

Madison County Schools

On fire for their future

Board Report

May 14, 2020

At this time and given the extraordinary circumstances public agencies are confronting, an opinion issued on March 18, 2020, issued as OAG 20-25 the Kentucky Attorney General stated that under the present state of emergency and the need to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 it is not “feasible” under KRS 61.840 to precisely identify and provide a physical location at which the public may attend and view a meeting held as a video conference under the Open Meetings Act. Instead, because of the public health necessity of imposing social distancing to help stop the spread of COVID-19, a public agency should precisely identify a website, television station, or other technological means by which the public may view a meeting conducted under the Act until the conclusion of the state of emergency.

The May 14, 2020 meeting of the Madison County Board of Education was held via video conference. The public was given a YouTube link to watch the meeting and the meeting was also streamed through Facebook live.

Board members present: Samantha Burford, Lori Cobb, Beth Brock, Becky Coyle and Brandon Rutherford
Board members were at their homes and Google meets was used for the virtual meeting.

Chair Samantha Burford called the meeting to order

Actions taken by the Board:

- Items approved on the Consent agenda
 - Minutes of the April 16 regular and the April 23 special meeting
 - Claims
 - The Record of the Superintendent’s Personnel Actions
 - Leaves of Absence
 - Participation in the Federal Lunch Program
- Action Agenda
 - Approved the 2020-2021 Certified Evaluation Plan as presented
 - Declared a section of the old agriculture building as surplus and approved of the disposal of that section.
 - Approved the Monthly Finance Reports
 - Approved the 2020-2021 Booster Events/Fundraisers
 - Approved the School-wide Fundraisers
 - Set the Penal sum for Fidelity Bonds for the Treasurer and Director of Financial Services in the amount of \$2,000,000 and for additional board finance related positions of \$800,000 for 2020-2021, and to authorize renewal of current bonds with Roberts Insurance
 - Approved the Bod of Depository with People’s Bank and Trust

- Approved the Indirect Cost Rates. (Districts can charge indirect costs rates to certain federal programs based on a federally approved formula. Rates are approved by the local Board of education then the Kentucky Department of Education prior to June 30th.)
- Approved the site-based allocations, including Section 7 (b) allocations
- Approved the 2020-2021 School Activity Fund Budgets

Reports presented to the Board:

- Technology Report- Jacob Cecil, Director of Technology
- Instruction Report- Math Coaches, Sarah Shaffer and Judy Winkler
- Construction Report- Tony Thomas, Clotfelter-Samokar Architect
- Finance Report given by Mark Woods, CFO
- Superintendent Report- Superintendent David Gilliam

Showcase

Due to the state of emergency due to COVID-19 there was no Showcase

Recognition

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Comment from the Board

- Lori Cobb thanked the administration and teachers again. She knows it has been a challenge for everyone and she is still amazed how everyone rises to the occasion... “the creativity, the parades, everything that people are trying to do to uplift our children and our students...I couldn’t be prouder....and I wanted everyone to know that your efforts have not gone unnoticed”.
- Beth Brock stated that the Board and District has not forgotten the end of the year celebrations that we are missing including those retiring, ...”teacher, paras, bus drivers..., all those that have dedicated their life’s work to the students of Madison County....their service is so appreciated, and it is overwhelming to think of how many lives they have shaped, educated and loved over the years and we have seen that love especially over the last few months”. She ended by saying that she hoped that we will get to have that recognition in person sometime in the future, but she wanted to make sure that those staff members know how much they are appreciated.
- Brandon Rutherford thanked the Central Office administrators, teachers and district staff that have done an outstanding job during this time. “ ..teachers grading work all hours of the night... food service feeding the kids, maintenance workers who have not stopped and are still going out keeping our schools up and running...the district as a whole has really stepped up the last couple of months and worked really hard to make sure these kids can go out the best way that they can.” He also mentioned how the retiring teachers didn’t want to serve out their last months like this. He mentioned Ms. New from Silver Creek, in particular, that is retiring. He congratulated her on her retirement and all those retiring this year.
- Becky Coyle said that it was nice to see some of the stuff going on like the White Hall parade, signs in yards etc. She said that she got to be involved a little bit this year with the Food Service Dept. and saw how hard they all work to put the food out and all the things they do that go into making that happen.
- Samantha Burford said, “I hope the teachers, the staff, the bus drivers, the chefs...everyone knows how much the parents, the administration and the Board love, respect and appreciate their dedication to our students...it’s amazing what’s been happening the last couple of months

and it's overwhelming... and I hope they feel that love." She ended by saying that she hoped everyone was staying safe and healthy and wearing their mask.

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.