

MINUTES OF THE BUSINESS SESSION OF THE MARSHALL BOARD OF EDUCATION HELD ON MONDAY, APRIL 25, 2022 AT 5:00 PM IN THE MARSHALL OPPORTUNITY HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY

PRESENT: LINDSEY, LANKERD, GAMBLE, DAVIS, TOMA, JONES

ABSENT: NEWMAN, SPENCER

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Gamble, supported by Davis, that the agenda be approved with the removal of the executive closed session and action item affiliated with Student 2022-15 and the remainder of the agenda as presented. A roll-call vote unanimously carried the motion.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved by Davis, supported by Gamble, that the Board move into executive session under Section 8 (b) of the Open Meetings Act in regard to disciplining of a student at 5:03 p.m. A roll-call vote unanimously carried the motion.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

The Board returned to open session at 6:03 p.m.

DISCIPLINE OF STUDENT 2022-16

Moved by LankerD, supported by Gamble, that the Board expel Student 2022-16 for 180 days with the option for applying for a reinstatement after 100 days with the condition that progress is made toward the completion of an educational development plan which includes mental health services created by administration. A roll-call vote unanimously carried the motion.

PUBLIC COMMENT

President Lindsey called for any members of the audience to address the Board on agenda items only. There were none.

**APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA
MINUTES, EXPENDITURES, AND PERSONNEL**

Items included on the consent agenda were minutes of the March 16, 2022 work session and March 21, 2022 business session; March disbursements in the amount of \$3,103,027.21; and the employments of Marcus Harvey as a bus driver, Kayla Langford as a library tech for Marshall Middle School and Annie O'Dell as the math interventionist/building substitute for Harrington Elementary.

Moved by Davis, supported by Lanker, that the Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda – Minutes, Expenditures and Personnel as presented. A roll-call vote carried the motion unanimously.

ACADEMIC HIGHLIGHT – MARSHALL OPPORTUNITY HIGH SCHOOL

Marshall Opportunity High School (MOHS) Educator Theresa Black presented MOHS’s academic highlight. She explained how student utilize the Refocus Folder and as well as she demonstrated how MOHS Circle Time is utilized.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SPECIAL RECOGNITION: Superintendent Jones presented background information about the new hire included in the consent agenda.

Superintendent Jones recognized retirements of teachers that will be retiring at the end of the current school year as follows: Laura Brownell, Danielle Corcoran, Susan Deitrich, Cheryl Quinn, Debora Seely, Steve Swaton, Patty Tarpley, and Julie Tobias. In addition, she recognized Marshall High School Assistant Principal Greg Tatrow as he will be retiring September 23, 2022. She welcomed those in attendance to the podium as she provided a brief bio of each of them.

2022-2023 SCHOOL CALENDAR: Superintendent Jones indicated the 2022-2023 School Calendar has been established and agreed to by the teachers’ union. Highlights of the calendar were announced as follows: First Day of School – August 23, 2022; Thanksgiving Break – November 23-25, 2022; Winter Break – December 23, 2022-January 6, 2023; Spring Break March 24-31, 2023; and Last Day of School – June 6, 2023. It was mentioned that spring break is established by the Calhoun Intermediate School district and not by MPS.

ACTION ITEM – FINANCE

Moved by M. Gamble, supported by Toma, that Action Item – Finance – Purchase of Styer Fitzgerald Curriculum be approved as presented. A roll-call vote unanimously carried the motion.

Moved by Davis, supported by Gamble, that Action Item – Finance – Purchase of Mitel MiVoice Connect UC Phone System be approved as presented. A roll-call vote unanimously carried the motion.

DISCUSSION

NEOLA Policy Updates Fall 2021 Vol. 36, No. 1 and K- 5 Reading Curriculum were discussed. Both will be brought back to the board to consider approving them next month.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tom Hundsdorfer of Albion reiterated his request made on October 22, 2018 that the board consider changing the formal name of the district to the Marshall Albion Public Schools. He provided reasons for supporting such a change.

Phil Heath of Marshall spoke about English 10 Literature and the inequities in the classroom and with assignments that students face when they opt out reading a book(s) that do not coincide with their family values. He shared there were chapters of these books that were not read in class as the teacher deemed them inappropriate; he questioned why the books were then being read. In addition, he shared concerns of lack of trust in the board for its lack of follow through related to questions about Harrington he expressed.

SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Superintendent Jones explained she is awaiting pricing and will be sharing with the Board and public soon rendering for a new elementary school in Albion and the costs related to it. She announced there is an open seat on the board and that the board will be meeting on May 9, 2022, for a special meeting to appoint a new member to the Board.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Secretary Gamble thanked Board Trustee Spencer for the time she was on the Board and her appreciation of working with her. She thanked the retirees and all staff for what they do for students.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

SHAWNA GAMBLE, SECRETARY

KELLY FITZPATRICK, RECORDING SECRETARY