

Executive Session
April 20, 2020 5:30 AM
By Phone

Attendance Taken at 8:30 AM.

Ms. Julie Cathey: Present

Mr. Jacob Sorrells: Present

1. Call to Order

The Executive Committee of the Marshall County Board of Education, comprised of Chairman of the Board Julie Keny Cathey and Director of Schools Jacob Sorrells, spoke by phone Monday, April 20, 2020, at 8:30 a.m. to approve an emergency resolution suspending certain board policies due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

2. Emergency Resolution

The policies affected by this resolution include: 4.600 Grading System, 4.700 Testing Programs, 5.109 Evaluation, 5.802 Qualifications and duties of the Director of Schools, and 6.200 Attendance.

Motion Passed: Approve the resolution Passed with a motion by Ms. Julie Cathey and a second by Mr. Jacob Sorrells.

Ms. Julie Cathey: Yea

Mr. Jacob Sorrells: Yea

3. Adjourn

Chairperson

Superintendent

Resolution – Emergency Suspension of Board Policies

BOARD RESOLUTION No. 20-04-01

WHEREAS, TCA 49-2-203 authorizes local boards of education to govern their respective districts, including adopting, revising, and suspending local board policies;

WHEREAS, on April 2, 2020, Governor Bill Lee signed Public Chapter 652 which removed the requirement for TCAP testing and allowed the State Board of Education to promulgate necessary rules to address issues created by COVID-19 in the 2019-2020 school year;

WHEREAS, on April 9, 2020, the State Board of Education revised several rules and policies in response to COVID-19 effective only for the 2019-2020 school year;

WHEREAS, changes made by the State Board of Education conflict with certain current local board policies;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Marshall County Board of Education hereby suspends the following policies or provisions of its policies for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year, including but not limited to those identified below, to the extent that they conflict with Public Chapter 652 or State Board of Education policies or rules and regulations for the 2019-2020 school year:

- 1) Policy 4.600 – Grading System
 - a) Students taking courses for high school credit shall receive no grade lower than the grade they earned in the course as of March 20, 2020. Additionally, Students taking post-secondary courses are not required to participate in the associated exam in order to receive GPA weighting for Spring 2020.

- 2) Policy 4.605 – Graduation Requirements
 - a) For the class of 2020, graduation requirements are modified as follows:
 - b) Only 20 credits are required to graduate per State Board Education Rule 0520-01-03-.11;
 - c) The requirements for the following are waived:
 - i) ACT/SAT
 - ii) Civics exam
 - iii) EOC exams
 - d) Students scheduled to receive an occupational diploma in the 2019-2020 or 2020-2021 school year shall only be required to demonstrate one year of work experience.

- 3) Policy 4.700 – Testing Program
 - i) Students shall not be required to take TCAP exams for the spring 2020 semester.

- 4) Policy 5.109 – Evaluation
 - a) Level of overall effectiveness scores shall not be generated for educators in the 2019-2020 school year.
 - b) Pre-kindergarten and kindergarten teachers shall not be evaluated using the growth portfolio model for the 2019-2020 school year.
 - c) Any observations required by State Board of Education Policy 5.201 that were not completed during the 2019-2020 school year as a result of COVID-19 are not required.
 - d) No student data from this year shall be allowed to negatively impact a teacher.

- 5) Policy 5.802 – Qualifications and Duties of the Director of Schools
 - a) The Director of Schools may request an extension from the State Board of Education to report information that would impact educator licensure (e.g. alleged employee misconduct, discipline of employees for actions that violate the teacher code of ethics, etc.).

- 6) Policy 6.200 – Attendance
 - a) Students may not be penalized for non-attendance of online courses.
 - b) Non-attendance of online courses shall not count as unexcused absences and shall not be recorded. Further, students shall not be counted truant for failure to attend online courses.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Schools shall consult with the Board as feasible and appropriate and shall timely report to the Board regarding implementation of board policies in alignment with Public Chapter 652 and updated State Board Policies and Rules and Regulations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Schools will consult with the Board if he/she determines that additional policies or provisions of policies not contained in this resolution are found to conflict with current State Board rules or policies.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Schools may apply for any waiver or extension that ensures consistency with this resolution, board policies, and Public Chapter 652 or the State Board of Education policies or rules and regulations implemented to effectuate Public Chapter 652.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Schools shall inform the Board of any waiver or extension request made pursuant to this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that execution of this Resolution is conclusive evidence of the Board's approval of this action and of the authority granted herein.

Adopted and approved this _____ day of _____.

By: _____
Board Chair

Attest: _____
Director of Schools