

Date January 3, 2017

Regular	Superintendent’s Office	Warren L. Grace, Jr., President
Kind of Meeting	Where Held	Presiding Officer

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

COUNTY OF WETZEL, to-wit:

The Wetzel County Board of Education met in Regular Session on Tuesday, January 3, 2017, at the Office of the Superintendent of Schools in New Martinsville, WV at 6:30 p.m. The following members were present:

Josh Balcerek	Warren L. Grace, Jr.
Michael D. Blair	William F. Jones
Amy J. Cooley	Edward T. Toman, Secretary

OPENING, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, AND INVOCATION:

This Regular Session of the Wetzel County Board of Education was called to order by the President of the Board, Mr. Warren L. Grace, Jr. Members of the New Martinsville Cub Scout Pack 102 led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and Mr. Blair gave the opening Invocation.

DELEGATIONS:
None

RECOGNITION:

All-State Volleyball
Kelsi Chapman Senior at Magnolia High School

All-State Band
Isaac Price Junior at Paden City High School

Mr. Toman introduced Kelsi Chapman, who was selected to the 2016 West Virginia First Team All-State Volleyball, and Isaac Price, who was selected to the 2017 West Virginia All-State Band. Mr. Toman and Mr. Grace congratulated both students on their accomplishments and presented them with a Governor’s Certificate and a Certificate of Achievement.

SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATIONS:

Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting – December 19, 2016

Acting on the Superintendent’s recommendation, Mr. Balcerek made the motion to approve the minutes for Regular Meeting, December 19, 2016. Second to the motion was made by Mr. Jones and the motion was approved unanimously by the members of the Board.

***Mr. Grace informed the Board to make one correction on page 2 of the agenda: the effective date for Sara L. Eller should be January 18, 2017.

Personnel Matters:

Resignations:

Howard O. Meeks, III Acceptance of resignation from position as Co-Technology Coordinator at Magnolia High School, effective immediately.

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Toby L. Willis Acceptance of resignation from positions as Special Education Teacher and SAT Coordinator at Paden City High School, effective January 2, 2017.

Professional Personnel:

Amanda R. Heasley Approval for employment as Countywide Substitute Teacher, effective January 4, 2017.

Craig W. Mason Approval for change in assignment from 7th/8th grade Mathematics Teacher at New Martinsville School for the 2016-2017 school year to Mathematics teacher at Magnolia High School, effective the beginning of the 2017-2018 school year.

Mallory B. Taylor Approval for employment as First Grade Teacher at Long Drain School, effective January 4, 2017.

Service Personnel:

Sara L. Eller Approval for change in assignment from Countywide Substitute Supervisory Teacher Aide to Supervisory Teacher Aide/ECAT at New Martinsville School, 506/F, effective ~~January 4~~ January 18, 2017.

Shana J. Loy Approval for change in assignment from Countywide Substitute Cook to Cook II at Paden City Elementary School, 676/B, effective January 4, 2017.

Christina L. Wilcox Approval for change in assignment from Cook II at Paden City Elementary School to Cook II at New Martinsville School, 676/B, effective January 4, 2017.

Extracurricular:

Mary R. Baker Approval for employment as Academic Support Coach at Magnolia High School, effective January 4, 2017.

Travis A. Emch Approval for employment as Head Boys Track Coach at Magnolia High School, effective the beginning of the 2016-2017 WVSSAC Season.

Alteration of Professional Contract by Mutual Agreement pursuant to West Virginia Code §18A-4-19(a):

Amanda M. McPherson From Director of Child Nutrition, 220-day contract, to Director of Child Nutrition, 261-day contract, effective January 4, 2017.

Leave of Absence:

Approval of request from James M. Daugherty for an extension of his unpaid 'medical leave of absence' from his position as Bus Aide, which began August 15, 2016 through January 1, 2017, to extend to April 1, 2017.

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MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATIONS AS OUTLINED UNDER PERSONNEL MATTERS:

Mr. Jones made the motion for approval of the Superintendent’s recommendations as outlined under Personnel Matters. Second to the motion was made by Mrs. Cooley and the motion was approved unanimously by the members of the Board.

Routine Matters:

Out of State Trips:

Approval of request for James C. Kimble, Nicole Emch, Janet Moore, and Aaron Allen to attend the SREB Advising Students for the 21st Century and Beyond National Workshop in San Antonio, TX from February 25-28, 2017. Funded through the High Schools That Work Professional Development grant funds.

Approval of request from Tammy H. Wells to attend the SREB Advising Students for the 21st Century and Beyond National Workshop in San Antonio, TX from February 25-28, 2017. Funded through CTE and Step 7 funds.

MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATIONS AS OUTLINED UNDER ROUTINE MATTERS:

Mr. Balcerek made the motion for approval of the Superintendent’s recommendations as outlined under Routine Matters. Second to the motion was made by Mrs. Cooley and the motion was approved unanimously by the members of the Board.

TREASURER’S REPORT:

Approval for Transfers and Increases in the Budget:

There were no Transfers and Increases in the Budget at this time.

FIRST READING OF NEW/REVISED WETZEL COUNTY POLICY(S):

FIRST READING	SECOND READING	NEW POLICY	REVISED POLICY	DELETE POLICY	NAME OF POLICY	ORIGINATOR
X			X		IKA: Assessment/Reporting Systems Policy	Tammy Wells

Approval for First Reading of Wetzel County Policy IKA: Assessment/Reporting Systems Policy:

Mr. Balcerek made the motion for approval of First Reading of Wetzel County Policy IKA. Second to the motion was made by Mr. Jones and the motion was approved unanimously by the members of the Board.

POSSIBLE EXECUTIVE SESSION:

An Executive Session was not needed.

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OTHER ITEMS:

Mr. Toman announced that he received a letter from the State Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Martirano, stating that all four high schools achieved graduation rates over 90% in 2016. Mr. Toman congratulated the four schools for accomplishing this achievement, two years in a row.

Mr. Toman shared some information he received on the JASON Argonaut Program for 2017. He said that one teacher and one student Argonaut from Wetzel County will be selected. The expedition locations include Cape Eleuthera Island in the Bahamas for sea turtle research, and Acadia National Park in Maine for climate change research. A third expedition is still in the planning stages. Mr. Toman, along with Mrs. Wells, Mrs. Standiford, and Mr. Highley, will work with the principals and science teachers to get this information out to the students.

On behalf of the Board, Mr. Grace expressed his appreciation to the four high schools on achieving the graduation rates over 90%, and asked Mr. Toman to make them aware of how proud they are for this accomplishment.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING:

January 17, 2017 - Regular Meeting - County Office - 6:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Having set the time and date of the next meeting of the Wetzel County Board of Education, Mr. Grace made the motion to adjourn this Regular Meeting. Mr. Jones seconded the motion for unanimous approval to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

President

Secretary