

JMPHS Board Meeting Minutes

September 15, 2016

Meeting opened by Justin Davis at 5:36. Prayer by Mr. Davis

Approval of Minutes-Justin made motion to approve minutes from August meeting. Sonical Mitchell seconded.

Financial Update- School is approved for capital outlay funds beginning in October and may receive funds for previous month. Oct./Nov. CTE money is also expected.

Two recent donations of \$5,000 and \$1,000 were made to the school. Mr. Bunch will ask if donations are to remain anonymous or can be posted on school website. He stated that the school has contacted a professional web designer to maintain the school site.

Shelly Renfroe said she and Amy Gibson will meet to discuss role of treasurer. Justin Davis suggested a list of responsibilities should be written with additional input from former treasurer Margaret Ann Bunch.

Motion to approve Financial Update was made by Justin Davis and seconded by Sonical Mitchell.

Current Enrollment-196 students currently enrolled:43 freshmen, 57 sophomores, 47 juniors, 49 seniors

Facility Update- little damage from Hermine. Portable sign and greenhouse damaged. Small roof leak had to be fixed, but previous patches held.

Building Committee has had two meetings. It is a cohesive group which is gaining momentum and should have more to report at a later date.

Accreditation Update- 98% of documentation done. All documentation is due September 26.

Every stakeholder should have received a survey by now.

School Improvement Plan-James has finished the plan. This is not required, but does it enable school personnel to review progress and set goals for future growth. All board members received a copy of this from Mr. Johnson.

School Accountability Committee to be formed and will be comprised of 2 people from each area: administrators, board members, parents, staff and students. Meetings begin October (possibly September) and will continue on a monthly basis throughout the school year.

Hotel Reservations and Catering for External Review Team-Accreditation Team will check in to the Days Inn on Sunday, Oct. 23. Baskets of snacks provided by board members are to be placed in their rooms. The conference room has been reserved to assure an adequate work area for the team. The team, board members and administrators are to have dinner (catered by Divine Events) that evening in the First United Methodist fellowship hall. On Monday, the team is to visit the school and observe our teachers and students, as well as meet with the administrators and pertinent stakeholders. Discussion and follow-up questions are to take place Tuesday in the conference room of Justin Davis. A recommendation for approval may be made at that time. Official approval should be received in December.

Recent Discipline- kids have been cautioned to be careful when exiting school in afternoons. Teachers have been assigned to necessary areas.

Upcoming Homecoming Celebration Update- Madison County School Board was adamant that students should have the homecoming parade even though it falls on a FTE count day. October 14 is officially a school holiday to accommodate homecoming festivities. JMPHS will have 9th, 10th and 11th grade princesses and 12th grade King/Queen. The junior class will host the dance scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 15.

Payroll Change- Since the county now has two charter schools, the payroll will now be done once a month on the 20th.

Transportation to HS for Classes- some students taking classes at Madison County High School are driving themselves. Others who are riding the van are missing 15-20 minutes seat time due to bus being late when picking them up. This is to be addressed with transportation. JMPHS has been told it has to pay for the van fee. Since the \$30,000 FTE for the classes goes to MCCHS, should the van fee come from those funds?

Approval for policy for PTO- discussed previously. Employees granted 90 hours personal time. They may carry 13 over each year for a maximum of 225 hours. Staff/faculty members will be paid for accumulated hours (up to maximum) upon retirement. Motion to approve made by Justin Davis seconded by Sonical Mitchell.

Teacher Time-

Donna Law has developed a unit for her Honors Anatomy and Physiology class that which will teach required standards while utilizing the students' interest in crime scene investigations. Additionally, she has designed a multi-disciplinary unit on BioDomes that will tie in activities from all subject areas for her Physical Science class. Mrs. Law's Biology class will complete a unit on cells by making 3D cell models.

Mr. Androski has had a lesson plan published by CPALMS, the state curriculum resource.

According to **Mr. White**, graduation will be May 26 at 7:00 in Van H. Priest auditorium. No limits on number of seats per student. Baccalaureate is scheduled for May 23 6:30pm at First United Methodist Church. Guest Speaker is Jay Platt. Students are limited to four guests for baccalaureate.

Senior picture retakes are Oct. 3.

Underclass pictures are Oct. 7.

Oct. 31 Junior class ring presentation at 9:00. Senior announcements on display at 10:00.

Nov. 8 Juniors order class rings.

Mrs. Shartran has a group going to ensemble competition and one student auditioning for All-State Band.

JMPHS will sponsor Grad Bash at Disney World because school sponsorship is required. More information will follow.

Oct. 7 FFA Leadership training (three days)

Oct. 18 Ag & Engineering classes to Expo in Moultrie, GA

Testing retakes are to be held in October. ACT can count for ELA graduation requirement.

PERT Test can count towards Alg. I graduation requirement.

PLATO has ACT prep for students.

Any students who didn't do well on ELA or Math requirement are now in intensive classes because they have to pass the tests to graduate.

Mrs. Ortega is seeing the benefit of having the anti-plagiarism program.

Mr. Davis questioned availability of books for students to take home. Students can sign out books and they are also available online. Mrs. Ortega is fine with her textbooks. Donna Law would ideally like to have at least four more Chrome books so students can all work on their essays at one time. Since a class is being held in the computer lab, the school could use another classroom set of Chrome books.

Next meeting to be held Oct. 13.

7:30 Meeting adjourned