

Monroe County Schools

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A policy to allow students to play “Taps” at the funerals of veterans was placed on comment by the Monroe County Board of Education at their regular meeting held December 20, 2005, 7:00 p.m. at the Board Office in Union.

The policy, which is required by legislative action, recognizes the need for additional musicians to play the traditional music at funerals and provides for student buglers to be excused from school to perform this community service.

In addition to approving budget supplements, transfers, and paying the bills, the Board approved a contract for HVAC controls with Honeywell, approved a Peterstown Middle School travel request as a reward trip for students who participate in the reading program, and declined to hear a Level III Grievance, sending it on to Level IV.

Following an expulsion hearing for an 11th grade James Monroe student, the Board suspended the student for the remainder of the current semester, then provided for his return to the regular program second semester as long as certain conditions are met for behavior, attendance, and academic progress.

Under Personnel, the Board approved the resignation of Sheri Smith, secretary at Peterstown Middle; approved the retirement of Frank Upton, effective February 28, 2006; approved the transfer of Cathy Hylton from Grade 3 to Title I Math effective 2006-07; and hired the following individuals: Denise Amos - itinerant aide Peterstown Middle, and

Elementary; Delores Dempsey, half-time aide; Jean Law Bottorf, Title I Reading for Peterstown Elementary. Substitute teachers hired included Faye Jones, Christopher Linsin; and Annette Lendacki.

Under Discussion and the Superintendent's Report, the Board reviewed the Performance Audit Report for Peterstown Middle School; discussed the possibility of a short-term loan to finish out the meat processing program at the Technical School since the SBA money will not come until July, and discussed the possibility of a lease-purchase agreement on field lights for the baseball and softball program at James Monroe.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m. The next regular meeting will be 7:00 p.m. at the Monroe County Technical Center.