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MOORESVILLE GRADED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Monthly Meeting, Tuesday, April 13, 2021, 6:00 p.m.

The Board of Education of the Mooresville Graded School District met during a regular monthly session on Tuesday, April 13, 2021, in the Performing Arts Center at Mooresville High School, 659 E. Center Avenue, Mooresville, NC 28115.

Board Members Present: Mr. Roger Hyatt, Chairman; Mr. Greg Whitfield, Vice-Chairman; Mr. Leon Pridgen, II; Dr. Debbie Marsh; and Mrs. Kerry Pennell were present.

Dr. Stephen Mauney, Superintendent, and Mr. Kevin Donaldson, Board Attorney, were present. Mrs. Angie Davis, Chief Finance Officer; Dr. Todd Black, Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Instruction and CTE; Dr. Scott Smith, Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Instruction and Technology; Dr. Ingrid Medlock, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources; Dr. Michael Royal, Chief Operations Officer; Mrs. Tanae McLean, Chief Communications Officer and Title IX Coordinator; and Mrs. Sylvia Martinez, Board Clerk, were present.

Media representatives: *Kate Stevens, Mooresville Tribune*
Melinda Skutnick, Iredell Free News

Mr. Hyatt called the meeting to order, shared a quote by Craig Harper, held a moment of silence, and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment: None

On a motion by Mr. Pridgen, seconded by Mrs. Pennell, the board voted unanimously to approve the meeting agenda as presented.

On a motion by Dr. Marsh, seconded by Mr. Whitfield, the board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2021, called closed meeting, March 16, 2021, regular meeting, and March 24, 2021, called meeting as presented.

Spotlight on People: Recognition of Mrs. Lindsay Smith, MHS - Science Teacher
 Recipient of the Career Award for Science and Mathematics Teacher.

Mr. Brown, Principal at MHS proudly recognized Ms. Lindsay Smith, Marine Science and Environmental Science teacher at Mooresville High School, for receiving the **Career Award for Science and Mathematics Teachers**. This highly prestigious award is granted to the best STEM teachers in the United States every two years, and Mrs. Smith will receive a \$175,000 grant over five years for her project on the study of environmental impacts in Mooresville which will be beneficial to our students and community. Mrs. Smith gave a presentation of her project and was presented with a Certificate of Achievement.

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ABCD Award: The Above and Beyond of Call of Duty award was presented to Mrs. Lori Woods, Administrative Assistant at Student Services. Mrs. Woods was nominated by Dr. Sandy Albert, Executive Director of Student Services and Exceptional Children. In the nomination she wrote. “This year has allowed us the unique opportunity to explore new ideas and ways of doing business in our schools. Our EC department was supported by Mrs. Woods' efficient and effective skills as we navigated the pandemic. She worked tirelessly placing orders for instructional supplies, cleaning and sanitation materials, and communicating with EC staff. As new directives came from the state and new guidelines from the CDC, Mrs. Woods spent countless hours making phone calls and organizing student schedules as we moved through our operating plans. She also went above and beyond the call of duty assisting our testing department and working with our newly formed K-6 online academy. Whether it was placing orders, data entry, or calling parents about our return to school plans, Mrs. Woods always did it with a smile on her face and a positive attitude.”

The next regular school board meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 11, 2021, in the Performing Arts Center at Mooresville High School beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Staff Reports:

- A. **Facilities and Construction Report:** Dr. Royal provided an update on the athletic programs at MHS & MMS, shared the Fall teams results, and advised the Spring athletics and practices are underway. He shared the MMS Junior Varsity and Varsity volleyball teams finished their seasons as Division Champions, and the football team finished their season undefeated and Conference Champions. Dr. Royal gave a shout out to the coaching staff for all their efforts. Dr. Royal gave an update on the Selma Burke Middle School construction, reported a team of MGSD employees are working closely with the architects and builders to finalize the new Middle School design, and a team of 6-8th grade MGSD educators will be selecting the furniture vendors for the new Middle School. Dr. Royal advised dates are being finalized for the Park View Elementary & South Elementary groundbreaking ceremonies, and the Staff Operations Annual Luncheon will be held on May 28, 2021.
- B. **Instructional Report:** Dr. Smith gave an update on the K-6 return to in-person instruction and shared the return is going well and students seem excited to be back in the schools. He advised the NC House Bill 82 legislation was enacted, and the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) is now requiring districts offer 150 hours or 30 days of in-person summer school to all students in K-12 grade levels. Dr. Smith advised plans and staff recruitment are underway for the MGSD Summer Connection summer school program that will be available to all students with priority being given to at-risk students. Invitations for at-risk students will be sent out on April 15, 2021. Dr. Smith shared the 2021-2022, Mooresville Online Academy's registration is underway, and the online Kindergarten Registration continues. He advised the K-6 Summer Connection will be held from June 7 - July 15, 2021, and the Camp Invention summer program will be held from June 28 - July 2, 2021. Dr. Black provided an update on the secondary grade levels and advised most MHS & MMS students returned to school for in-person instruction, and the return is going well. Dr. Black shared plans for Summer Connection for the 7-12th grade levels are underway will be held from June 7, 2021 - July 15, 2021. He advised all students are eligible to attend the Summer Connection, however priority will be given to students at-risk, and invitations will be sent out soon. Dr. Black shared the MHS Career & Technical Education (CTE) will be hosting a virtual Career Bridge

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Advisory Council meeting on April 20, 2021, and an overview of the CTE two-year plan and a presentation of the new CTE programs for the 2021-2022 school year will be presented at the May board meeting.

- C. **Business Services Report:** Mrs. Davis reported the MGSD semi-annual audit is currently underway and being conducted by auditors from Anderson, Smith & Wike. Mrs. Davis gave an update on the estimated MGSD planning allotment received from the Elementary and Secondary Emergency Relief Funds (ESSER III) and advised approximately \$1.039 millions of those funds are required to be used for student learning loss. She shared the State must receive the funding application by May 7, 2021, and the funds will be available through September 2024. She indicated the district will meet with consultants from the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) to develop a plan to maximize these funds for our students. Mrs. Davis advised she recently attended district staff meetings to present the 2021-2022 Revised Pay Plan that will affect all 10 and 11-month employees. She reported the Local Government Commission (LGC) has approved the installment purchase contract with BB&T for the renovation projects at Park View Elementary and South Elementary and expects to close on the school loan soon.
- D. **Human Resources Report:** Dr. Medlock congratulated the following school level Teachers of the Year (TOY's) and Beginning Teachers of the Year (BTOY's) and advised the district selection process is underway with the assistance of the Selection Committee; **EMIS – TOY**, Yvonne Cosme-Martinez, **BTOY**, Rebecca Roland; **MIS – TOY**, Yasmyn Southerland, **BTOY**, Kerri Wright; **RRES – TOY**, Trena Morrison, **BTOY**, Savanna Godbold; **PVES – TOY**, Susie Harkey, **BTOY**, Rebecca Boyles; **SES – TOY**, Sherrill Miller, **BTOY**, Rachel Younce; **MOA - TOY**, Dana Samuel, **BTOY**, Page Turriffin; **MMS - TOY**: Jaclyn McAllister, **BTOY**, Evan Fosha; **MHS - TOY**: Lucy Croakman, **BTOY**, Emily Phillips; **NF Woods Campus – TOY**, Timothy Anselmo, **BTOY**, Gary Merriman. Dr. Medlock advised the BTSP end of year celebration will be held on April 27, 2021, and our current TOY, Yvette Peveler & BTOY, Felicia Tapper will be guest speakers. Dr. Medlock provided an overview of the Principals Fellows Program at the University of North Carolina, Charlotte and shared Mrs. Jill Zsuppan from South Elementary was nominated by Principal, Dr. Cottone, and was the selected Teacher Leader this year who will begin the program this summer. Dr. Medlock provided an update on the upcoming teacher recruitment fairs that will be held at High Point University, University of NC-Charlotte, and University of NC-Pembroke, and thanked the school and district leaders for assisting with the recruitment process. Lastly, she provided the results and data from the MGSD Staff Professional Intent form for the 2021-2022 school year and provided the MGSD Staff COVID-19 Reports Update since our last board meeting on March 16, 2021; a total of 15 COVID-19 Staff Reports have been made bringing the total to 544 staff reports; out of the 15 new COVID-19 reports, 10 of those reports are staff members exposed to someone who was either symptomatic or tested positive bringing the total exposure cases to 350 out of 544 staff reports; out of the 15 new COVID-19 reports, 1 staff member tested positive, bringing the total of positive cases to 118 out of 544 reports; a total of 15 staff members have quarantined since our last board meeting on March 16, 2021, bringing the total to 528 staff members have needed to quarantine.
- E. **Public Communications Report:** Mrs. McLean shared the current Iredell County COVID-19 data as of today, April 13, 2021, for MGSD employees and students; Current Quarantines: 104

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(6 staff members and 98 students); Close Contacts: 78 (4 staff members and 74 students); Symptomatic: 18 (1 staff members and 17 students); Positive Individuals: 8 (1 staff members and 7 students). Mrs. McLean provided an update on the MGSD quarantine timeframe and advised the NC Strong Schools Guidelines currently require 3 feet for Covid-19 social distancing however, MGSD is still directed to use the 6 ft minimum when contract tracing. she gave an update on the ABC Science Collaborative Program at Duke University and shared she would be attending their meeting at Duke University next week. Mrs. McLean advised approximately 70% of the MGSD have received the COVID-19 vaccinations, and she is continuing to stay in close contact with the Iredell Health Department as COVID-19 data has been rising and an extra variance has been identified. She shared the final PAC and TAC meetings for the 2020-2021 school year will be held on April 19, 2021.

- F. **Superintendent's Report:** Dr. Mauney shared the district's return to in person instruction under Learning Plan A is going well and he has observed great things happening at the schools during his school visits. He expressed his appreciation that students and teachers are back in the schools and adhering to the COVID-19 safety protocols. He gave a shout out to the entire MGSD staff for their continued hard work and for reaching this milestone. Dr. Mauney advised preparations are underway for the expanded K-12 Summer Connection summer school program and he and other staff members have recently communicated with other superintendents and state leaders to discuss the summer school plans and the General Assembly and DPI requirements. Information for MGSD Summer Connection will be shared with parents and an overview of the plans will be presented to the board at the next board meeting. Dr. Mauney advised, Mr. Brown, Principal at MHS has been working with students, parents, and staff in developing a graduation plan for the 2021 senior class. He shared unless the state makes changes to the COVID-19 related restrictions, the 2021 senior graduation will have multiple ceremonies and will be held at the Joe Popp Stadium. The graduation plans will be shared with our seniors and parents later this week.
- G. **Board Events and Announcements:** The board reviewed the upcoming events as listed on the calendars included in their April board packet. Mr. Hyatt shared the 2021 NCSBA Virtual Spring Law Conference will be held on April 29-30, 2021, and the in-person NCSBA Summer Conference will be held at Carolina Beach this summer with limited capacity.

Approval of Extension of Superintendent's Contract: Mr. Hyatt explained the superintendent evaluation process and shared Dr. Mauney's superintendent evaluation was held in a called closed session on March 16, 2021. Each board member expressed their gratitude and appreciation for Dr. Mauney, for his leadership, dedication, and for his authentic devotion to the district, staff, and students, especially during these unprecedented and challenging year. Mr. Hyatt recommended a four-year extension of Dr. Mauney's Superintendent contract. **On a motion by Dr. Marsh, seconded by Mr. Whitfield, the board voted unanimously to approve the four-year extension of the Dr. Mauney's superintendent contract, which expires on April 13, 2025.**

Updated Board Policy - First Read: Mrs. Davis presented the following updated board policy being presented for first reading. This updated policy will be reviewed by the board and brought for approval at the May board meeting.

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Policy Number: **Name:**
a) 7605/8610 Payroll Procedures

Mr. Hyatt, under G.S. §143-318.11 (a)(6) & (a)(3), announced the board would go into a closed session to review personnel and consult with the board attorney. **On a motion by Mr. Whitfield, seconded by Mrs. Pennell, the board voted unanimously to go into closed session.**

On a motion by Dr. Marsh, seconded by Mr. Pridgen, the board voted unanimously to adjourn from the closed session.

On a motion by Mr. Pridgen, seconded by Mrs. Pennell, the board voted unanimously to approve the personnel list, as recommended by the superintendent.

Promotions/Changes:

Tracy Bissonnette, EC Coordinator, 07/01/2021, Title change from MGSD Behavior Specialist
Tracy Pratt-Dixon, Principal, EMIS, 07/01/2021, Transferred from Assistant Principal at MMS
Jeanine Chambers, PowerSchool Data Manager, MMS, 07/01/2021, transferred EC Assistant at MMS
Maureen Laury, Accountability Assistant, SS, 07/01/2021, Requesting term of employment decreased to 10.5 months from 11 months
Shaneil Troutman, Front Office/Receptionist, MMS, 04/14/2021, transferred from BASP Site Director at SES
Ivory Vanderburg, Financial Data Manager, PVES, 04/07/2021, transferred from a Bus Driver/Teacher Assistant at PVES

Retirement:

Helen Brendle, EC Teacher Assistant, MIS, 04/30/2021, 16 Years of Service to MGSD and NC

There being no further business, on a motion by Mr. Whitfield, seconded by Dr. Marsh, the meeting was adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Dr. Stephen A. Mauney, Secretary
Board of Education