regular board meeting and the July 27 and August 18 special meetings.

On a motion by Mr. Carrell, seconded by Mr. Smith, the board unanimously approved the electronic communication dated July 28, 2020.

On a motion by Mr. Jacques, seconded by Mr. Harper, the August bills totaling \$629,000.04 were unanimously approved.

On a motion by Mr. Carrell, seconded by Mr. Jacques, the monthly finance reports were unanimously approved.

On a motion by Mr. Carrell, seconded by Mrs. Varner, the board held the first reading of 2020A and ACA MSBA Policy updates.

A motion was made by Mr. Carrell, seconded by Mrs. Lance, to adopt the agenda. A report regarding the Region 5 MSBA meeting was added to the agenda. Mr. Jacques moved to amend the motion, seconded by Mr. Harper, to adopt the agenda with the added item to the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

Mindi Coslet, CTA President, thanked the board for moving the first day of school back a week. MSTA membership drive is currently being held. She invited everyone to watch the live town hall meeting at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 26 at 10:00 a.m. Participating will be Erin Meyer, Carol Maher, Terry Lorenz, Grace Durham, and Diane Gillaspie.

Jim Papreck, Director of Data Analysis and Dissemination, reported on revenue projections.

Grace Durham, Director of Special Services, reported all Title Final Expenditures Reports have been submitted to DESE and approved.

Diane Gillaspie, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, reported as of 2:00 p.m. Tuesday afternoon, we have 493 distant learners and six students have chosen to use the MOCAP option for virtual instruction.

Terry Lorenz, Assistant Superintendent, reported the floors will be waxed at Spainhower this week and curb and parking lot pavement is underway. The electrical upgrade in the BMS kitchen is complete and the Culinary Arts kitchen electrical upgrade has also been completed at SCCC. Technology has migrated to Bluebird, the new internet service provider and Securly, the new filtering solution. Dr. Lorenz applied for and the district will be awarded two K-12 education connectivity bundles for external access points for MPS through HP. The amount of the grant was \$11,200.

Dr. Lorenz received the following letter from Kirk Arends, City Councilman: I have seen from a couple of your school board meetings, that there have been questions on getting an update from the city per the Hab Center project. I just wanted to let you know that we have all but secured funding for the project and RFQ's have already been sent out to a number of companies. While the contract reads the city only needs to tear down one building before December 11th, 2021, our goal is to tear down all buildings at once, before the December 2021 date, which would be two years ahead of schedule. I hope this information helps the school board in their planning for future schools.

Carol Maher, Superintendent, reported conference superintendents have been meeting to discuss guidelines for sporting events. Live streaming of games/contests/performances will be used when possible to reduce attendance at events to allow spectators to view events if they are unable to attend in person.

- Fans are expected to sit with their families during contests and social distance from other fans.
- Fans are required to wear face coverings while in attendance.
- Fans are not allowed to leave and reenter the event venues.

- School superintendents will determine each District's tier level/color on Monday of each week and it will be in effect at each performance/event from Tuesday-Monday. The North Central Missouri Conference (NCMC) has developed a process in which this will be determined to minimize confusion or hardships on parents and other spectators.

District superintendents have added these items:

- Schools should decide how to handle non-conference games - what level is set, etc. (The Owls play Chillicothe Friday night. 2 parents, Siblings, and Grandparents may attend and have to show ID at the gate.)
- We plan to announce our district's level each Monday.
- Coaches' families may come to the games.
- We need supervisors to be there, so ADs or other administrators should plan on having them at home and away games. (Bus drivers also.)
- There should be no cooking in concession stands. Only sell packaged items and soda in containers. The superintendents are asking that no hamburgers, hotdogs, nachos, etc. be sold.

Due to the vandalism that happened on the MHS football field, Missouri Valley College has graciously offered MHS the use of their football stadium for our home games.

Board member Harry Carrell, reported on a meeting he attended July 29 regarding reviving Marshall. It was a very upbeat and positive meeting. Opening schools, keeping students from following behind academically, and safety were topics discussed.

Bryon Jacques reported he attended a MSBA Region 5 meeting August 20. The MSBA annual meeting will be virtual this year on September 24-26, Legislative Forum will be February 16 in Jefferson City, Region 5 spring meeting will be April 28 in Holden, and June 18-19 will be a summit in Springfield.

Mrs. Durham presented the following Special Education and Federal Programs contracts for the 2020-21 school year: Great Circle; Fitzgibbon Hospital - Physical Therapy Services; and Local Compliance Plan. On a motion by Mr. Carrell, seconded by Mr. Jacques, the board approved these contracts.

Mrs. Durham also presented a salary schedule for speech language pathologists. The district has three speech language pathologists and is currently down 1.5 speech pathologists. DESE has changed how the SLP's are classified and the district does use Teletherapy for additional help with students. The board asked for additional information from other districts. On a motion by Mr. Harper, seconded by Mr. Jacques, the board tabled making a decision until the additional information was available.

Dr. Lorenz reported George's Heating & Cooling, Beerman Heating & Cooling, and H&S Heating & Cooling submitted bids for the IA HVAC. Upon Dr. Lorenz's recommendation, a motion was made by Mr. Jacques, seconded by Mr. Harper, to accept the bid from George's Heating & Cooling in the amount of \$19,297.

Roger Blakely addressed the board regarding turf at the MHS football field.

Discussion was held on putting sod on the MHS football field due to the vandalism. A bid had been received from Mid America Sports Construction in the amount of \$74,123. Earlier in the year a committee had met to discuss putting turf on the field and it was

suggested they discuss this issue again. On a motion by Mr. Jacques, seconded by Mrs. Varner, the board tabled making a decision on putting sod on the field at this time.

Arrow Gates & Security had submitted a bid for replacing the gate at MHS athletic complex in the amount of \$6,952.61. On a motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Jacques, the board accepted the bid.

On a motion by Mrs. Varner, seconded by Mr. Carrell, the board tabled making a decision on the irrigation at MHS football field.

On a motion by Mr. Carrell, second by Mr. Jaques, the board unanimously approved the list of erate projects including the erate category 1 fiber connectivity project. The total amount of savings to the district will be \$517,761.50.

On a motion by Mr. Jacques, seconded by Mr. Carrell, the board unanimously approved a Memorandum of Understanding with Launch, which is a statewide program which provides Missouri students access to high quality virtual courses that are designed, developed, and delivered by Missouri educators.

On a motion by Mr. Jacques, seconded by Mrs. Lance, the board adjourned at 8:07 p.m. to reconvene in executive session with closed record and closed vote pursuant Section 610.021 (1) legal actions involving the district, attorney communications, (3) hiring, terminating disciplining or promoting, and (13) personnel records, evaluations, applications. The motion carried on a roll call vote.

Ayes: Carrell, Jacques, Lance, Meyer, Smith, Varner, Harper
Nays: None

In executive session a motion was made by Mr. Jacques, seconded by Mr. Lance, the board approved to enter into executive session, approved previous closed session minutes, and approved the closed session agenda. The motion carried on a roll call vote.

Ayes: Carrell, Jacques, Lance, Meyer, Smith, Varner, Harper
Nays: None

On a motion by Mr. Jacques, seconded by Mr. Harper, the board approved the consent agenda. The motion carried on a roll call vote.

Ayes: Carrell, Jacques, Lance, Meyer, Smith, Varner, Harper
Nays: None

On a motion by Mr. Jacques, seconded by Mr. Carrell, the board accepted the resignations of the following:

- Matthew Tolin, BMS Custodian
- Becky Pestka, EW Nurse
- Iris Cruz, Benton Para
- Kimberly Johnson, Spainhower Para
- Delroy Brown, Bus Driver

The motion carried on a roll call vote.

Ayes: Carrell, Harper, Jacques, Lance, Meyer, Smith, Varner

Nayes: None

On a motion by Mr. Jacques, seconded by Mr. Smith, the board approved the employment of the following:

- Melissa Wissman, 4th Grade Chairperson
- Terry Yokley, Permanent Sub Town Route
- Jermaine Solomon, TLC Options Room Teacher
- Jennifer Johnson, Migrant Liaison
- Julie Miller, Spainhower 1st Grade Teacher
- Danielle Bullard, Spainhower Kindergarten Para
- Tristan Ramberg, Benton 2nd Grade Teacher
- Dustin Blankenship, Assistant Girls' Tennis Coach
- Marlana Zank, Benton Para
- Sarah Summers, BMS Fine Arts Department Head
- Kim Adams, Part-time Speech Implementer at MHS

The motion carried on a roll call vote.

Ayes: Carrell, Harper, Jacques, Lance, Meyer, Smith, Varner

Nayes: None

On a motion by Mrs. Lance, seconded by Mr. Jacques, the board approved to return to regular session. The motion carried on a roll call vote.

Ayes: Carrell, Harper, Jacques, Lance, Meyer, Smith

Nayes: None

On a motion by Mr. Jacques, seconded by Mr. Harper, the meeting adjourned at 10:24 p.m. The motion carried on a roll call vote.

Ayes: Carrell, Harper, Jacques, Lance, Meyer, Smith

Nayes: None

President, Board of Education

Secretary, Board of Education

The next regular meeting of the Marshall Board of Education is Tuesday, September 22, 2020.