

**Annual Planning Meeting
Regular Board Meeting
September 21, 2015
7:00 p.m.**

The McCrory School District Board of Education held the Annual Planning Meeting and a regular board meeting on Monday, September 21, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the administration building with the following members in attendance: Jeff Reeves, Craig Reeves, Bob Briley and Sean Williams. The President, Jeff Reeves called the Annual Planning Meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. with the following presentations:

1. Mr. Casteel opened the Annual Planning Meeting. Mrs. Debbie Runyon, elementary principal, gave the following report:
 - a. Total Enrollment: 336 (K-6th – 317; PreK – 19) K- 44, 1st- 50, 2nd- 47, 3rd- 41, 4th- 35, 5th- 42, 6th- 42
 - b. Jana Lee teaches Resource students in 2nd, 4th – 6th and has the following total students: (2nd- 1, 4th- 1, 5th- 4, 6th- 5). She also has one self-contained student.
 - c. Total of 504 Students is 7 (3rd- 1, 4th-1, 5th-2, 6th- 3)
 - d. Total ALE Students: 4 (2nd-1, 3rd-1, 5th-2) Stephanie Tyer will also be teaching intervention and ELL (English Language Learners) as needed.
 - e. Self-contained Special Education: Jamie Slocum and two paraprofessionals, Wanda Slocum and Mary Jo Morris, are teaching four highly severe students and one resource student. They help when needed in the mildly severe classroom. Joanna Adams teaches five mildly severe students and three resource students. The mildly severe classroom is next door to the highly severe classroom so that the paraprofessionals can help with collaboration between classes.
 - f. We have a clothes closet that the community helps provide clothes to for needy children.
 - g. Teah Robertson is the GT teacher this year and Literacy Interventionist for 1st grade.

- h. LeeAnn Wampler is the Math Interventionist for K-2 and other grades depending on need and time this year. She was a third grade Math/Science teacher previously.
- i. Cassidy Lucus is the Art teacher and she is signed up to take the Praxis for Art Content. She is hoping to do an Art Show at the end of the year.
- j. Jamie Ferrell is the school nurse and teaches a health lesson each semester to the students. She also plans to do a Parent Health Night.
- k. Jenny Henderson, Donna Golden, and Faye Shue work with K-3rd RTI students and other grades as needed.
- l. Nicole Hankins is a Paraprofessional for Preschool that helps with breakfast, breaks, and COPA. She also does the Mealtracker for the cafeteria.
- m. Jana Pabst is a Paraprofessional that oversees the Computer Lab for Classworks, TypingPal, and other educational websites.
- n. Five grandmas work at the school through the Foster Grandparent Program. Sue Webb works in fifth grade, Betty Gardner works in resource. Pat Fisk, Oneida Williams, and Juanita Planchon all work in kindergarten. Alma Murphy joined us this year in Joanna Adams' classroom. The grandmas do a reading project in memory of the 9/11 crisis that involves inviting community helpers to come in and read or speak about their career.
- o. We will continue the Volunteer Reading Program in the Library again this year.
- p. The Accelerated Reading Program and STAR Testing are used to support Literacy.
- q. We are continuing the Character Education Program "Bee Your Best" this year incorporating parent involvement and lessons throughout the school year.
- r. The Extended Day Program begins September 28 at 3:20-4:20. Mondays will be Math and Tuesdays will be Literacy.
- s. We do a two week Summer School full-day.
- t. Sharon Keen teaches Project Based Learning in the Library.

- u. Coach Bobby Keen does the Presidential Physical Fitness each semester.
- v. Special events: Red Ribbon Week; Education Week; Constitution Day; 100th Day of School; Christmas and Spring Music Concerts; High School Band Concerts.
- w. PTO meets two or more times yearly. Fundraisers are done to support the school and community.
- x. There will be a Parent Benchmark Night in March.
- y. Field Trips: K- Peebles Corn Maze; 1st - Nature Center & Craighead Forrest Park (Jonesboro); 2nd – Scott Plantation (Scott); 3rd- Zoo; 4th Folk Center (Mountain View); 5th - Museum of Discovery (Little Rock); 6th - State Capitol & Old State House (Little Rock).
- z. Science teachers attended a Project Learning Tree Workshop and we will be using grant funds from the Game & Fish Commission to build an Outdoor Learning Environment. We plan to have a Community Work Day to involve the community in late September or early October.
- aa. We will be working with Mayor Fowler on parking the Recycle trailer a few hours in the morning or afternoon. White River Planning & Development District, Inc. will be providing us with recycle containers.
- bb. We are partners with Harding University Science STEM Project.
- cc. We participate in the backpack program to help send food home to students that need it.
- dd. We work with ArCARE to promote health and nutrition.
- ee. We work with Ken's Theater to involve students in drama.
- ff. We support Peewee football, basketball, and cheerleading.
- gg. ACSIP, PPC, Sick Bank, Health Wellness, and Parental Involvement Committees continuing to meet this year to help improve quality of education and the school environment.

- hh. Teachers have common planning times three or more days a week to collaborate for improved instruction and vertical alignment of the curriculum.
 - ii. Teachers are continuing peer mentoring this year.
 - jj. Journeys curriculum is taught in grades K-6th to align with CCSS. Go Math is taught in grades K-5th to align with CCSS. 6th uses Explorations in Core Mathematics to align with CCSS. Kindergarten teaches Literacy with the curriculum Treasures and also uses CCSS supplements. Students are doing quarterly target tests with the Classworks Program in the Computer Lab to monitor student progress. Results of tests will be used to help monitor students for Tier II and III RTI.
 - kk. PreK-2nd use the Starfall computer program to support instruction in Math and Literacy.
 - ll. Brain Gym exercises are incorporated into instruction throughout the day.
 - mm. The GoNoodle Program is used to help students interact physically and educationally.
 - nn. Teachers attend PLC (Professional Learning Community) Meetings after school on the third Wednesday of each month and there are monthly grade-level meetings during their preps with the principal as well.
 - oo. Parents are invited to quarterly award assemblies to give recognition for student accomplishments. PTO provides ice cream sundaes each quarter for students making A's and B's.
 - pp. Ross Ford, FG Express, and our PTO support our Paw Pride Program that recognizes students for monthly accomplishments.
 - rr. Our Parent Center is open from 7:30-4:00 for parents to use computers or check out educational materials.
2. Mr. Aaron Wiggins, high school principal gave the following information on the high school curriculum:

Pre-AP Offerings and Enrollments

- Pre-AP English 9: 27
- Pre-AP English 10: 21

- Pre-AP English 11: 25
- Pre-AP Biology: 17
- Pre-AP Algebra II: 2
- Pre-AP World History: 21
- Total: 113 (same as last year)

AP Offerings and Enrollments

- AP Language and Composition: 18
- AP Biology: 19
- AP Calculus: 9
- AP American History: 9
- AP US Gov't: 8
- Total: 63 (same as last year)

Concurrent Credit Courses

- Pre-AP World History
- AP American History
- AP US Gov't
- AP Biology
- AP Calculus
- AP Language and Composition

Vocation, Arts, and Football

- Agriculture enrollment: 106 (up from 70)
- Business: 110 (down from 130)
- FACS: 140 (down from 148)
- Virtual Arkansas enrollment: 85
- HS Band: 31 (down from 35)
- Beginning Band: 36 (down from 46)
- Choir: 25 (down from 44)
- 7th Grade Football: 10
- Jr. High Football: 42
- Sr. High Football: 41
- Cross Country: 6
- 7th Grade Girls Basketball: 6
- Jr. Girls Basketball: 24
- Sr. Girls Basketball: 15
- Total: 591 (down from 622)

Supplemental Services

- Remediation through ATS and ALE
- Supplemental Instruction Program: 2
- Co-Teach English (all grades)
- 7th Grade Reading
- 8th Grade Reading
- Credit Recovery

- Tutoring: After School (4 days a week, Monday – Thursday)
- Summer School (10 days)

Major ACSIP Purchases

- As of this date, we have not purchased anything through ACSIP due to there being a new system of inputting information and have not received our ACSIP budget. However, several teachers are looking into beginning to replace old mobile carts with
- Chromebook carts.

3. Mrs. Janet Rudick, Federal Coordinator gave the following information to the Board:

- a. ACSIP – Arkansas Comprehensive School Improvement Plan
New plan layout online. Complete process is being revamped.
- b. Federal Programs – Title I, Title II, Title VI Federal
 - Title I – Elementary School
 - New math intervention program
 - Test prep materials
 - Technology
- c. Title I – High School
 - Reading classes for 7th & 8th grades
 - Test prep materials
 - Technology
- d. Title II – Professional Development
 - (In the past, this has been used for a class-size reduction teacher, but we don't have a qualifying teacher this year.)
- e. Title VI – Federal
 - Technology (Possibly new phone system)
- f. Testing
 - Kindergarten just completed QELI (Qualls Early Learning Inventory)
 - sults for IOWA assessments for 1st & 2nd Grades:
 - Average NPR for 1st Grade in Reading = 39
 - Average NPR for 1st Grade in Math = 46
 - Average NPR for 2nd Grade in Reading = 70
 - Average NPR for 2nd Grade in Math = 75
 - Last year results for Science Benchmark:
 - Grade 5 = 90%
 - Grade 7 = 51%

- Results for PARCC will not available until November.
- g. E-school
- Teachers can now put all assignments in eschool making that information accessible to parents through Home Access Center for which all parents have been given logins & passwords
4. Mr. Casteel updated the Board on our goals for McCrory School District. He discussed the current building projects we have going on, the District's financial strength, our student test scores and achievements, and curriculum improvements. He emphasized that student safety is a top priority. Mr. Casteel stated that it is important to make investments in technology for our District. After being in our community and District for a short time, it is evident that we have a great school district. It is his goal to keep the positive school climate and culture alive at our schools as well as keep a strong connection between the school and this community.
5. Mr. Casteel asked the public for questions or comments on the plans and goals stated in the presentations. No questions or comments were made.
6. After a five minute recess, President Jeff Reeves, called the regular board meeting to begin at 8:07 p.m. and the following business was conducted:
7. Mr. Bob Briley was welcomed to the meeting as the newly elected board member from Zone 1.
8. The Board elected new officers as follows:
- a. A motion was made by Craig Reeves with a second from Bob Briley to nominate Sean Williams as President. All were in favor of the motion.
 - b. A motion was made by Bob Briley with a second from Craig Reeves to elect Jeff Reeves as Vice President. All were in favor of the motion.
 - c. A motion was made by Jeff Reeves with a second from Bob Briley to elect Craig Reeves as Secretary. All were in favor of the motion.
 - d. A motion as made by Jeff Reeves with a second from Bob Briley to appoint Craig Reeves as ASBA voting delegate for the ASBA conference held in December. All were in favor of the motion.
9. A motion as made by Craig Reeves with a second from Jeff Reeves to approve all items on the consent agenda:

- a. Approval and signing of the minutes of the previous meeting on August 20, 2016
 - b. Financial reports, lunch and activity
10. Mr. Casteel gave an information packet that Chief of Police Paul Hatch wanted to present to the Board in reference to a district resource officer. The information will be reviewed but at this time the District is not in favor of a resource officer at the school. It is worth investigating and they will continue to do so.
11. A motion was made by Craig Reeves with a second from Jeff Reeves to approve the school district budget as well as the special education budget for the 2015-16 school year. Also adopted were the policies and procedures relative to children with disabilities covered in the Special Education Assurances and Agreements, along with the application to be submitted in fulfillment of Ark. Code Ann. 6-20-310, which upon approval by the Arkansas Department of Education, Special Education Office, will allow our District to expend state and federal funds for education of children with disabilities in accordance with their assurance, budget and program of services. All were in favor of the motion.
12. A motion was made by Jeff Reeves with a second from Craig Reeves to approve all salary schedules for the 2015-2016 school year. All were in favor of the motion.
13. The Arkansas School Board Association Regional Meeting are coming up and the Board will attend the meeting in Jonesboro at Westside School District on October 26th.
14. A motion was made by Jeff Reeves with a second from Craig Reeves to accept the student transfer on Randa Youngman and Garrett Harrison to Cross County School District. All were in favor of the motion.
15. A motion was made by Jeff Reeves with a second from Bob Briley to accept the student transfer on Colten Furrow to the Augusta School District. All were in favor of the motion.
16. Mr. Casteel gave an update on the Aptegy program. In the next couple of weeks, the process should start on our new school website. It is the goal to have it all up and running by the end of the semester.
17. Mr. Casteel received an update on the football field scoreboard from Coach Chris Kennon. The twenty-five second clocks have not arrived but Coach Kennon has been in communication with the company. The clocks and the scoreboard should be here next week.. The art work is still in

progress on the advertisement signage. Coach Kennon believes everything will be in operation before homecoming on October 9th.

18. President Sean Williams declared executive session at 8:48 p.m.
19. President Sean Williams declared open session at 9:01 p.m. with no action taken.
20. A motion was made by Jeff Reeves with a second from Craig Reeves to hire Raychel Wheeler on a one year contract at \$8.84 per hour, 7 hours per day on a 178 day contract for the 153 remaining days of the year beginning on September 22, 2015. Mrs. Wheeler will serve as a high school special education aide and any other duties as assigned. All were in favor of the motion.
21. Mrs. Runyon gave a report on elementary extended day. A motion was made by Craig Reeves with a second from Bob Briley to hire Pam Faughn, Jamie Slocum, Tracye Nick, Sherri Garner and Ava Simmons as extended day teachers and Debbie Runyon, Sabrina McCorkle and Connie Jones as extended day substitute teachers. All were in favor of the motion.
22. Mrs. Runyon gave a report on the Outdoor Learning Environment Action Plan. These projects we be paid for by money received from the Arkansas Game and Fish in accordance with Act 799 of 2003.
23. Mr. Casteel gave a copy of the plans for the Testing/Art Building at the high school to the Board for review. He also updated the board on the progress of the auditorium upgrade. The Board decided to table any decisions on these projects until further investigation.
25. President Sean Williams declared the meeting adjourned at 10:01 p.m.

Sean Williams, President

Craig Reeves, Secretary