

MADISON COUNTY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING
Madison High School
January 23, 2017
OPEN SESSION MINUTES

Motioned/Seconded (CG, KC) Carried (5-0) to move to Open Session at approximately 7:00 p.m. In attendance were Board members Dr. Theresa Banks, Chair, Lori Massey, Dr. Craig Goforth, Kelby Cody, Vice Chair and Barbara Wyatt. Also in attendance were Dr. Todd Holden, Superintendent, Michael Wallin, Finance Director and Dean Shatley, Board Attorney.

Board Chair, Theresa Banks, invited members and citizens to observe a moment of silence.

Setting the Agenda:

Motioned/Seconded (Dr. Craig Goforth/Dr. Theresa Banks) Carried (5-0) to Set the Agenda.

Approval of Minutes:

Motioned/Seconded (Lori H. Massey/Barbara Wyatt) Carried (5-0) to Approve Minutes from:

11.21.16 Open

12.12.16 Closed

12.12.16 Open

Superintendent's Report:

Superintendent, Dr. Todd Holden shared with the board that if the current laws on K-3 Enrollment stay the same, we would need to hire 3 additional teachers next year. Hot Springs Elementary would be too high for all grades. We would need approximately \$158,220 if the legislation doesn't go away. We would also have to look at additional supplies and facilities. If HB13 passes, the enrollment cap would increase which would help school systems. Chairman, Dr. Theresa Banks asked that Dr. Holden keep the board updated on the progress of the bills. Board Member, Lori Massey said that the board doesn't disagree with the small class size ratio, but that this is just another unfunded mandate.

Chairman's Report:

Chairman, Dr. Theresa Banks thanked the elementary schools for allowing her to come in and meet their adorable babies who are so smart. She said she was the winner getting to meet them. She visited Mars Hill Elementary before Christmas and Brush Creek and Hot Springs Elementary afterwards. She read with them and made brownies to the story "If You Give a Mouse a Brownie Recipe."

Member's Report:

Communications/Early College Report:

Board Member Lori Massey stated that the committee met and reviewed the new school system brochure. She stated that they had really good discussions about marketing the system. Dr. Holden added that they would like to get a billboard near the Buncombe/Madison line that shows our school system and state rank.

Mrs. Massey also reported that the Madison Early College High School was scheduled to meet on Friday, January 27th, at 9:00 am.

Policy Committee:

Board Member, Barbara Wyatt stated that the Drug-Free and Alcohol-Free Work Place Policy is on the current agenda for second reading.

Finance Report:

Michael Wallin presented the financial reports. He reported that the current balance in 40/42 funds with the county is approximately \$2,195,062.20. He also presented budget amendments for federal and state funds. **Motioned/Seconded (Dr. Craig Goforth, Kelby Cody), Carried (5-0) to approved budget amendments.**

Consent Agenda:

Motioned/Seconded (Lori H. Massey, Kelby Cody), Carried (5-0) to approve the Consent Agenda as discussed in closed with the one additional Personnel.

Personnel Report:

Ronnie Medford – Hire
Joe Walker – Rehire
Heidi Summers – Leave
Brittany Rice – Approve
Cecilia Rathbone – Approve
Berry Allen Stines – Rehire
Robert Teague – Rehire
Moriah Burchfield – Rehire
Devon Girard –Transfer
Aaron Gosnell - Approve

Policies:

Motioned/Seconded (Kelby Cody, Barbara Wyatt), Carried (5-0) to approve the 2nd reading of the Drug-Free and Alcohol-Free Work Place Policy (7420).

New Business:

Mariah Hughes, Project Manager with the Mountain Valleys RC&D, presented on the Greenway at Mars Hill Elementary School. They were looking for approval to put on a Backyard Stream Repair Workshop on March 30, 2017 and to add plant materials at Mars Hill Elementary. They have received funding for Shade Your Stream Initiative. The livestakes that would be planted would help to buffer runoff and give shade to the stream near the entrance of the school off of Bruce Road. They have talked with Daryl Boone, Mars Hill Town Manager, and he stated that every section of the stream is covered except for the part right by the school entrance. Two experts from NC State University would come up with Ross Young, Madison County Extension Director, and demonstrate how to plant the livestakes. The three things they are looking for is approval for the buffers, a demonstration for those in the field and an educational opportunity. Another option would be for them to help with the eroding bank. The town and school system would be responsible for the grading and then their program could help with plants. If the bank washed away, then the school system would be responsible for repairing. They would also try to get signage that would match the current signage on the Greenway. Board Member, Kelby Cody

asked if there was estimate on what the grading would cost and she said she would guess about \$800. Mariah stated that Daryl Boone had indicated that he might be able to get the grading done or free. Dr. Theresa Banks asked if this would be open to the community to come to and Mariah said yes and that they would be promoting it. **It was Motioned/Seconded (Kelby Cody, Dr. Theresa Banks) and Carried (5-0) to approved doing the upper section. It was Motioned/Seconded (Lori H. Massey, Dr. Theresa Banks) and Carried (5-0) to approve doing the lower section contingent on grading.** Board Member Lori Massey stated that this is a great way to protect against erosion.

Citizen Participation

There was no Citizen Participation.

Announcements

The next Madison County Schools Board Meeting will be on February 27, 2017 at Mars Hill Elementary School. Closed Session begins at 5:00 pm and Open Session begins at 7:00 pm.

Motioned/Seconded (Lori H. Massey/Dr. Craig Goforth) and Carried (5-0) to adjourn at approximately 7:40 p.m.

Dr. Theresa Banks, Chair

Dr. Todd Holden, Superintendent

Approved 02.27.17