



Regular Meeting Agenda 4– 8/27/20

Regular Meeting Minutes

The Pleasants County Board of Education met in regular session on Thursday, August 27, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room at 1009 Maple Street, St. Marys, WV 26170 with President Dr. Heather Straight presiding.

Participants: Dr. Heather Straight, President
Mr. Danny DeMoss, Vice President
Mr. David Meeks

Absent: Mr. Bradley VanZile

Administrative staff participating: G. Michael Wells, Superintendent, Jennifer Hupp, Treasurer/Chief School Business Official; and Gary Bills, Director of Technology.

The Board opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Wells announced that Item No. 9.e. Employment, Vacancy #21-26, ELA Teacher, Pleasants County Middle School, was being pulled from the agenda. It will be re-posted.

On motion of David Meeks, seconded by Danny DeMoss, and as recommended by the Superintendent, the minutes of the August 6, 2020 regular meeting were approved 3-0, by consent.

On motion of Danny DeMoss, second by David Meeks, and as recommended by the Superintendent, the following transportation items were approved 3-0, by consent:

- Request to purchase 2020 Ford Escape from Metheny Ford, St. Marys, WV, in the amount of \$23,433.00 for the county Drivers Education Vehicle.
- Pleasants County Middle School Volleyball Transportation Request, 2020-2021 school year
- Pleasants County Middle School Golf Transportation Request, 2020-2021 school year
- Pleasants County Middle School Cross Country Transportation Request, Meet Add-On, 2020-2021 school year
- St. Marys High School Soccer Transportation Request, Game Add-On, 2020-2021 school year
- St. Marys High School JV Football Transportation Request, Game Add-On, 2020-2021 school year

On motion of David Meeks, seconded by Danny DeMoss, and as recommended by the Superintendent, the following finance items were approved 3-0, by consent:

- **Invoices in the amount of \$701,113.27**
- **Budget Transfers and Supplements**
- **July Financial Reports**
- **Specialized Health Care Salary Increase Request for School Secretaries**
- **Request for FY21 Step Salary Increase for Special Education and Math Teachers**

On motion of Danny DeMoss, seconded by David Meeks, and approved 3-0, the Board entered into Executive Session Per WV Code §6-9A-4 for the discussion of personnel matters at 6:07 p.m. The

Board returned to Open Session at 6:23 p.m. with President Straight announcing that no action had taken place.

PERSONNEL:

On motion of David Meeks, seconded by Danny DeMoss, and as recommended by the Superintendent, the following resignations, volunteer commitments/agreements, termination of contracts of employment and vacancy employments were accepted and approved 3-0 by consent:

RESIGNATIONS:

- Kindergarten Teacher, St. Marys Elementary School, SAMANTHA VENDERLIC
- Remote Learning Coordinator, St. Marys Elementary School, SAMANTHA VENDERLIC
- Substitute Teachers – SUE CORNELL & ADAM NOHE
- Special Education Teacher Aide/Autism Mentor/Bus Aide, as needed, St. Marys High School – STEVE MEANOR
- Assistant Boys’ Basketball Coach, Pleasants County Middle School – BRANDON MATHEWS

VOLUNTEER COMMITMENT/AGREEMENTS, 2020-2021:

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	BES	PCMS	SMES	SMHS
Davis	Barbara		X		
Smith	Tina	X	X	X	X
Tanzev	Peggy			X	X

TERMINATION OF CONTRACTS OF EMPLOYMENT:

- Termination of Contract of Substitute Secretary, County, per Superintendent’s recommendation - CHRISTAL WICHTERMAN
- Termination of Contract of Substitute Aide, County, per Superintendent’s recommendation - SAMANTHA SMITH

EMPLOYMENT, pending meeting all necessary requirements:

- Vacancy # 21-9, English Teacher, St. Marys High School – PAIGE COOK
- Vacancy #21-14, Agriculture Education Teacher/Vocational Agricultural – FFA Advisor, St. Marys High School, 2020-2021 – ORRIN HUNTER SMITLEY
- Vacancy #21-24, Kindergarten Teacher, St. Marys Elementary School, 2020-2021 – LAURA TAYLOR
- Vacancy #21-25, Special Education Aide/Transportation Aide/Autism Mentor, 2020-2021 – JESSICA BILLS

EXTRACURRICULAR ASSIGNMENTS:

- Vacancy #21-12, Assistant Cheerleading Coach, Pleasants County Middle School, 2020-2021 – ASHLEY DAWSON
- Vacancy #21-13, Assistant Girls’ Basketball Coach, Pleasants County Middle School, 2020-2021 – DANIELLE TUCKER
- Authorized/Certified Non-Paid Assistant Coaches:
 JEREMY RHODES – St. Marys High School – Cross Country
 HOWARD MEEKS, II – St. Marys High School – Cross Country
 TERRI PARKS – St. Marys High School – Cross Country

On motion of Danny DeMoss, seconded by David Meeks, and as recommended by the Superintendent, 3 Out of County Transfers were approved 3-0, by consent.

On motion of Danny DeMoss, seconded by David Meeks, and as recommended by the Superintendent, the following miscellaneous items were approved 3-0, by consent:

- Request of students at St. Marys High School, Half Day Attendance for college exemption, 2020-2021
- Request of Dr. James Ball, contract for Autism Consultant Services, August 27, 2020 – March 3, 2021
- Request for Renewal for E-Rate Consultant with Epic Communications 2020-2021
- Request for Special Education Virtual Program Service Agreement

Request for OVU education student to fulfill field placement requirements in Pleasants County was postponed until the next board meeting on Tuesday, September 8, 2020.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- MOVTI: Mr. Wells spoke concerning different projects at MOVTI, along with their re-entry plans which they have shared publicly, similar to county school re-entry plans, with observing Wednesday’s as remote learning.
- SAFETY: Danny DeMoss spoke about the first safety meeting since the COVID outbreak and quarantine, announcing Jeff Sole as the new Safety Director, and looking to move forward with the A.L.I.C.E. program, wanting to slowly get back into including more drills within the schools; the next meeting will be September 29, 2020.
- PCDA: Heather Straight had no comment other than upcoming meeting will be next week or possibly week after.
- FAIR: David Meeks offered no comment at this time.

Mr. Wells announced the 2020-2021 school year kickoff was going very well, with staff members reporting back and participating in many trainings, etc. Covid update: Things changing not only weekly, but daily, as the State is referencing a new color coding chart, based on not only attendance, but athletic events; keeping audiences to parents of athletes, and hoping to work in conjunction with local Radio Station 93R to possibly help in livestreaming Friday night football games for public who are not able to attend.

At this time, Mr. Wells offered a formal statement for the board, to-wit:

This past week Board Member, Sherry Maston, had advised that she has moved her place of residence. Her new residence is in another magisterial district and we already have two board members in that district. The board cannot be comprised of more than 2 board members from the same magisterial district. As a result, according to West Virginia Law, effective immediately, she can no longer serve on the board as a representative of her former magisterial district. West Virginia Law provides that the Board of Education must appoint someone to fill her seat within 45 days. The person appointed will serve out the remainder of her term until June 30, 2022. There will be an agenda item for the September 8, 2020, regular meeting, to allow the board to consider how to make that appointment.

In conclusion, the next meeting will be a regular meeting on Tuesday, September 8, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room at 1009 Maple Street, St. Marys, WV 26170.

On motion of Danny DeMoss, seconded by David Meeks, and approved 3-0, the meeting was adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

Board President

Secretary