

Monroe County Schools

News Release

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A student expulsion hearing dominated the regular meeting of the Monroe County Board of Education held November 8, 6:00 p.m. at the Board Office in Union. The expulsion hearing, held in executive session, resulted in the expulsion of an eighth grade Mountain View female student for twelve months for being under the influence of controlled substances at school.

Under New Business, the Board approved budget supplements and transfers and reviewed, then conditionally approved James Monroe High School's Local School Improvement Council levy budget, pending documentation of 70% of parent involvement in approval.

Under Personnel, the Board approved the retirement of Donna Boothe as of January 2, 2006; approved a temporary leave of absence for Tammy Pence until November 30, approved maternity leave for Gretchen Graves and a one year leave from coaching for Angela Terry. Sandra Hodges was transferred per her request to Peterstown Elementary School. The following volunteers were approved: Virginia Booth, Leah Crutchfield, Frankie Mills, Austie Miller, Tammy Nance, Priscilla Noble, Sheila Pitzer, Kim Via, Angela Watson, Stephanie Zwart, and MaryLynn White. Patrica Starks was hired as a substitute teacher; Hanna Fullen Robers and Donna Lokay were hired as AmeriCorp workers; Patti Shaver was hired as the facilitator for the Workforce Investment Act program. The following individuals were hired as substitute secretaries: Tammy Bishop, Kim Burwell, Margaret Carter, Ellen Hawks, Carolyn Neel, and Stephanie Zwart.

Individuals employed for the 21st Century Program included the following: Academic Instructors: Connie Robertson, Linda Lively, Shelby Canterbury, Terri Walker, Sue Thomas, Katrina King, Erica Smith and Bonnie Walsh. College Mentors include Amanda Roberts, Renae Meadows and Sarah Pence. High School Tutors are Christina Laws, Katie Powell, Leslie Robertson, Ronson Schultz, Josh Martin, Daniel McKeown, Sorsha Perkins, Chase Conley, Larinda Sharp, Brittany Allen, Joseph Haynes, and Casey Buzzard.

In final personnel action, the Board reviewed and then passed a revised administrative/central office compensation schedule.

Under Discussion and Information, Superintendent Lyn Guy discussed the possibility of hiring a physical therapist and an occupational therapist, because of the exorbitant costs of contracting those services. She reported on progress in developing the land near Mountain View as a parking area; provided information regarding the lack of liability coverage from the WV Board of Risk Management for certain cases; reported on recent legal issues and provided an update on addressing the sewage odors at James Monroe High School.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held Nov. 22, 2005, 7:00 p.m. at the Monroe County Technical Center.