

Date January 6, 2014

Regular Superintendent's Office Michael D. Blair, 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 Monday, January 6, 2014, at the Office of the Superintendent of Schools, in New Martinsville, WV, at 6:30 p.m. The following members were present:

William D. Aberegg Linda T. Kirk
Michael D. Blair Robert E. Patterson
Carolyn R. Gatian Dennis Albright, 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. Michael D. Blair. Mrs. Gatian led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and Mr. Aberegg gave the opening Invocation.

Due to inclement weather conditions, the Presentation and Recognitions were postponed for a future Board Meeting date.

PRESENTATION:

~~WVU Curricular Partnerships - Tammy Wells~~

RECOGNITION:

~~November 2013 Employees of the Month~~

~~Valley High School Choir~~

~~Magnolia High School's Cast of *Alice In Wonderland*~~

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS:

Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting - December 17, 2013

Acting on the Superintendent's recommendation, Mr. Aberegg made the motion to approve the minutes for Regular Meeting, December 17, 2013. Second to the motion was made by Mrs. Gatian and the motion was approved unanimously by the members of the Board.

Mr. Blair informed the Board to include the Addendum items in the motion under Personnel Matters.

Personnel Matters:

Employment and/or Changes in Employment:

Retirements and/or Resignations:

Retirements:

Glenda T. Bennett Acceptance of retirement from position as Sixth Grade Teacher at New Martinsville School, effective June 30, 2014.

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Mary E. Crawford	Acceptance of retirement from position as Speech Therapist at New Martinsville School, effective June 30, 2014.
Eileen M. Miller	Acceptance of retirement from position as Speech/Theater Teacher at Magnolia High School, effective June 30, 2014.
Susanne M. Vila	Acceptance of retirement from position as School Psychologist, Countywide, effective June 30, 2014.

Resignations:

Mark K. Batton	Acceptance of resignation from position as Head Football Coach at Magnolia High School, effective immediately.
Mark K. Batton	Acceptance of resignation from position as Head Girls Softball Coach at Magnolia High School, effective immediately.
Leah M. Brown	Acceptance of resignation from position as Assistant Cheerleader Coach at Valley High School, effective immediately.
Amber N. King	Acceptance of resignation from position as Countywide Substitute Teacher, effective immediately.

Professional Personnel:

Makenzie L. Walker	Approval for employment as Countywide Substitute Teacher, effective January 7, 2014.
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Service Personnel:

John R. Horner, Jr.	Approval for change in assignment from Bus Operator, Pricetown, Bus #19, 655/D to Bus Operator, 8 Mile/Furbee/Brush Run/Crows Run, Bus #48, 655/D, effective January 7, 2014.
Steven J. Melott	Approval for employment as Countywide Electrician II/General Maintenance/Sanitation Plant Operator, based at County Office, 261-day contract, 588/G, effective January 7, 2014.
Denise N. Neff	Approval for employment as Secretary II, 536/E, at Magnolia High School, effective January 7, 2014.
Amanda K. Hoskins	Approval for change in assignment from Supervisory Teacher Aide (One-On-One) - Special Education, 504/E, Countywide assigned to Short Line School to Supervisory Teacher Aide (One-On-One) - Special Education, 504/E, Countywide assigned to New Martinsville School, effective January 7, 2014.
Karen L. Pegg	Approval for change in assignment from Cook III, 677/C, at Paden City Elementary School to Cook III, 677/C, at New Martinsville School, effective January 7, 2014.
Stevie R. Young	Approval for employment as Countywide Substitute Bus Operator, effective January 7, 2014.

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Extracurricular:

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| Richard F. Bertozzi | Approval for contracted services position as Evening Events Coordinator - Winter Season at Paden City High School, effective December 18, 2013. |
| David C. Brill | Approval for employment as Assistant 7th/8th Grade Football Coach (Non-Certified) at New Martinsville School, effective the beginning of the 2014-2015 WVSSAC Season. (Not a county funded position) |
| Bryan E. Hostetler | Approval for employment as 7th/8th Grade Football Coach (Non-certified) at New Martinsville School, effective the beginning of the 2014-2015 WVSSAC Season. |
| Christopher M. Malec | Approval for contracted services position as Evening Events Coordinator - Winter Season at Long Drain School, effective December 18, 2013. |
| Janet H. Moore | Approval for contracted services position as Evening Events Coordinator - Winter Season at Hundred High School, effective January 7, 2014. |
| Michael T. Owens | Approval for employment as 7th/8th Grade Football Trainer (Non-certified) at New Martinsville School, effective the beginning of the 2014-2015 WVSSAC Season. |
| Joshua R. Weekley | Approval for contracted services position as Evening Events Coordinator - Winter Season at Valley High School, effective December 18, 2013. |

Rescindment of Posting:

Approval of the rescindment of Wetzel County Schools Job Posting 2013-354, Evening Events Coordinator at New Martinsville School for lack of need.

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

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

Routine Matters:

Approval of the following Chaperones/Volunteers for the 2013-2014 School Year:

Hundred High School
Lori Fox

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Out of State Trip:

Approval of request from Jeremy M. Roush, School Psychologist, to attend the National Association of School Psychologists (NASP) Convention on February 18-21, 2014, in Washington, DC. Funded through Medicaid travel funds.

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

Mrs. Gatian made the motion for approval of the Superintendent’s recommendations as outlined under Routine Matters. Second to the motion was made by Mr. Aberegg 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.

OTHER ITEMS:

Mr. Albright requested a Board representative volunteer to serve on the committee for the selection of the December Employee of the Month. Mr. Blair agreed.

Mr. Albright informed the Board that he has received the prices for the policy services provided from Neola, and Mr. Lancaster has budgeted the amount for this service if the Board approves. After a brief discussion, the Board was in agreement to move forward.

Mr. Albright stated that he met with Amanda McPherson, Brian Jones, and Jeff Lancaster to discuss the Community Eligibility option for free meals presented by Mr. Vic Hunter at the November 18th Board meeting. He said they are currently looking at eliminating the Reduced Category, and provided the Board with figures to eliminate the reduced cost, based on the current number of Reduced Students, which would be about \$9,000 for the rest of the school year and \$22,000 for an entire school year. He stated there are currently seven other counties in the state participating in the program. The Board asked Mr. Albright to contact the participating counties to explore how they went about utilizing the program.

Mr. Albright informed the Board that he was approached by the Paden City Boosters requesting assistance for utilities for the use of the Booster building in exchange for the school using the facility. He stated that he and Jeff Lancaster have reviewed prior notes regarding the building, and have found numerous conflicting notes regarding fees/no fees and utilities/no utilities. After brief discussion, the Board requested Mr. Albright to set up another meeting with Matt Ferrebee to discuss further.

PRESENTATION OF CHARGES:

Possible Executive Session:

Mr. Blair moved and Mr. Patterson seconded the motion for unanimous approval to retire into Executive Session per WV Code 6-9A-4(b-2-A), for the discussion of personnel matters.....discipline of an employee. The employee was represented by Mr. Owens Brown, WVEA, and the Board was represented by Mr. Richard Boothby, Esquire. The Board retired in Executive Session at 6:46 p.m. Following the Executive Session, the Board reconvened in Open Session at 8:08 p.m., with the following action:

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Suspension of Board Employee:

Mr. Dennis Albright, Superintendent, made the recommendation for approval of an unpaid suspension of employee contract for violation of Employee Code of Conduct. (WV Code §18A-2-7)

Mr. Patterson made the motion to uphold the Superintendent's recommendation for an unpaid suspension (thirty days) of Wyatt L. Graham's contract for violation of Employee Code of Conduct. (WV Code §18A-2-7) Second to the motion was made by Mr. Aberegg and the motion was passed unanimously by the members of the Board.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING:

January 21, 2014 - 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. Blair made the motion to adjourn this Regular Meeting. Mr. Aberegg seconded the motion for unanimous approval to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

	President
	Secretary