

Monroe County Schools

News Release

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Hearings dominated the regular meeting of the Monroe County Board of Education held May 2, 2006, 7:00 p.m. at the Board Office in Union.

The first hearing, an expulsion hearing for a James Monroe High School student, resulted in the male student being expelled for the remainder of the school year for inappropriate sexual behavior. A hearing for a probationary employee who was not rehired for the 06-07 school year resulted in no further action by the Board. A scheduled hearing for a substitute bus operator was removed from the agenda pending assurance that the driver had received notice of the hearing.

Under Policy Development, the Board approved the Snacks & Beverages Sold in Schools Policy after a 30 day comment period.

Under New Business, the Board approved budget transfers, paying bills as presented, and allocated \$2,000 toward a trip to the National FBLA Leadership Conference in Nashville, TN, June 28- July 3 by students Lora Feury and Matt Morgan as well as teacher, Rebecca Dillon. In final action, the Board approved the purchase of an HVAC unit for the board meeting room at the board office (cafeteria.)

Under Personnel, the Board approved Deborah Mathis as assistant principal for Mountain View School; Drema Settle, as Head Start temporary aide/home visitor; Jan Ellis, Brian Baker, and Chastity Daniel as special education teachers at James Monroe for the 06-07 school year; transferred Shirley Huffman to the executive secretary position; and recognized Angela Cole as a

volunteer for Mountain View and Valerie E. Dillon as a volunteer for Peterstown Elementary.

Under the Superintendent's Report, Lyn Guy reported on new requirements for paying PEIA costs for retired employees who had converted sick days to insurance. She noted that recent information from the WV Department of Education indicated that counties would be billed for these funds, despite the fact that most would not be able to pay the bills without an appropriation from the legislature. Guy stated that having to show these liabilities at the county level rather than the state level would mean that smaller counties would quickly show deficits.

Guy reviewed recent State Board action against RESA I director Carol Morgan. She also discussed information regarding problems with substitute bus operators, announcing that some field trips would have to be canceled due to the lack of substitutes. She informed the Board that the field lights for the baseball and softball fields at James Monroe were being advertised and bids would be opened on May 10, with the recommendation coming to the board at the next regular meeting.

Board members set the date of 3:00 p.m. on May 8th for a special meeting for the purpose of holding an expulsion hearing, at the Board Office in Union. The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m. The next regular meeting will be May 15, 2006, 7:00 p.m. at the Board Office in Union.