

MINUTES OF THE BUSINESS SESSION OF THE MARSHALL BOARD OF EDUCATION HELD ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2020 AT 7:00 PM, IN THE MIDDLE SCHOOL CAFETERIA AND IT WAS AVAILABLE VIRTUALLY @ https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCo_Dw2K8ptX5eFKauouPJZQ/

PRESENT: DESMET, NICHOLSON, MIDDLETON, WILLIAMS, GAMBLE, LINDSEY, DAVIS, AND LANKERD JOINED VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM

ABSENT: NONE

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President DeSmet.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was recited, and a moment of silence was observed.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Lindsey, supported by Middleton, that the agenda be approved as presented. A vote carried the motion unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

President DeSmet 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 August 24, 2020 Business Session, and September 14, 2020 Work Session; disbursements for June in the amount of \$2,512,199.41 and July in the amount of \$2,417,261.49; and the employments Richard Compton as Technology Director and Valencia Taylor as bus aide.

Moved by Lindsey, supported by Nicholson, that the Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda as presented. A roll-call vote carried the motion unanimously.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SPECIAL RECOGNITION:

- HIRES – Superintendent Davis presented to the Board for employment the new hires; he shared their educational background information.

LEADERSHIP TEAM REPORTS: Superintendent Davis indicated that Leadership Team Reports contained much information about the happenings across the district with the start of school.

Board members had comments and questions related to content in leadership team reports as follows:

- Tech Nights offered to parents is an awesome offering.
- What is being done for students that are failing at the high school?

- Ninth graders need more support.
- Concerns with mentor logs and making sure there are two contacts with each student per week.
- What has been the observation of students and teachers; are they engaging more now that school has been in session for a while?
- The increased need for subs particularly at the high school.

Superintendent Davis provided comment and responded to questions as follows:

- The Tech Nights did not garner many parents; however, the district will continue to offer them.
- High School Principal Dave Turner is working with failing students. Virtual students that would benefit more with in-person instruction are being offered to change to in-person as space permits. Wrap around supports are being for students and parents.
- He is pleased to have School Nurse Danielle Siebert working for the district; she has been integral in the ever-changing requirements related to COVID-19.
- Teachers are saying in-person instruction is going well.
- Some teachers that are proving both in-person and virtual instruction are feeling overwhelmed.
- Substitute shortages are being felt across the state. The high school has an increased need for subs, a result of some teachers having to self-quarantining. Often administrators have to step in and teach in order to have classrooms covered.

RECENT COVID-19 IMPACT ON SCHOOLS: Superintendent Davis reported on the impact COVID-19 is having across the district. He provided information that will be posted to the district website to clarify false understandings. The district is working closely with the Calhoun County Health Department and abides by their direction. He shared the following:

- Every case is unique and has unique circumstances.
- It is inevitable that people with COVID-19 will come into district buildings.
- The district is doing its best to stop the spread of COVID-19.
- Contact tracing is done by the district and the health department.
- Teachers have been instructed to not spend any more than a couple of minutes with students one on one.
- Every time there is a positive COVID-19 finding in a building staff and parents are notified and kept informed.
- If two or more positive COVID-19 cases with association with each other (time, place, person) occurred in a building then it would be considered an outbreak.
- At this point the positive COVID-19 cases involving staff or students have all been traced back to exposure outside the district.
- Three school buildings have/had staff or students that were positive for COVID-19.
- The spread that is occurring now can be traced back to spread due to family or social gatherings.

- HiTec is doing a good job cleaning and taking extra steps to help stop the spread. He will share this in his post to the website.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

MONTHLY REVIEW OF COVID-19 PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE PLAN WITH LEARNING STATEMENTS: Superintendent Davis explained the Preparedness and Response Plan with Learning Statements do not require Board approval however, he believes it should. He asked Director of Curriculum and Instruction Chad Holt to review the plan and its accountabilities with the Board.

Mr. Holt explained how the plan evolved. He explained the district formed a District Improvement Team (DIT) that met on September 15, 2020 and agreed that the proposed learning goals should be implemented into the COVID-19 Extended Learning Plan. On September 23, 2020 content and grade level teams had the opportunity to review the goals, along with the draft version of the plan, to provide input. The district has to finalize the plan and submit it by October 1, 2020 to the Calhoun Intermediate School District. Once the plan is approved by the state, the district is required to hold a “Reconfirmation Meeting” every 30 days. This will be placed on the Board agenda monthly for the district to reconfirm how instruction is being delivered, to take public comments regarding the plan, and review weekly two-way interactions rates between teachers and students.

BOARD POLICY UPDATES: Superintendent Davis presented the Board with NEOLA Board Policy Updates for Volume 34.2. He explained a second reading and consideration of adopting them will be at the October 12, 2020 Work Session. He asked board members to review the policies and ask questions should there be any.

EASTERN EQUINE ENCEPHALITIS (EEE) IMPACT IN CALHOUN COUNTY: Superintendent Davis shared that Calhoun County Public Health Department (CCPHD) has received confirmation of EEE in the county. Following their guidelines athletic practices and competition times have been changed. The district will follow the CCPHD recommendations. He added normal competition and practice times will resume if temperatures drop enough.

BOARD MEETING LOCATIONS: Superintendent Davis explained the Board currently meets quarterly in Albion at the Marshall Opportunity High School. It was suggested by a Board member that the district consider rotating the location of the sessions every other month to allow constituents more opportunities to attend its sessions.

Board members discussed the rotation. Consensus was to change the meeting locations every other month. The Board will consider taking action to change the meeting locations at its October 12, 2020 session. The recommendation will be as follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Type of Session</u>	<u>Location</u>
October 26, 2020	Business Session	Albion
November 9, 2020	Combined Work/Business Session	Marshall
December 14, 2020	Combined Work/Business Session	Albion
January 11, 2021	Annual Organizational Meeting & Work Session	Marshall

January 25, 2021 Business Session

Marshall

**APPROVAL OF ACTION ITEM –
CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION - OTHER**

Approve the COVID-19 Extended Learning Plan that was presented and reviewed earlier in the meeting.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

President DeSmet called for any members of the audience to address the Board.

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS FOR WHICH
NO ACTION MAY BE TAKEN AT THIS MEETING**

President DeSmet called for any board members for comment.

Vice President Nicholson invited everyone to take part in the Big Read Events in Albion. Specifically, the movie “Black Panther” at Holland Park/West Ward at 7:00 PM on October 3rd; and the movie “42” at Holland Park/West Ward at 7:00 PM on October 10th.

Secretary Middleton thanked Director of Technology Terron Erwin and his department for the efforts they have put forth in distributing technology to all; and for helping parents and staff with their technology needs. She lauded teachers as well for their commitment in helping students and parents.

Trustee Gamble thanked all that have worked through the glitches and communicating resolutions; specifically, she thanked Mr. Holt and Mr. Erwin.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

LISA MIDDLETON, SECRETARY

KIMBERLY VANWORMER, RECORDING SECRETARY