MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES

December 5, 2022

The Montgomery County Board of Education convened in a regular monthly meeting on Monday, December 5, 2022, at 6:30 pm in the Montgomery County Schools Boardroom. Board members present were Steve W. DeBerry – Chair, Tommy Blake - Vice Chair, Angela Smith, Lynn Epps, Anne Evans, Bryan Dozier and Cindy Taylor.

Chairman Steve DeBerry called the meeting to order. Mr. DeBerry moved to adopt the agenda as submitted. Bryan Dozier made the motion with Lynn Epps seconding. The agenda was accepted with unanimous approval from the board.

Chairman Steve DeBerry shared thoughts from "The Spirit of Christmas Recaptured". He began with Deuteronomy 32:7. Ask thy father and he will show thee, thy elders and they will tell thee. By rewinding the past we can gain momentum for the future. As this occurs at Christmas time, we find ourselves joyously rejuvenated.

Chairman DeBerry led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Chairman DeBerry called upon Clerk of Superior Court John Deaton. Mr. Deaton led the swearing in of re-elected board members Tommy Blake, Anne Evans and Bryan Dozier. Angela Smith, filling the vacant seat of Jesse Hill, was sworn in as a new board member. Following the installation of members, the board voted unanimously for Steve DeBerry to retain his position of Chairman and Tommy Blake to retain his position as Vice-Chair.

No one signed up to speak during the public comments section.

Chairman DeBerry called upon Dr. Ellis and Jon LaChance for Certified and Classified Employees of the Month for Page Street Elementary. Laura Richardson, Administrative Assistant was the classified winner. Laura Dawkins, Instructional Facilitator was the certified winner.

Dr. Ellis at this time recognized the 2022 Women's Tennis Conference Champions from Montgomery Central High School. Dr. Ellis called upon Delana Cagle, MCHS Women's Tennis coach but she was unable to attend. Ms. McLean, MCHS Principal, spoke regarding the many accomplishments of this team. Ms. McLean stated that this award represents Montgomery Central High School's first ever conference champion team. This team went undefeated in the conference, winning the conference championship. They ended their season with a 16-1 record and they also made it to the second round of the state playoffs. Congratulations!

Chairman DeBerry requested to approve the consent agenda. Bryan Dozier made the motion, with Lynn Epps seconding. The board approved unanimously.

Chairman DeBerry called upon Jon LaChance, principal for Page Street Elementary. Mr. LaChance presented the Care Closet. This was started last year as the Clothing Closet but with only about 6 items. It was re-introduced this year but under the name Care Closet. Ms. Dawkins applied for and received a $3000 grant from the Montgomery County Fund to help supply the

Care Closet with clothing, shoes, and personal care items. This is along with renewing donations we receive each year and we are still continuing to look for more donations. The goal for Page Street is to provide a family environment where a child can feel safe and comfortable. We feel that while in school every child should feel safe, important and comfortable so that they can focus on learning and not be stressed about having the appropriate clothing, shoes or personal care. The Care Closet provides, for both boys and girls, new assorted clothing, undergarments, shoes, personal care items as well as an area for them to brush their teeth or clean up if unable to do this at home. Currently the closet is providing items for approximately 5 to 10 students per day. The school would also like to expand the Care Closet to include food and winter coats so, they are looking at the possibility of doing a coat and/or a food drive to fill this student need.

Chairman DeBerry called upon Dr. Tracy Grit for policies for first read. Dr. Grit stated that most of the updates regard children of military families. Anne Evans also noted the requested changes to the teacher licensure and if approved she would like to see that shared with retired teachers. These policies will be brought back to the board in January for approval.

Chairman DeBerry called upon Dr. Dale Ellis for the Superintendent's Comments. You might have noticed during the Page Street Elementary School presentation that about 79% of our students receive free or reduced lunches. Basically this tells you that 4 out of 5 students in Montgomery County qualify for free or reduced lunch. This is a definite sign of the poverty in our county and is definitely an ongoing concern for the board members, school administrators and everyone. It is the holiday season and it is the Tree of Hope season. I want to thank our staff that have worked so diligently on that process. I encourage anyone that is able to please give to that cause so that we can make sure that our students have a good Christmas. It is just like Mr. LaChance was speaking about earlier of how excited the children get when they get a pair of new shoes. This is the same way we want them to feel on December 25th because every child deserves to have a good Christmas. We only have so many school days but the need is great particularly as the time gets colder and the temperatures drop. Our kids are going to need jackets and clothing. We appreciate our community and they have always risen up and done a great job of making sure our kids have more than enough. We want to thank them for that and encourage everybody to give to the Tree of Hope program.

Chairman DeBerry then asked for a motion to go into closed session to discuss personnel and consult the board attorney. Bryan Dozier made the motion, with Lynn Epps seconding. The board approved entering into closed session unanimously.

After closed session the following items were approved:

1) Board Minutes from November 7, 2022
2) Personnel and Auxiliary Report

MONTGOMERY COUNTY SCHOOLS
PERSONNEL REPORT
Tracy Grit, Associate Superintendent for Operations/HR
December 5, 2022

A. Superintendent reports the acceptance of the following resignations/retirements:

Resignation/Retirement	School/Assignment	Effective Date
1) Erin Leach Resignation	Troy Elementary Instructional Facilitator	12/31/2022
2) Delmar Dumas Resignation	East Middle School PT Custodian/Bus Driver	11/28/2022

B. Upon recommendation of the superintendent, approval of recommendation for employment of the following non-certified personnel:

Employee/ Effective Date	School/ Assignment	Record Check	Replacing
1) Jeannette Dawkins 11/14/2022	Star Elementary PT Media Specialist	Yes	Jewel Hussey
2) Jennifer Jernigan 11/21/2022	Montgomery Central High Receptionist	Yes	Lashonda Douglas
3) Ashley Hogan 11/15/2022	All Locations Child Nutrition Sub.	Yes	
4) Amy Ward 11/29/2022	Star Elementary PT Tutor	Pending	
5) Lashonda Douglas TBD	Star Elementary Guidance TA	Yes	Laura Holt
6) Trudy East 11/28/2022	Green Ridge Elementary PT Tutor	Yes	
7) Shelly Hernandez TBD	Montgomery Central High Custodian/Bus Driver	Yes	Salud Huerta

C. Upon recommendation of the principal, approval of the following additions to the certified substitute teacher list:

Employee/ Effective Date	School/ Assignment	Record Check	Replacing
1) Jessica Batten 11/18/2022	Troy Elementary 1st Grade Teacher	Yes	Amy Cruthis
2) Michael Dubbs TBD	Montgomery Central Bible History Teacher	Y	

D. Upon recommendation, approval of the following interim contracts for the 2022-2023 school year as provided by General Statute 115C-325:

Employee/ Effective Date	School/ Assignment	Record Check	Replacing
1) Kristin Beck 12/12/2022	Page Street Elementary Guidance Counselor	Yes	Lane Prince

E. Upon recommendation, approval of the following coaches:

East Middle School

Basketball – Paris Chapman — Yes

Montgomery Central High School

Head Softball – Logan Jordan — Yes

F. Superintendent reports the following termination of employee:

Employee	School/Assignment	Effective Date
Peter Cagle	Central Office Technician I	11/14/2022

3) Budget Resolution

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To: Board of Education
From: Mitch Taylor
Date: December 5, 2022
Subject: Agenda Item (Section – Consent Agenda)

Attached you will find a budget amendment for your consideration for the year ending June 30, 2023.

Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Budget Amendment # 3

State Funds

1) An increase of $566,371.00 to the State Budget Fund (Fund 1):

$126,0000.00 increase to PRC 029 (Behavioral Support) – This was the initial allotment received by the district to provide funding for exceptional support students with behavioral support needs.

$41,081.00 increase to PRC 015 (Technology) – This was the annual allotment for the district's technology program.

$70,280.00 increase to PRC 063 (Children with Disabilities) – This is the annual allotment provided by the state to provide speech pathology services to students with this need.

$264,000.00 increase to PRC 039 (School Safety) – The district was awarded this grant to provide school resource officers to all elementary schools on a contract basis.

$65,010.00 increase to PRC 085 (Literacy Intervention) – These funds will be used to pay stipends to teachers for attending professional development related to the new state literacy program.

Local Funds

2) No change to the Local Fund Budget (Fund 2)

Federal Funds

3) There was no change to the Federal Budget Fund (Fund 3)

There were several budget transfers in which funds were moved from one purpose code to another. These transfers were made to correct a budget coding error in the previous month's report. No new funds were received.

Capital Outlay Funds

4) An increase of $13,985.00 to the Capital Outlay Budget Fund (Fund 4):

$3940.00 increase to PRC 802 (Capital Outlay Expenses) – These were expenses related to plumbing repairs at the CTE Building that will be reimbursed by the county.

$7002.00 increase to PRC 802 (Capital Outlay Expenses) – These funds were to install a concrete pad at Green Ridge Elementary and will be reimbursed by the county.

$3043.00 increase to PRC 802 (Capital Outlay Expense) – These funds were to replace a faulty valve at Mt Gilead Elementary and will be reimbursed by the county.

Child Nutrition

5) No change to the Child Nutrition Fund. (Fund 5):

Special Local Fund 8

6) An increase of $81,563.74 to the Special Local Fund 8 Budget (Fund 8):

$100.00 increase to PRC 061 (Benevolence) – This budget will be funded by employee donations and will used to send flowers to employees who experience the death of a close family member.

$81,463.74 increase to PRC 311 (GEARUP Grant) – This is a state grant to provide additional educational opportunities, such as offering Saturday School, to the high school and middle schools.

7) Overall, these adjustments resulted in an increase of $661,919.74 to the total 2022 - 2023 budget for Montgomery County Schools.

I will be available to answer any questions you may have.

This amendment is an action item and will require a vote.

Budget Amendment # 3

Montgomery County Administration Unit

The Montgomery County Board of Education at a meeting on the 5th day of December 2022. passed the following resolution:

Be it resolved that the following amendments be made to the Budget Resolution for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023.

Expense Code	Description of Code	Increase	Decrease
	STATE FUNDS		
	Revenues		
1.3100	State Revision #23 PRC 029	$126,000.00	
1.3100	State Revision #23 PRC 015	$41,081.00	
1.3100	State Revision #23 PRC 063	$70,280.00	
1.3100	State Revision #24 PRC 39	264,000.00	
1.3100	State Revision #23 PRC 085	65,010.00	
	Net Change in State Revenues	$566,371.00	
	Expenses		
1.5000.029	Behaviorial Support	$126,000.00	
1.5000.015	Technology	$41,081.00	
1.5000.063	Children with Disabilities	70,280.00	
1.5000.039	School Safety Grants	264,000.00	
1.5000.085	Literacy Intervention	65,010.00	
	Net Change in State Expenses	$566,371.00	
	Net Change in State Budget	$566,371.00	

Explanation: Adjustments made for actual revenues and expenditures.

Total Appropriation in Current Budget	$28,132,742.00
Amount of Increase	$566,371.00
Total Appropriation in Current Amended Budget	$28,699,113.00

Budget Amendment # 3

Expense Code	Description of Code	Increase	Decrease
	LOCAL FUNDS		
	Revenues		
	Expenses		
	Net Change in Local Budget	$0.00	

Explanation: Adjustments made for actual revenues and expenditures.

Total Appropriation in Current Budget	$6,646,016.00
Amount of Increase	$0.00
Total Appropriation in Current Amended Budget	$6,646,016.00

Budget Amendment # 3

Expense Code	Description of Code	Increase	Decrease
	FEDERAL FUNDS		
	Revenues		
	Net Change in Federal Revenues	$0.00	
	Expenses		
3.6000.186	ESSER III Exceptional Children Pre-K		$17,608.00
3.5000.186	ESSER III Exceptional Children Pre-K	$17,608.00	
3.5000.109	Rural and Low Income Schools	$135,603.83	$5,272.29
3.6000.109	Rural and Low Income Schools	5,272.29	$135,603.83
3.6000.049	IDEA Pre-School		$1,344.32
3.8000.049	IDEA Pre-School	1,344.32	
3.6000.060	IDEA Exceptional Children		$45,533.20
3.8000.060	IDEA Exceptional Children	$45,533.20	
	Net Change in Federal Expenses	$0.00	
	Net Change in Federal Budget	$0.00	

Explanation: Adjustments made for actual revenues and expenditures.

Total Appropriation in Current Budget	$12,217,368.64
Amount of Increase	$0.00
Total Appropriation in Current Amended Budget	$12,217,368.64

Budget Amendment # 3

Expense Code	Description of Code	Increase	Decrease
	CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND		
	Revenues		
4.4000.802	CTE Bldg - Plumbing repairs	3,940.00	
4.4000.802	Green Ridge Elementary - Concrete pad	7,002.00	
4.4000.802	Mt Gilead Elementary - Replace faulty valve	3,043.00	
	Net Change in Capital Outlay Revenues	13,985.00	
	Expenses		
4.9000.802	CTE Bldg - Plumbing repairs	3,940.00	
4.9000.802	Green Ridge Elementary - Concrete pad	7,002.00	
4.9000.802	Mt Gilead Elementary - Replace faulty valve	3,043.00	
	Net Change in Capital Outlay Expenses	13,985.00	
	Net Change in Capital Outlay Budget	$13,985.00	

Explanation: Adjustments made for actual revenues and expenditures.

Total Appropriation in Current Budget	$1,600,586.77
Amount of Increase	$13,985.00
Total Appropriation in Current Amended Budget	$1,614,571.77

Expense Code	Description of Code	Increase	Decrease
	CHILD NUTRITION FUND		
	Revenues		
		0.00	
	Expenses		
		0.00	
	Net Change in Child Nutrition Budget	$0.00	

Explanation: Adjustments made for actual revenues and expenditures.

Total Appropriation in Current Budget	$3,513,860.00
Amount of Increase	$0.00
Total Appropriation in Current Amended Budget	$3,513,860.00

Budget Amendment # 3

Expense Code	Description of Code	Increase	Decrease
	LOCAL FUND 8		
	Revenues		
8.4000.061	Benevolence Fund	100.00	
8.5000.311	GEAR UP Grant	81,463.74	
	Total Changes in Fund 8 Revenues	$81,563.74	
	Expenses		
8.8000.061	Benevolence Fund	100.00	
8.5000.311	GEAR UP Grant	77,393.00	
8.6000.311	GEAR UP Grant	4,070.74	
	Total Change in Fund 8 Expenses	$81,563.74	
	Net Change in Local Fund 8 Budget	$81,563.74	

Explanation: Adjustments made for actual revenues and expenditures.

Total Appropriation in Current Budget	$3,450,815.04
Amount of Increase	$81,563.74
Total Appropriation in Current Amended Budget	$3,532,378.78

Summary of Budget Changes	
Previous Budget	$55,561,388.45
State Budget Change	-
Local Budget Change	$0.00
Federal Budget Change	$0.00
Capital Outlay Budget Change	$13,985.00
Child Nutrition Budget Change	$0.00
Fund 8 Budget Change	$81,563.74
Current Budget	$55,656,937.19

Passed by majority vote by the Board of Education of Montgomery County on the 5th day of December 2022.

Chairman, Board of Education

Secretary, Board of Education

4) Early Graduation

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TO: Board of Education
FROM: Wade Auman
DATE: December 5, 2022
SUBJ: CONSENT AGENDA ITEM (MCS Early Graduates)

The following students have requested early graduation from Montgomery County Schools:

Montgomery Central High School:

Montgomery Learning Academy:

All students on this list have received a thorough transcript audit to ensure they meet the North Carolina High School Graduation requirements for the completion of high school.

I am available to answer any questions you might have.

Upon return to open session, Chairman DeBerry asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bryan Dozier made the motion with Cindy Taylor seconding; the meeting was duly adjourned.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, January 9, 2023, at 6:30 pm at the Montgomery County Central Office.

Steven W. DeBerry, Chairman

Dale Ellis, Ed. D., Secretary