

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL SESSION OF THE MARSHALL BOARD OF EDUCATION HELD ON MONDAY, MAY 26, 2020 AT 6:00 PM VIRTUALLY @ [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCo\\_Dw2K8ptX5eFKauouPJZQ/](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCo_Dw2K8ptX5eFKauouPJZQ/)

PRESENT: DESMET, NICHOLSON, MIDDLETON, WILLIAMS, GAMBLE, LINDSEY, DAVIS

ABSENT: DAWSON

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by President DeSmet. A moment of silence was observed.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The pledge of allegiance was led by Vice President Nicholson.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Moved by Lindsey, supported by Nicholson, that the agenda be approved with the addition of Board Trustee Resignation inserted following 3. Public Comment. A roll-call vote unanimously carried the motion.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

President DeSmet explained since the meeting was being held virtually individuals were asked to complete an online Public Comment Request Form prior to the meeting. Only individuals that completed the online request form would be invited to provide comment. There were no requests for public comment received.

**BOARD OF TRUSTEE RESIGNATION**

Superintendent Davis announced the superintendent's office received Board Trustee Dawson's resignation via US Mail earlier in the day. His resignation is effective immediately. He read aloud Trustee Dawson's letter of resignation and thanked him for his service as a member of the Marshall Board of Education.

Superintendent Davis provided details regarding Board Policy 0142.5 which outlines requirements for filling a board member's vacancy. The Board must do so within 30 days of the resignation. Discussion occurred regarding board meeting dates in June and consensus was to move the Board Business Session to June 29, 2020 and to hold a Special Session of the Board on June 22, 2020 to conduct interviews and appoint a member to the board whose service will commence June 22, 2020 and conclude on December 31, 2020. The balance of Trustee Dawson's term will be placed on the November 3, 2020 ballot; it will be a four-year term. The newly appointed member to the board will have the opportunity to run for office should they wish to do so.

Superintendent Davis indicated the vacancy will be published in the *Advisor&Chronicle* May 30, 2020 and in the *Morning Star Shopping Guide* May 31, 2020. Interested individuals must submit a notice of interest explaining why they are seeking the office, why they believe they are qualified, and what experience they may have with Marshall Public Schools and/or public education along with their resume to the superintendent's office via email or mail by Tuesday, June 16, 2020.

Superintendent Davis will have an updated presentation on the Facility Needs Assessment with plans to review it with the Board at the June 22, 2020 meeting should time allow for it.

#### **APPROVAL OF ACTION ITEMS– TECHNOLOGY**

*NEW STUDENT CHROMEBOOKS:* Approve the purchase of 1,750 new student Chromebooks at a cost of \$498,207.50.

*NEW LAPTOPS:* Approve the purchase of 300 new teacher laptops at a cost of \$210,993.00.

*PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF OUTDOOR ACCESS POINTS:* Approve the purchase and installation of outdoor access points in 10 locations across the district at a total project costs of \$14,759.00.

*PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF MOBILE WIRELESS HOTSPOTS:* Approve the purchase and installation of 2 mobile wireless hotspots at a total project costs of \$3,800.00

It was noted that CARES Act funds will be utilized to cover the costs of the aforementioned technology items recommended to purchase.

Moved by Lindsey, supported by Williams, that the Board of Education approve Action Items – Technology as recommended. A roll-call vote carried the motion unanimously.

#### **APPROVAL OF ACTION ITEM – OTHER**

*RESOLUTION REGARDING FUNDING TO PRESERVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES FOR CHILDREN:* Adopt a resolution regarding funding to preserve educational services for children.

Moved by Lindsey, supported by Gamble that the Board of Education approve Action Item – Other as recommended. A roll-call vote carried the motion unanimously.

#### **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

Secretary Middleton thanked MHS staff and administrators for the wonderful celebration the Class of 2020 experienced. She was pleased with all that was done for the seniors.

President DeSmet echoed Secretary Middleton's sentiments. He felt students arose to the occasion to celebrate their graduation. He also thanked Trustee Dawson for his service as a member of the Board.

Superintendent Davis indicated there have been numerous views, likes and share on Facebook of the graduation videos.

**ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

Director of Technology Terron Erwin indicated there were no request received for public comment.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

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LISA MIDDLETON, SECRETARY

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KIMBERLY VANWORMER, RECORDING SECRETARY