

# Madison County Schools

On fire for their future

## Board Report

January 9, 2020

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

Chair Becky Coyle called the meeting to order

Actions taken by the Board:

### Reorganization of the Board

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  - Samantha Burford was elected Board Chair
  - Lori Cobb was elected Board Vice-Chair

At this time newly elected Chair, Samantha Burford took over the meeting.

- Consent Agenda- Approved the Consent Agenda as presented
  - Approved the minutes of the Dec. 12 meeting
  - Approved claims as presented
  - Acknowledged the record of Superintendent's personnel actions as presented
  - Acknowledged the Leaves of absence as presented
  - Approved the Board's participation and actual expenses for the 2020 KSBA, NSBA and KASA events
  - Approved the 2020 Board Calendar of meetings
  - Approved the MCHS Cheer trip to Orlando, FL Feb. 4-10, 2020
  - Approved the MSHS Cheer trip to Orlando, FL Feb 5-11, 2020
  - Approved the Foley Middle 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Band trip to Pigeon Forge, TN on April 25, 2020
- Amended the 2019-2020 School Calendar
- Accepted the SFCC (School Facilities Construction Commission's offer of assistance for Capital Projects in the amount of \$61,902
- Declared Technology Surplus as presented
- Declared Food Service Serving lines surplus as presented
- Approve the Monthly Financial Reports
- The Board went into Executive Session to discuss potential litigation for which disclosure would compromise posture per KRS 61.810 1.c.
- The Board came out of Executive Session
- *Action Resulting from Executive Session* – Authorized Ronald Johnson, and his law firm, Hendy Johnson Vaughn & Emery of Louisville, Kentucky to file a civil action against any appropriate parties to compensate MCPS for damages suffered by MCPS and its students, as a result of the manufacture, marketing, sale and use of electronic cigarettes and/or vaping manufacturers and distributors. The MCPS further authorizes the superintendent to sign all necessary contracts and other related documents on behalf of MCPS and the pursuit of any civil action.

Reports presented to the Board:

- Instruction Report- Reading Recovery Report given by Dr. Amy Smith
- Construction Report given by Tony Thomas, Clotfelter-Samokar Architect
- Finance Report given by Mark Woods, CFO

- Wellness Report given by Scott Anderson, Food Service Director
- Superintendent Report- Superintendent David Gilliam

## Showcase

- Glenn Marshall Elementary School- Glenn Marshall 5<sup>th</sup> graders presented their Living Wax Museum to the Board. This is a project that 5<sup>th</sup> graders look forward to each year. Students select which person in history they would like to portray, research that person, and write a first-person narrative speech that informs visitors about their life. Then they dress up as that person and present their speeches to students in other grade levels, as well as parents, family members, and other people in the community. The Board was visited by Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Bessie Coleman, Whoopi Goldberg, Audrey Hepburn and Steve Erwin.
- B. Michael Caudill Middle School 7<sup>th</sup> grade alto saxophonist Solomon Natchwey performed a traditional jazz selection titled "Ogden Avenue" by Greg Fishman. Also, the art program at B. Michael Caudill strives to provide students with an art education that equips them with not only a love for the arts, but also critical thinking and creative skills. Principal Che Haselwood showed two examples of work produced by art students at BMCMS. One piece was a grid drawing of a spartan soldier. The grid method is used to recreate an image by enlarging it. In this example the image was enlarged from a 1 x 1-inch grid to a 2" x 2" grid. The second piece was a collaborative, abstract piece, titled "I Spy" created by 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. For this project, students were given a canvas that consisted of only a base color and were asked to work together to create an abstract piece that reflected all of their personalities through color. BMCMS also had some special recognition in honor of School Board Recognition Month. Students in Mrs. Jordan Keith's class researched the responsibilities of being a school board member and presented to the Board what they learned through their research.

## Recognition

- December's Food Service Award was given to Boonesborough Elementary. Britney and her staff created an exciting atmosphere for the students during the holidays. From the decoration to the special food they served the students, the Boonesborough staff went above and beyond to show the students, parents and staff that they care. The Board congratulate the Boonesborough Elementary Food Service Staff.
- Madison County Schools received \$10,000 donations this evening from Betchel Parsons Blue Grass (BPBG) to fund innovative classroom activities focused on science, engineering, technology, and math. This donation, which has been an annual since 2008, provides 10 teachers with \$1,000 each from BPBG. Since 2008, BPBG has donated more than \$115,000 in teacher grants and student scholarship funds to Madison County Schools. The Board and the district thanked BPBG for their generosity and support. This year's recipients are: Elizabeth Ward, Shelbi Poole, Brittany Freel, Jennie Bogie and Candace Young, Sara Moore, Jill VanDyke, Ray Burns, Deana Abbott, Peggy Blankenship and Whitney Lipps.

## Comments

There were no audience comments(s) regarding agenda items.

There were no audience comment(s) regarding items not on the agenda.

## Comments from the Board

- Board member Becky Coyle thanked the schools for the gifts and kind words for School Board Recognition Month
- Board Chair Samantha Burford thanked the Board for entrusting her to lead them as Chairman for the upcoming year

- Board member Beth Brock thanked former Chair, Becky Coyle for her service as Chair over the past year.

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.