

**MINUTES OF THE MEIGS COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**JANUARY 11, 2024**

The Meigs County Board of Education met in regular session on Thursday, January 11, 2024, at Meigs High School Library, 105 Abel Avenue, Decatur, TN 37322, following Board Workshop that began at 5:30 p.m.

The public was invited to attend.

Members in attendance were Board Chairman- Amber Ammons, Vice Chairman- Amy Swanks, Julie Boyd, Mike McKenzie, Andy Andrews, and Recording Secretary-Robin Meadows.

**HEARING OF GUESTS**

None

**I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

A motion was made by Julie Boyd and seconded by Amy Swanks to approve the agenda as presented to the Board and as recommended by Mr. Clint Baker, Director of Schools. Vote 5-0

**II. GOOD NEWS**

\*Meigs High-Mr. Grissom stated basketball season going good; cheerleaders doing a great job; trying to get things back to normal after Christmas Break.

\*Meigs Middle-Mr. Woods shared that PTO Bazaar raised \$1500; Talent Show was success; Dental hygienist providing services to students; Basketball Season winding down-District starts soon; Volleyball practicing-getting ready for season.

\*Meigs North-Mr. Jennings reported between present time and Feb. 2, MNE will have AR rewards for 2<sup>nd</sup> Nine Weeks, host a Winter Dance to raise money for student rewards, host annual Spelling Bee and Science Fair, and have a combined Open House/Family STEM Night. We have a lot going on this month.

\*Meigs South-Mr. Curtis stated Project Basic is back at MSE after a 2 year absence- Tracy Dorsey is doing an outstanding job; Change Drive going on at this time-pizza party for classrooms that raise the most; Boys Scouts scheduled to speak to classrooms; Gaga Pit finished on playground; 13 new students after Christmas break; Finishing up EasyCBM testing; Megan Ballew is scheduled to speak with students; Spelling Bee to be at 1 p.m. on Jan. 25<sup>th</sup>.

\*Mr. Baker reported that our school system received the Outcomes Grant-TESSA formula \$135,142 through extra funding-2 more checks for come in Spring.

**III. BUILDING PROGRAM**

Mr. Baker stated that Elevator Project is complete at MCHS-waiting on inspection & phones need to be installed; High School Cafeteria Roof needs to be replaced-over 30 years old.

**IV. SAFETY PROGRAM**

Mr. Roberts reported on Cops Grant-by Grant Specialist recently met by webinar-next meeting set for January 23; Bus that was supposed to be delivered July of 2023 is now set to be delivered April of 2024.

**V. FEDERAL PROGRAM**

Mrs. Martin reported starting data meetings for District Plan-information to be submitted by March 1-will be meeting end of January or 1<sup>st</sup> of February; CFA just around the corner.

## **VI. TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM**

Mr. Brown reported Central Tech deployed 15 Box Lights first week of January-that completes the project placing a box light in every classroom as well as libraries and each school has a box light on a cart for flexibility. Tech Dept. is also upgrading our digital display and information devices as each school with a product call VIVI-this will allow for more flexibility in communication using devices in schools.

*\*\*A motion was made by Mike McKenzie and seconded by Amy Swanks to combine the vote of **Consent Items** and **Action Items**. Vote 5-0*

A motion was made by Mike McKenzie, and seconded by Amy Swanks to approve the following **Consent Items** and **Action Items** as recommended and presented to the Board by Mr. Clint Baker, Director of School. Vote 5-0

## **VII. CONSENT ITEMS**

1. **Minutes-Board Meeting December 7, 2023**
2. **MMS FCA Overnight Trip-Camp Livingstones-March 22-23, 2024**
3. **Athletic Co-op Program with McMinn County-Boys Soccer**

## **VIII. ACTION ITEMS**

1. **Board Policies**
  - a. **1.105 School Board Legislative Involvement**
  - b. **3.219 Use of Unmanned Aircraft Systems (Drones)**
2. **School Calendar 2024-2025**

## **IX. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

1. **School Board Appreciation Week Jan. 22-26, 2024-Jan. 25 school visits**
2. **ATSI Info**
2. **Fall Testing Results**

## **X. ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO LEGALLY COME BEFORE THE BOARD**

*\*ATSI-Mr. Baker explained the ATSI designation for MMS-met with CORE Office today*

*\*Fall Test Results-Algebra II test results very positive about raw score compared to State*

*\*School Voucher-Mr. Baker talked about writing a School Voucher Resolution-the Board wants him to write a resolution-he said he would have one ready by January 25<sup>th</sup> Workshop*

*\*Sales Tax Rate-Mr. Baker mentioned possibility of City and County raising sales tax rate.*

*\*MCHS Football Coach position-in process of searching for new Head Football Coach*

## **XI. OTHER BUSINESS**

- **School Board Week-January 22-26, 2024**
- **Board Workshop-1 p.m., January 25, 2024 during School Board Tour Day**

## **XII. ADJOURMENT**

A motion was made by Mike McKenzie and seconded by Amy Swanks to adjourn the meeting. Vote 5-0

