

Madison County Schools

On fire for their future

Board Report

April 11, 2019

Board members present: Becky Coyle, Samantha Burford, Beth Brock, Lori Cobb and Brandon Rutherford

Actions taken by the Board:

- Approved the minutes of the March 28 meeting
- Approved Claims as presented
- Approved the District Facility Plan developed and approved by the Madison County Local Planning Committee and the Kentucky Dept. of Education
- Reduced 185-day employees to 180 days
- Approved the NTI (Non-Traditional Instructional) day 2019-2020 application
- Set a Special Meeting for May 29th at 2:00. The meeting was set to hear Superintendent Gilliam's Capstone Project.
- Approved the 2019-2020 Classified Salary Schedule
- Approved the Monthly Financial Reports
- Consent Agenda- Approved the Consent Agenda as presented
 - Acknowledged the record of Superintendent's April personnel actions as presented
 - Acknowledged the April Leaves of absence as presented
 - Approved the following out of state trips:
 - Madison Southern High School Senior Transition Ready student trip to Kings Island on May 3, 2019
 - Farristown Middle Baseball team trip to Cincinnati, OH on May 4, 2019
 - Madison Middle student trip to Kings Island on May 15, 2019
 - Clark-Moores Middle Renaissance trip to Kings Island on May 20, 2019
 - Madison Southern High School Culinary studies trip to New York City, Nov. 22-27, 2019
 - Consent approved the appointment of Dustin Brumbaugh as Hearing Officer for the Local Planning Committee public hearing
 - Consent approved the Emergency Substitute Certification for substitute teachers for 2019-2020
 - Consent approved the KEDC (Kentucky Educational Development Corporation) membership
- The Board went into Executive Session to discuss potential real property acquisition or sale for which publicity at present stage might/would affect the value; per KRS 61:810 (1)(b)
- The Board came out of Executive Session and no action was taken as a result of Executive Session
- Adjourned

Reports presented to the Board:

Instructional Report

- High School Report given by Madison Central High School Principal, Brandon Fritz and Madison Southern High School Principal, Brandon Watkins

Construction Report

- Tony Thomas, Clotfelter-Samokar Architect

Finance Report

- Chief Finance Officer, Mark Woods
- Superintendent's Report
Superintendent Gilliam gave a brief overview of the past month. He also welcomed Dennis Davis, Superintendent of Mercer County Schools to the meeting. Mr. Davis has served as Mr. Gilliam's superintendent mentor this year. The following is an excerpt from the Superintendent's Report- Superintendent Standard 7 is Influential Leadership.

Indicators-

- Understands the political systems involving the district
- Defines, understands, and communicates the impact on proposed legislation
- Applies laws, policies and procedures fairly, wisely, and considerately
- Utilizes legal systems to protect the rights of students and staff and to improve learning opportunities
- Accesses local, state and national political systems to provide input on critical educational issues

Evidence-

- I believe the most effective advocacy occurs at the local level with our elected officials. I have encouraged all teachers, staff and students to exercise their right to petition government without disrupting of the education of our students.
- I am in regular contact with our local representatives and especially throughout the legislative session. I have talked with them on the phone, visited them in their office, met with them at arranged question/answer sessions, and have sent and received many text messages.
- I have also advocated on behalf of public education to members of the legislature outside of our county. I serve on the Local Superintendents Advisory Committee and the Senate Education Advisory Committee. I have met with House and Senate Leadership at KEDC and CKEC forums and I assure you that I emphasized the importance of supporting and funding public education.
- We have also worked closely with our teachers and with MCEA leadership to ensure that we have a delegation present in Frankfort during committee meetings and whenever bills impacting education appear on the Orders of the Day.
I assure you that I will continue to support you in your work and advocate on behalf of public education

Showcase

- Shannon Johnson Elementary School 4th and 5th grade chorus performed for the audience. Participants from this group have participated in two choral music festivals so far this year- one local festival and one regional. The Chorus sang "When I Close My Eyes" and "Lazy John".
- Kingston Elementary School Five 5th grade students from Kingston Elementary presented a "We the People" mock Congressional hearing. The students presented a speech on a selected area of the Constitution then answered questions from community judges in a group panel format. "We the People" is a program put on annually by the 5th grade students at Kingston Elementary.
- Farristown Middle School-Farristown Middle is working to implement more STEM activities into

the curriculum. There are plans to expand the program again next year with the help of the Gear Up program and Novelis. Many careers that students are interested in involve the fundamentals of STEM. Farristown is working to expose students to those fundamentals as well as those careers as much as possible. Ms. Jennifer Hess and some students from her STEM class demonstrated, for the audience, some of their work with robots so far this term.

Recognition

Staff Recognition

- Sparkling School Award- This month's Sparkling School Award was given to Kirksville Elementary School. Custodians Chris Powell, Frankie King and Donald Howell have done an excellent job this school year. The Board congratulated these three on a job well done.

Comments

Audience comments(s) regarding agenda items

- There were no comments regarding agenda items

Comments from the Board

- Board member Brandon Rutherford thanked Superintendent Gilliam for taking the time to take Mr. Rutherford around to tour some schools. Mr. Rutherford also thanked the principals for welcoming him into their buildings. Mr. Rutherford said that he had also visited the new Berea Bus Garage and was there when the first bus came into the bay. He stated that he had also visited some other MCS building and he has been very impressed with everything he has seen.

For privacy purposes the Personnel Actions and Leaves are not published in the Board Report. Documents from the Madison County Board of Education meetings can be obtained through an Open Records Request.