

MGSD Board of Education
October 18, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes

**MOORESVILLE GRADED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Monthly Meeting, Tuesday, October 18, 2022, 6:00 p.m.**

The Board of Education of the Mooresville Graded School District met during a regular monthly session on Tuesday, October 18, 2022, at 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; Dr. Debbie Marsh; Mrs. Kerry Pennell; and Mr. Rakeem Brawley were present.

Also Present: Dr. Jason Gardner, Superintendent, and Mr. Kevin Donaldson, Board Attorney. Mrs. Angie Davis, Chief Finance Officer; Dr. Michael Royal, Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Instruction & CTE; Dr. Quinetta Hall Pratt, Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Instruction; Dr. Sandra Albert, Chief Student Services Officer; Mrs. Tanae McLean, Chief Communications Officer and Title IX Coordinator; and Mrs. Sylvia Martinez, Board Clerk were present.

Mr. Hyatt, Board Chairman, called the meeting to order, shared a quote, and held a moment of silence. Dr. Gardner led the pledge of allegiance.

Approval of the Agenda: On a motion by Mrs. Pennell, seconded by Mr. Whitfield, the board voted unanimously to approve the meeting agenda as presented.

Approval of Minutes: On a motion by Dr. Marsh, seconded by Mr. Brawley, the board voted unanimously to approve the minutes from the September 13, 2022, regular meeting; September 28, 2022, called work session; and October 3, 2022, called closed meeting as presented.

Schedule Next Regular Board Meeting: The next regular school board meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2022, at the Performing Arts Center at Mooresville High School at 6:00 p.m.

Staff Reports: Due to the presentations of the 2022-2023 School Improvement Plans, staff reports were not provided.

ABCD Award: The monthly Above and Beyond Call of Duty Award was presented to Ms. Sher Linker, Instructional Assistant at South Elementary, who was nominated by South Elementary administrators, Mr. Mark Cottone, and Mrs. Cheryl Dortch. Dr. Gardner shared what they wrote on her nomination form, which included the following: “We are blessed to have Sher as a member of our team and celebrate how she leads with so much caring and support at South!”

Spotlight on People: Mr. Robert Moore, Auto Technician Teacher at NF Woods, was recognized in our “Spotlight on People” and awarded a Certificate of Appreciation. Ms. Ashley Clinard, MHS school nurse, nominated Mr. Moore for the heroic and amazing manner in which he handled a student medical emergency.

Approval of Annual Audit Report: Mrs. Davis introduced Ms. Shannon Dennison, from the Anderson Smith & Wike PLLS, Accounting Firm, who shared highlights of the MGSD independent audit report for the 2021-2022 fiscal year. Ms. Dennison reported a clean MGSD audit with no failings, and thanked Mrs. Davis and her staff for providing auditors access to all requested documentation in a timely and professional manner. The report includes an audit of financial statements of governmental activities, business-type activities, each major fund, and the district aggregates remaining fund information for the year ended June 30, 2022. Mr. Hyatt thanked Mrs. Davis for her hard work and requested a board motion for approval. **On a motion by Mr. Whitfield, seconded by Mr. Brawley, the board unanimously voted to approve the Annual Audit Report for the 2021-2022 fiscal year as presented.**

Approval of Out of State &/Or Overnight School Field Trips: MHS/ROTC, MMS/Sound to Sea, MIS/Camp Thunderbird: Dr. Royal & Dr. Pratt presented & requested board approval for the following out of state &/or overnight field trips at Mooresville High School, Mooresville Middle School, and Mooresville Intermediate School. Dr. Royal gave an overview of the following field trips at Mooresville High School and Mooresville Middle School: MHS - ROTC field trip to Moores Creek National Battlefield, Currie, NC; USS North Carolina - Battleship, Wilmington, SC; and Aquarium Fort Fisher & Fort Fisher State Historic Site, Kure Beach, NC on November 1-2, 2022. MMS - 7th grade field trip to Sound to Sea, an Environmental Education program at Trinity Center, in Pine Knoll Shores, NC on February 8-10, 2023. Dr. Pratt provided an overview of the Mooresville Intermediate School, a 6th grade science field trip to Camp Thunderbird Environmental Education Center in Lake Wylie, SC on February 6-8, 2023, & February 14-16, 2023. **On a motion by Dr. Marsh, seconded by Mrs. Pennell, the board unanimously voted to approve the Out of State &/Or Overnight Field Trips at MHS, MMS, and MIS as presented.**

Instructional Highlights - 2022-2023 School Improvement Plans: Dr. Pratt and Dr. Royal began the 2022-2023 School Improvement Plan presentation by presenting a district-wide end of year data review for the 2021-2022, 2020-2021, and 2018-2019 school years. They reflected on the data results, shared positive district standings in North Carolina, highlighted areas of growth, and areas in need of improvement. The MGSD graduation rate continues to rank number 1 in the State of NC. They advised that the learning loss caused by Covid-19, attributed to some of the data decreases, and shared that the district's goal is to return to pre-pandemic results. Dr. Pratt and Dr. Royal presented & explained the District-Wide Core Initiatives for Improvement for the 2022-2023 school year, that includes: MGSD Rigor and Relationships Professional Development; K-6 Literacy Focus (LETRS), Math Focus; Social & Emotional Learning; Curriculum Guide Writing (7-12), Intervention Block at MHS; and Check & Connect Mentoring Program & Mooresville Motivators. Dr. Pratt & Dr. Royal thanked the Principals, Dr. Tracy Waid, and the School Improvement Teams for all the hard work put into these plans. Each of the district principals presented and explained their 2022-2023 School Improvement Plans, including:

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Reflections of the 2021-2022 school year; celebrations; challenges; goal progress, etc. They also shared and explained their 2022-2023 School Goals, Indicators, and detailed plans on how to achieve their goals. Principals also provided information regarding their schools; data, subgroup data, strategies, interventions, remediations, curriculums, and professional development. MGSD School Improvement Plans (SIPs) are live documents housed on the NCStar/Indistar online platform and can be found on the MGSD website using the link and school credentials found on the website.

Approval of 2022-2023 School Improvement Plans: Mr. Hyatt asked for a board motion to approve the district 2022-2023 School Improvement Plans. **On a motion by Mr. Brawley, seconded by Mr. Whitfield, the board voted unanimously to approve the 2022-2023 School Improvement Plans as presented.**

Public Comment: No Public Comments

Closed Session: 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 Dr. Marsh, seconded by Mrs. Pennell, the board unanimously voted to go into closed session.**

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

Approval of Personnel Report: **On a motion by Mr. Whitfield, seconded by Dr. Marsh, the board voted unanimously to approve the personnel list, as recommended by the superintendent.**

New Employees:

Lucinda Pezet, Interim Pre-K Teacher, SES, 09/15/2022-05/30/2023
Sophia Adams, Lead Teacher (BASP), PVES, 10/04/2022
Krystal Barringer, Substitute Teacher, MGSD, 10/05/2022
Lori Beyer, Substitute, School Nutrition, 09/22/2022
Jennifer Cavanagh, Lead Teacher (BASP), MIS, 09/29/2022
Taylor Collins, Teacher Assistant/Substitute Bus Driver, PVES, 10/18/2022
Katherine Fiorello, Full Time Dedicated Substitute Teacher, PVES, 10/17/2022-06/01/2023
Tara Gardner, Small Group Instructor, EMIS, 10/12/2022-05/30/2023
Ramisi Hare, Lead Teacher (BASP), SES, 09/28/2022
Amber Johnson, Substitute Teacher, MGSD, 10/06/2022
Margaret "Meg" McGinnis, Substitute Teacher, MGSD, 09/28/2022
Cathy Rasnick, Substitute Teacher, MGSD, 09/23/2022
Carol Roper, Substitute Teacher, MGSD, 10/07/2022
Rosa Sellan, Substitute, School Nutrition, 10/07/2022
Kylie Spicer, STEM Teacher/Substitute Teacher, EMIS, 09/21/2022-05/31/2023
Nicholas Tasevoli, Custodian, MHS, 09/19/2022

Promotions:

Heather Gibbs, 3rd Grade Teacher, PVES, 01/02/2023, Transferred from Substitute Teacher

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Tannon Guard, Allied Health Science, MHS, 10/10/2022, Transferred from Help Desk Manager at MMS

Danielle Mangouri, 1st Grade Teacher, RRES, 09/27/2022, Transferred from Full Time Dedicated Substitute Teacher at RRES

Jacinta Cartee, Custodian, EMIS, 10/12/2022, Transferred from School Nutrition at MHS

Deann Donham, Assistant (School Nutrition), MIS, 09/19/2022, Transferred from Substitute in School Nutrition

Elisa Greene, Substitute Teacher (10 hours a week), NF Woods, 10/03/2022, Additional Assignment: BASP Employee

Tauranisia Jones, Full Time Dedicated Substitute Teacher, MHS, 09/19/2022, Additional Assignment: Substitute Teacher

Melissa Hague, EC Teacher Assistant, MIS, 10/12/2022, Transferred from Behavior Specialist for MGSD

Valerie Smith, Assistant (School Nutrition), PVES, 09/19/2022, Transferred from School Nutrition Assistant at SES

Theresa Wendell, Assistant Manager (School Nutrition), MMS, 09/15/2022, Transferred from Manager Trainee in School Nutrition

John Whalen, Assistant (School Nutrition), EMIS, 10/05/2022, Transferred from Substitute in School Nutrition

Retirement:

Susan Brown, Title One Reading Specialist, SES, 01/31/2023, 18 Years of Service to MGSD and 29 Years of Service to the State of NC

Sarah Khan, Teacher Assistant, RRES, 12/30/2022, 20 Years of Service to MGSD and the State of NC

Jeanne Kouwe, Media Assistant, RRES, 12/30/2022, 15 Years of Service to MGSD and the State of NC

Lisa Oliver, Math Teacher, MHS, 12/31/2022, 25 Years of Service to MGSD and 28 Years of Service to the State of NC

Adjournment: On a motion by Mrs. Pennell, seconded by Mr. Brawley, the meeting was adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Mr. Roger E. Hyatt, Chairman
Board of Education

Dr. Jason D. Gardner, Secretary
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