

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOUNTAINBURG SCHOOL BOARD
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2016**

5:30 P.M.

1. Call to order

Presiding officer was Brett Peters. Meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. Other board members present were Carol Pense, Jason Watkins, Robin Willroth and Karen Patrick-Walker. Administrators present were Dennis Copeland, Tandi Jones, Paul Roper, and Jason Rutherford.

2. Consent agenda (attachments)

A. Minutes of August meeting

B. Financial report

Pense moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Willroth seconded. Motion passed at 5:32 p.m.

3. Informational items

A. Regional board meeting

Copeland said he registered all five board members for the Regional Board meeting in Paris on Tuesday, October 25th at 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. He also registered Mike Moxley for the New Board Training on Monday, October 17th from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

B. ASBA advocacy group

Copeland said the ASBA advocacy group asked for each school to appoint a legislative liaison. Willroth moved to appoint Brett Peters as legislative liaison. Pense seconded. Motion passed at 5:37 p.m.

C. ACT results for Senior class of 2016

Copeland said our students were above the state average in everything except science.

D. October board meeting

Copeland asked the board if we could start the October 17th Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m. due to Moxley and Copeland travelling from Little Rock on that day. Copeland said he hopes to be back and have the "Report to the Public" at 6:30 p.m. on that night. After the Report to the Public, Jason Rutherford will conduct a short annual Title I meeting.

E. Administrator comments

Roper said Classworks remediation online tool has been purchased to help improve test scores and there will be a tailgate party tomorrow after school. He said there will be a block party funded by First National Bank to promote reporting and preventing child abuse on October 5 on the front campus at high school. He expressed thanks for those who had taken a leading role in getting this going.

Rutherford said it has been a good start, having activity periods on Wednesdays, and he had heard many express appreciation for the improvements at the football field.

Jones said grandparents' day on Friday, September 9th, was well attended, assessments have

been done and everything is going great.

F. Plaque to Pense

Copeland presented a plaque and expressed appreciation to Carol Pense for her 10 years of service on the Mountainburg School Board.

G. Special meeting

Consensus of the board was to have the special board meeting to approve the budget for 2016-17 on September 27th at 5:30 p.m.

H. Transportation

Jerry Smith provided information on buses that the board had requested.

4. Regular agenda

A. Propane bids

Copeland opened bids on propane – Amerigas bid 95 cents per gallon and \$60 per service hour, Anderson’s bid \$1.099 and \$55 per service hour. Copeland recommended accepting the bid of 95 cents per gallon and \$60 per service hour from Amerigas effective from October 1, 2016 to September 30, 2017. Willroth moved to approve the recommendation. Watkins seconded. Motion passed at 5:55 p.m.

B. New school vehicle bids

Copeland opened bids for a 2017 pickup – Breeden Dodge bid \$39,320 with available date of September 16, Whitson Morgan bid \$38,523 with no available date mentioned and Everett’s bid \$39,823 with an available date in 6 weeks. Copeland recommended accepting the bid from Breeden Dodge for \$39,320 since it would be available right away. Willroth moved to purchase the pickup from Breeden Dodge with the stipulation that if Whitson Morgan could have it available by Friday it would be purchased from Whitson Morgan. Watkins seconded. Motion passed at 6:04 p.m.

C. Student waiver requests

Copeland recommended that the board grant the waiver for the student requests of Mckenzie Spillers & Paige Lee from attending a full day of school and be allowed to participate in the MHS Work Leave program for the 2016-2017 school year.

Willroth moved to approve the waiver request and participation in the MHS Work Leave program for Mckenzie Spillers. Pense seconded. Motion passed at 6:05 p.m.

Willroth moved to approve the waiver request and participation in the MHS Work Leave program for Paige Lee. Walker seconded. Motion passed at 6:06 p.m.

D. ACSIP assurances for 2016-17 school year

Copeland recommended that the board approve the ACSIP Assurances for the 2016-2017 school year. Willroth moved to approve the recommendation. Watkins seconded. Motion passed at 6:07 p.m.

E. Minority Teacher and Administrator report

Copeland said this is a required report since our student population has more than a 5% minority. We have a 7.15% minority student population. Copeland recommended that the board approve the Minority Teacher and Administrator report for the 2016-2017 school year. Willroth moved to approve the recommendation. Motion passed at 6:08 p.m.

F. Resolution to hire architect for Safe Room project

In following RFQ rating guidelines, the selection committee evaluated the Architect in the following areas: Specialized Experience and Technical Competence, Performance, Capacity and Capability of Firm to Perform Work, and Proximity to and Familiarity with Project Area. Based on the rating scale (perfect 80 out of 80 score) and the committee's recommendation, I am recommending that the board approve MAHG Architecture as the Architect for the Mountainburg School District Safe Room. MAHG has provided a contract and it is my recommendation that the board approve the resolution to hire MAHG Architecture as architect for the Mountainburg School District Safe Room project. Willroth moved to approve the recommendation. Pense seconded. Motion passed at 6:12 p.m.

G. Resolution to hire a construction manager for the safe room project

Due to the Federal requirements and guidelines, we had to open the Construction Manager back up. In following the RFQ rating guidelines, the selection committee evaluated the Construction Manager in the following areas: Preconstruction Services, Construction Services, and Warranty Phase. Based on the rating scale (perfect 65 out of 65 score) and the committee's recommendation, I am recommending that the board approve C.R. Crawford Construction as the Construction Manager for the Mountainburg School District Safe Room project. C.R. Crawford has provided a contract and it is my recommendation that the board approve the resolution to hire C.R. Crawford Construction as construction manager for the Mountainburg School Safe Room project. Willroth moved to approve the recommendation. Watkins seconded. Motion passed at 6:15 p.m.

H. School handbook additions

Two school curriculum additions from the ASBA Model Policies were presented: the first addition to the handbook is an update of the 5.3 curriculum development and the second addition is 5.12 involving Computer Science Internships and Independent Studies. Copeland recommended approval of both policies for the 2016-17 school year. Willroth moved to approve recommendation. Walker seconded. Motion passed at 6:19 p.m.

I. Personnel employment

Copeland recommended that the board hire Courtney Cristee to be the High School Quiz Bowl sponsor. Willroth moved to approve the recommendation. Watkins seconded. Motion passed at 6:21 p.m.

J. Resolution on employees receiving 5% or more salary increase from FY15 to FY16

Copeland provided information to board members on employees who received a 5% or more salary increase from FY15 to FY16 and recommended a resolution to acknowledge these increases. Willroth moved to approve the recommendation. Watkins seconded. Motion passed at 6:25 p.m.

K. Discussion of safe room project location and its contents

There was discussion concerning the location and use of the safe room. Peters requested that Crawford Construction consider site location and present project schedule at the September 27th special board meeting.

L. Bids for furnishing mats and rugs

Copeland provided bids for mats and rugs from Cintas and Unisource. Bids are attached. Copeland recommended approval of the bid from Cintas to provide mats and rugs. Willroth moved to approve the recommendation. Watkins seconded. Motion passed at 7:00 p.m.

Pense said she had enjoyed being on the board. Peters said we will miss her and appreciated how calm and collected she always was and she has been a good board member.

Adjournment: Pense moved to adjourn. Willroth seconded. Motion passed at 7:02 p.m.