

**MOORESVILLE GRADED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Monthly Meeting, Tuesday, February 14, 2023, 6:00 p.m.**

The Board of Education of the Mooresville Graded School District met during a regular monthly session on Tuesday, February 14, 2023, at the Performing Arts Center at Mooresville High School, 659 E. Center Avenue, Mooresville, NC 28115.

Board Members Present: Mr. Greg Whitfield, Chair; Mrs. Kerry Pennell, Vice-Chair; Mr. Rakeem Brawley; Mr. Roger Hyatt; and Dr. Debbie Marsh were present.

Also Present: Dr. Jason Gardner, Superintendent, and Mr. Kevin Donaldson, Board Attorney. Dr. Michael Royal, Chief of Schools; Dr. Scott Smith, Assistant Superintendent for Auxiliary Services; Dr. Sandra Albert, Chief Student Services Officer; Mrs. Angie Davis, Chief Finance Officer; Dr. Ingrid Medlock, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources; and Mrs. Tanae McLean, Chief Communications Officer, and Title IX Coordinator.

Mr. Whitfield, Board Chair, called the meeting to order, shared a quote by Mae Jemison, and held a moment of silence. Dr. Gardner introduced Tyrron “Tye” Morrison, 10th grader at NF Woods/MIWAYE, who led the pledge of allegiance.

Approval of the Agenda: On a motion by Dr. Marsh, seconded by Mr. Hyatt, the board voted unanimously to approve the meeting agenda as presented.

Approval of Minutes: On a motion by Mr. Brawley, seconded by Mrs. Pennell, the board voted unanimously to approve the minutes from the January 10, 2023, regular meeting, and the February 2, 2023, called work session as presented.

Student of the Month: The School Board recognized & presented the Student of the Month Award to Tyrron Morrison, 10th grader at NF Woods/MIWAYE. Mrs. Morris, School Counselor & Ms. Montgomery, Science Teacher, nominated the student, and Dr. Gardner shared the reasons the student was selected as listed on the nomination form.

Artists of the Month: The School Board recognized & presented the Artist of the Month Award to Ni’Cole Lewis, 11th grader at NF Woods/MIWAYE. Mr. Anselmo, History Teacher & Ms. Keating Teacher Assistant nominated the student, and Dr. Gardner shared the reasons the student was selected as listed on the nomination form.

ABCD Award: The board recognized and presented the February employee Above and Beyond the Call of Duty Award, to Ms. Chris Muratore, Bus Driver & Teacher Assistant at Mooresville Intermediate School. Ms. Muratore was nominated by the MIS Administrators &

Lynne Mauney, Director of Transportation. Dr. Gardner shared the reasons she was selected, as written on the nomination form.

Spotlight on People (a): MGSD - MHS Graduation Rate - 2021-2022 School Year

Dr. Gardner recognized the district and Mooresville High School for receiving 3 awards from the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction related to the MHS 2021-2022 graduation rate. Each year, the NCDPI recognizes districts and schools for various academic achievements. MGSD and MHS received the following Certificates of Achievement Awards from NCDPI: Outstanding Graduation Rate of 95.8%; Top 10 District for Highest Graduation Rate; and Highest Graduation Rate in the Small School District Category. Dr. Gardner shared that the MHS graduation rate is a community commitment that begins when our students enter kindergarten, and with the collaborative efforts of MHS and the NF Woods/MIWAYE program. Dr. Gardner congratulated & presented the awards to Ms. Graham, MHS principal, and Ms. Allen, NF Woods/MIWAYE principal.

Spotlight on People (b): National Board Certified Teachers

Dr. Gardner proudly recognized & congratulated the following MGSD educators for attaining their 2022 National Board Certifications: Joshua Simpson, Science Teacher at Mooresville High School; and Kelly Nelson, Music Teacher at Rocky River Elementary. Dr. Gardner shared that pursuing the National Board Teaching Certification requires an extensive time commitment and is the highest credential in the teaching profession. Both teachers were presented with Certificates and National Board Certified door/name plaques.

Schedule Next Regular Board Meeting: The next regular school board meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 21, 2023, at the Performing Arts Center at Mooresville High School, 6:00 p.m.

Public Comment: *None*

Approval of the 2023-2024 Budget: Mrs. Davis presented and requested board approval of the 2023-2024 proposed budget. She provided an overview of the proposed budget, which includes the Current Expense Fund, Capital Outlay Fund, and the MGSD Fund Balance History from 2011 to 2022. She advised that the state has not yet passed a budget for the 2023-2024 academic year. Therefore, calculations used in our proposed budget for salaries and benefits are based on historic increases made by the General Assembly. The proposed revenue reflects estimated funding from the county per the MOU increase. Mrs. Davis reported that the second round of ESSER funding will expire in September 2023, and the 2023-2023 budget proposal reflects increases in many areas due to the economic impacts felt by the pandemic. **On a motion by Mr. Hyatt, seconded by Mr. Brawley, the board voted unanimously to approve the 2023-2024 Proposed Budget as presented, with the understanding that budget amendments may be required once the General Assembly releases the 2023-2024 state budget.**

Approval of the 2023-2024 BASP Rate Increase: Mrs. Davis presented and requested board approval for the proposed 2023-2024 Before and After School Program (BASP) rate increase, which will be effective June 1, 2023. She advised that BASP rates have remained the same since 2018, and the rate increase is due to the increasing cost of materials, supplies, and costs associated with staffing. **On a motion by Mrs. Pennell, seconded by Mr. Hyatt, the board voted unanimously to approve the 2023-2024 BASP Rate Increase as presented.**

Approval of the Overnight & Out of State Field Trips: Dr. Royal presented and requested board approval of the following overnight & out of state field trips: MHS Winter Guard out of state field trip to Indian Land High School in Indian Land, SC on March 18, 2023; and MHS ROTC overnight field trip to Appletree Campground in Topton, NC on July 12-16, 2023. **On a motion by Mr. Brawley, seconded by Mrs. Pennell, the board voted unanimously to approve the MHS overnight & out of State field trips as presented.**

Board Policies - First Read: Mrs. Davis presented the 2 policies listed below for first reading. The NCSBA recommended revisions made specific to Mooresville Graded School District policies and procedures. The revised policies will be brought for board approval at the March board meeting.

<u>Policy Number(s):</u>	<u>Name(s):</u>
a) 4150	Student Insurance Program
b) 4220	School Assignment

2022-2023 Summer Testing Plan - First Read: Mrs. Jemma Conley and Dr. Tracy Waid presented the MGSD 2022-2023 Summer Testing and Summer Program Plans for first read. They advised that the state allows school districts to offer summer testing opportunities for EOG/EOC testing outside the traditional school calendar, which allows students close to proficiency to re-take the EOG or EOC after summer remediation has been provided. The Summer Program presentation included an overview of our district-wide summer programs, summer testing plans, and remediation plans. The presentation also included logistical information, student eligibility criteria, tentative dates for each summer school program, and testing dates. The 2022-2023 Summer Testing and Summer Program Plans will be presented to the board for approval at the March board meeting.

2022-2023 School Improvement Plan Updates: Dr. Gardner advised that the 2022-2023 School Improvement Plans updates will provide the board with a mid-year high level SIP review and progress from each school. He shared that our schools have been hard at work implementing the strategies as listed in the 2022-2023 School Improvement Plans, which were presented to the board at the October board meeting. Dr. Royal, Chief of Schools, thanked administrators, school SIP teams, Mrs. Conley, Director of Elementary Education, and Dr. Waid, Director of Secondary Education, for all their hard work. Mrs. Conley & Dr. Waid provided the board with an overview of the K-12 core initiatives for improvement implemented at the Elementary & Secondary grade levels, and each Principal presented

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a recap of their school goals, accomplishments, and next step plans. MGSD School Improvement Plans are a living document that can be accessed on the MGSD website.

Closed Session: Pursuant to **G.S. §143-318.11 (a)(6) & (a)(3)**, Mr. Whitfield, Board Chair, requested that the Board of Education go into closed session to review personnel and consult with the board attorney. **On a motion by Mr. Hyatt, seconded by Dr. Marsh, the board unanimously voted to go into closed session.**

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

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

New Employees:

Holly Demao, EC Teacher, PVES, 02/13/2023
Aprilia Kuhn, Esq., Chief Human Resources Officer, MGSD, 03/27/2023
Lanise White, School Counselor, MMS, 01/23/2023
Jennifer Young, 2nd Grade Teacher, RRES, 02/06/2023
Kristen Adam, Teacher Assistant/Substitute Bus Driver, MMS, 01/17/2023
Essence Blackwood, Financial Data Manager, SBMS, New Position, 03/01/2023
Rick Blankenship, ISS Coordinator/Teacher Assistant, MIS, 01/30/2023
Jaleesa Carson, Full Time Dedicated Substitute Teacher, MIS, New Position, 01/30/2023 - 05/30/2023
Sharon Colonna, Teacher Assistant, RRES, 02/13/2023 - 05/30/2023
Bevin Fink, Substitute Teacher, MGSD, 01/17/2023
Alejandro Hernandez, Custodian, MHS, 02/13/2023
Stephanie Hill, Math and Movement Teacher Assistant, EMIS, 01/17/2023 - 05/30/2023
Susan Merhige, Substitute, School Nutrition, 01/25/2023
Alicia Holmes-Mosley, Substitute Teacher, MGSD, 02/14/2023
Ashley Ompach, Teacher Assistant, SES, 02/01/2023 - 05/30/2023
Jason Rettinger, Substitute Teacher, MGSD, 01/30/2023
Zoey Sherrill, Substitute Teacher, MGSD, 01/27/2023
LaTanya White, Substitute, School Nutrition, 02/14/2023

Rehire:

Jessica Dortch, Speech Pathologist, SES, 02/01/2023, Previously a Speech Pathologist at MIS
Cynthia Austin, Tutor, MIS, 01/30/2023 - 05/23/2023, Previously a Tutor at RRES
Carrie King, Substitute Teacher, MGSD, 01/23/2023, Previously a Substitute Teacher for MGSD
Elizabeth Schmidt, Tutor, EMIS, 02/01/2023 - 05/23/2023, Previously a Tutor at SES
Cheryl Seeley, Substitute Teacher, MGSD, 02/01/2023, Previously a Financial Data Manager at EMIS, retired teacher from ISS
Kemeral Taylor, Substitute Teacher, MGSD, 02/09/2023, Previously a Teacher Assistant at SES
Brittany Wardrip, Full Time Dedicated Substitute Teacher, SES, 02/13/2023, Previously a Teacher Assistant at SES

Promotions/Changes:

Anne Allen, Instructional Coach, SBMS, 03/13/2023, Transferred from Reading Specialist at MMS
Kim Gogel, 3rd Grade Teacher, SES, 02/01/2023 - 05/30/2023, Transferred from Full Time Dedicated Substitute Teacher at SES

Sarah Russell Tulbert, 8th Grade ELA Teacher, MMS, 02/13/2023, Transferred from Full Time Dedicated Substitute Teacher at MMS

Claire Watts, EC Preschool and EC Program Coordinator, Student Services, 02/15/2023, Transferred from Preschool Coordinator

Alyssa Zocchi, 7th Grade Science Teacher, MMS, 02/13/2023, Transferred from Full Time Dedicated Substitute Teacher

Anna Ballentine, School Nutrition Training Manager, School Nutrition, 01/30/2023, Transferred from Cafeteria Manager at SES

Tara Bittiker, School Nutrition Assistant, MIS, 02/09/2023, Change in hours from 20 to 25 hrs. a week

Deann Donham, Substitute, School Nutrition, 12/21/2022, Transferred from Part Time SN Assistant

Luz Giralda, Custodian, RRES, Robert Hinds, 01/30/2023, Transferred from Temporary Custodian

Carrie King, Tutor, MMS, 01/30/2023 - 05/23/2023, Additional Assignment: Substitute Teacher

Rosa Sellan, School Nutrition Assistant, MHS, 02/08/2023, Transferred from Substitute SN Assistant

Deana Wilkinson, School Nutrition, Assistant (4 Hours), MHS, 01/30/2023, Transferred from a 3-hour School Nutrition Assistant at MHS

Retirement:

Paula Attanucci, Teacher, RRES, 2/10/2023, 16.5 years of service to MGSD and 22.5 years of service to the State of NC

Amy Martín, Media Assistant, PVES, 6/1/2023, 25.5 years of service to MGSD and the State of NC

Michael Moore, Head Custodian, MIS, 6/1/2023, 5.5 years of service to MGSD and the State of NC

Berry Williams, Mac Systems Administrator, Technology, 6/1/2023, 20 years to MGSD and the State of NC

Adjournment: With no further business, on a motion by Mrs. Pennell, seconded by Mr. Brawley, the meeting was adjourned at 9:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Mr. Greg Whitfield, Chairman
Board of Education

Dr. Jason D. Gardner, Secretary
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