

October 20, 2020

The Board of Education of the School District of Marshall met in regular session on Tuesday, October 20, 2020 at Spainhower Primary School at 6:00 p.m.

Present: President Erin Meyer, and members Ed Harper, Harry Carrell, 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; Paula Brown, BMS Principal; representatives of certified staff; and citizens of the district.

Absent: Member Bryon Jacques

On a motion by Mr. Carrell, seconded by Mr. Smith, the board unanimously approved the minutes of the September 22 regular board meeting and the September 28, October 1, and October 6 special meetings.

On a motion by Mrs. Lance, seconded by Mr. Smith, the board unanimously approved the electronic communication for September 28, 2020.

On a motion by Mr. Harper, seconded by Mr. Carrell, the October bills totaling \$1,150,554.71 were unanimously approved.

On a motion by Mr. Harper, seconded by Mr. Smith, the monthly finance reports were unanimously approved.

On a motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Harper, the board unanimously approved the Professional Development Program Review.

On a motion by Mr. Carrell, seconded by Mr. Lance, the board unanimously adopted the agenda for the remainder of the meeting.

Adam Evans, Evans Lawn Care, who had submitted a bid for lawn care, introduced himself to the board.

Terry Lorenz, Assistant Superintendent, reported he is working with the district's lawyer to get the contract wording in order for the fiber connectivity program. The new gate at the sports complex had been installed as well as an emergency siren. Fire Chief Tony Day had contacted Dr. Lorenz regarding installing a 6 foot by 3 foot communication sign on the north side of the stadium. Chief Day is working on a grant for this installation and board members were in favor of moving forward with this project. Access control to Spainhower Primary School was almost complete and 1,700 Chromebooks were installed and distributed within six days. Two hundred KN95 masks have been ordered and received, cloth face masks were received from DESE, and we have a substantial stock of hand sanitizer on hand.

The maintenance staff had removed and installed a new stove at BMS. They have also installed bottle fillers at BMS, MHS, and Northwest. HVAC is done at the IA building and electrical outlets have been added for smartboard in all rooms at Spainhower old addition.

Transportation department has been working on the new Transfinder Routing Software and getting ready to switch from Bus Masters. A school car has been placed at the three larger schools for transporting sick children home with an employee on call to transport from other schools. For the seventh year in a row, the transportation had received the 90% Fleet Award from DESE for vehicle inspections.

Carol Maher, Superintendent, reported on the 2020-2021 budget giving the worst case scenario. Total revenues expected for the 2020-2021 school year is expected to be \$26,331,551 compared to \$26,922,288 for the 2019-2020 school year which is a difference of -\$590,737. Total expenditures for the 2020-21 school year is expected to be \$29,613,577 compared to \$28,394,525 which is a difference of +\$1,219,052. Deficit spending for the 2020-2021 school year is expected to be \$3,282,026 compared to \$1,472,237 during the 2019-2020 school year. The district reserves are estimated to be 10% for the 2020-2021 school year. Our district reserves during the 2019-2020 school year was 17.7%.

Written reports were submitted by Mindi Coslet, CTA; Jeana Wise, PDC; Jim Papreck, Data Analysis; Grace Durham, Special Education; and Diane Gillaspie, Director of Curriculum. It was pointed out that Exchange Bank had donated \$5,5000 to district teachers. The money will be distributed to each building to decide the best way to use the funds to serve their teachers. Mrs. Coslet addressed distance learners in her report. CTA believes that families and students would be best served by allowing students to return at the quarter mark but they understand that allowing students to return at the high school may not be a possibility. The board agreed to allow PK-8 students, who are currently distant learners, to return to in-seat learning beginning November 2. They need to let their school building know by October 29 if they plan to return to in-seat learning.

It was announced November's meeting will be on Monday, November 23 at Spainhower Primary School.

Ellen Lance presented pictures taken at MHS showing what needs to be improved.

Mrs. Lance also reported she met with the Booster Club regarding the turf project at the high school and they are on board. Discussion was held on collecting donations and how to proceed with financing through fundraising efforts. The district will contribute approximately \$325,000 from money reserved for the track and field projects. Mrs. Lance will meet again with individuals who have shown interest in the project and she would like for the MHS Booster Club to take charge of the project.

In the absence of Bryon Jacques, Erin Meyer reported the R2L working group, which is headed by Mr. Jacques and Dr. Maher, will be meeting October 21 at 4:00 p.m. to discuss updating the plan. Representatives from the Saline County Health Department, Fitzgibbon Hospital, district employees, and the board will be in attendance.

On a motion by Mr. Harper, seconded by Mrs. Lance, the board unanimously approved the amendments to the budget as presented in the budget packet. Dr. Maher noted that there will probably be two more budget amendment cycles.

The district had advertised for mowing services and four bids were received. On a motion by Mr. Harper, seconded by Mrs. Lance, the board unanimously approved to accept the low bid from Evans Lawn Care in the amount of \$43,400 each year (2021-2023) for the three year period.

Matt Smith had received three bids for air purifiers for each building to be paid for with CARES money. On a motion by Mrs. Lance, seconded by Mr. Carrell, the board unanimously approved the low bid from Johnstone Supply in the amount of \$32,163 and to add this purchase to our current CARES money application.

On a motion by Mrs. Lance, seconded by Mrs. Varner, the board adjourned at 7:41 p.m. to reconvene in executive session with closed record and closed vote pursuant Section 610.021 (3) hiring, terminating disciplining or promoting and (13) personnel records, evaluations, applications. The motion carried on a roll call vote.

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

In executive session a motion was made by Mr. Harper, seconded by Mr. Carrell to enter into executive session. The motion carried on a roll call vote.

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

On a motion by Mr. Carrell, seconded by Mrs. Varner, the board approved the previous closed session minutes. The motion carried on a roll call vote.

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

On a motion by Mr. Carrell, seconded by Mrs. Varner, the board approved to amend the closed session agenda by adding a student issue to the agenda after which it was adopted. The motion carried on a roll call vote.

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

A student issue was discussed. No action was taken.

On a motion by Mr. Carrell, seconded by Mr. Smith, the board accepted the resignation of Ashlee Brandt, BMS Principal's Secretary, as of December 18, 2020. The motion carried on a roll call vote.

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

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

- Ashley Jordan, SE Paraprofessional
- Julie Orey, Counselor for HOOT Resource Center, \$25/hour
- Sharae Kelley, Tutoring for HOOT Resource Center, \$25/hour
- Monica Boyer, Tutoring for HOOT Resource Center, \$25/hour
- Lucas Howland, Benton Special Education Paraprofessional

The motion carried on a roll call vote.

Ayes: Carrell, Harper, Meyer, Smith, Varner

Nays: None

Abstain: Lance

The board was informed of the termination of Sam Bruner, SE Special Services Paraprofessional and the transfer of Amy VanBuskirk, BMS Counselor's Secretary to BMS Principal's Secretary, as of January 4, 2021.

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

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

Nays: None

On a motion by Mr. Harper, seconded by Mr. Smith, the meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m. The motion carried on a roll call vote.

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

Nays: None

President, Board of Education

Secretary, Board of Education

The next regular meeting of the Marshall Board of Education is **Monday**, November 23, 2020 at Spainhower Primary School.