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STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

COUNTY OF WETZEL, to-wit:

The Wetzel County Board of Education met in Regular Session on Monday, October 20, 2014, at Valley High School, in Pine Grove, WV, at 6:30 p.m. The following members were present:

Josh Balcerek	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. Mr. Balcerek led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and Mr. Patterson gave the opening Invocation.

REPORTS:

Annual Report of the Local School Improvement Council of Valley High School - Jessica N. Stine, Principal Valley High School and LSIC Chairs:

Jill Brown, President of the LSIC, welcomed the members of the Board and turned the report over to Jessica Stine, Principal. Mrs. Stine distributed a packet for each Board member and recognized the staff present: Michelle Moore, Pam Jackson, Annie Hall, Eric Emch, Josh Weekley, and Matt Carson. Mrs. Stine stated that the LSIC goals for last year were all met, and she reviewed the goals for the 2014-2015 school year:

- 1) Increase grade level proficiency in math and language arts by 2% during the 2014-2015 school year, as measured by Acuity benchmarks and Smarter Balance.
- 2) Valley High School will have 3% positive growth on school climate survey index score as measured by Safe and Supportive schools survey.

Mrs. Stine briefly reviewed the WESTEST trend data, and said that Valley High School showed gains in math in the freshmen, and some gains in Reading/Language Arts as well. She also reviewed the CTE data from last school year of the students who were completers in CTE in the concentrations of vocational-agriculture, STEM, and Business. Mrs. Stine briefly discussed the trend data from the ACT report, and said the composite scores for the school continues to increase. She reviewed the LSIC Annual Productive and Safe Schools Report and how they handle discipline.

Annie Hall, Vo-Ag teacher, discussed some of the career development events the students participate in. Ben Williams, J.D. Morris, Makayla Melott, Abbie Stout, Brian Higgins, and Megan Martin, members of the FFA, gave a brief demonstration of parliamentary procedures.

Josh Weekley, Technical Education Teacher, introduced some of the members of the TSA chapter. Colton Ring, President, Carl Chapple, Donald “Trey” Smith, III, and Tyler Williams, Sergeant at Arms, gave a power point presentation highlighting some of their achievements from the 2013-2014 school year. They proudly discussed their leadership opportunities and accomplishments at the regional, state, and national levels. Some of the achievements included inductions in the Technology National Honor Society, regional and state placements in Vex Robotics, and regional, state, and national placements in Structural Engineering and Music Production. Valley High School’s TSA chapter had more top-10

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placements than any other chapter in West Virginia, and they were named 3rd Place for Outstanding School. Colton recognized and thanked the many sponsors who helped the chapter get to Nationals. He also thanked the chaperones, Mr. Albright, Mrs. Wells, and the members of the Board for their support.

Hayden Lancaster and Bailey Brown, students, gave a short presentation and discussed the online college classes and virtual classes offered at Valley High School. They stated how beneficial these courses are in preparing the students for after graduation and offering more advanced work. The college courses offered include, English, Speech, Psychology, Medical Terminology, Sociology, and World History. The virtual courses include Web Page Design, Physics, Forensics, Economics, U.S. History, and Psychology.

Mrs. Stine provided the Board with a handout prepared by the teachers with photos of student work in the school. She also thanked the Board for their support for the athletic complex at the football field. A formal presentation will be held at a later date.

Matthew Anderson, student, provided a power point presentation and focused on academics, athletics, and clubs and organizations offered at Valley High School. He discussed the professional and skilled pathways, along with some of the classes and skills offered to the students. He also talked about the wide variety of athletics for males and females to participate. Valley has 14 clubs and 3 organizations offered to the students, including the Travel Club, Chess Club, Sportsman's Club, RAZE, TSA, and FFA. Mr. Anderson also read a letter from the Sportsman's Club. He finished by thanking the members of the Board and community for their continued support.

Annual Report of the Local School Improvement Council of Short Line School - Teresa L. Standiford, Principal Short Line School and LSIC Chairs:

Teresa Standiford, Principal, expressed her appreciation to the Board, Mr. Albright, Short Line School staff, and the parents for all the support for the school. She provided the members of the Board with a copy of the 2014 LSIC report. She discussed the WESTEST scores for the past four years, and noted a growth in the overall scores.

Eric Emch, music teacher, reviewed the LSIC report. He stated the teachers have analyzed the test scores and will have WESTEST talks with students so they can individualize goals for this year. Mr. Emch discussed some of the changes for the school year. They are utilizing Reasoning Minds, which is a computer-based math program in fifth grade that provides individualized instruction for the students. They have also gone to Carnegie Math in grades six through eight, which matches the high school curriculum.

Mr. Emch reviewed the goals for the 2014-2015 school year:

- 1) Improve student leadership and student recognition
- 2) Increase parental and community involvement
- 3) Increase math scores

Mr. Emch gave a power point presentation and discussed the song writing process the general music classes learn in grades 5-8. He said the song writing process involves collaboration and student engagement. He played a musical selection of student-constructed work from a 5th grader. He also showed a video of the 7th grade students who created a music selection using objects. Mr. Emch, who also teaches choir at Valley High School, said the choir started with three students last year, and is up to twenty students this year. They are scheduled to perform the National Anthem at the Wheeling Nailers Hockey game December 14th. Mr. Emch stated the choir and band continues to grow, needing more space, and requested the Board to consider a proper performing arts facility.

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Holly Groves, Art Teacher, provided a power point presentation on the multi-cultural program the art classes are participating in. She stated the school has been involved in the program for four years. They began with Chinese New Years the first year, and have studied Africa and Mexico. This years’ program is ‘All Around the World’. Ms. Groves said every grade will come up with their own culture to study. She said the whole school participates in activities based on the culture they are studying. She also stated this program enhances student learning, they have parent and community involvement, and it increases student engagement with school-wide collaboration.

Toni Shaver and Cynthia McSweeney, Physical Education Teachers, discussed action based learning and how they incorporate movement in the classroom. They said active brains make better learning and they had the members of the Board and audience participate in a short activity they have used in their classes. Mrs. Shaver and Mrs. McSweeney showed a power point presentation on the SPARK program used in the physical education classes. It is an evidenced based curriculum and standard based program promoting activity and learning, and is used in all the classrooms.

Mr. Blair thanked both schools for their presentations.

County and School Strategic Plan Annual Update - Tammy Wells

Postponed for a future Board Meeting date, due to an extension by the West Virginia Department of Education.

RECOGNITION:

TSA National Conference Winners

Donald “Trey” Smith, III - 6 th Place Structural Engineering	Valley High School
Tyler Williams - 6 th Place Structural Engineering	Valley High School
Colton Ring - 3 rd Place Music Production	Valley High School
*Amy Mason - 9 th Place Music Production	Valley High School

Mr. Albright introduced the 2014 TSA National Conference Winners. He congratulated the students on their accomplishments and presented them with a Governor’s Certificate. William’s Energy representatives, Helen Humphries and Ryan Bucher, also congratulated the students on their achievements. Mr. Albright stated William’s Energy has established a partnership with Wetzel County Schools’ STEM and technology programs, and has made a \$3,000.00 contribution to get started. [* = unable to attend]

On behalf of the Board, Mr. Blair congratulated the TSA winners and expressed their appreciation for the partnership with William’s Energy.

SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATIONS:

Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting - October 6, 2014

Acting on the Superintendent’s recommendation, Mr. Balcerek made the motion to approve the minutes for Regular Meeting, October 6, 2014. Second to the motion was made by Mrs. Gatian and the motion was approved unanimously by the members of the Board.

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Personnel Matters:**Employment and/or Changes in Employment:****Retirements and/or Resignations:****Resignations:**

Katrina N. Adkins	Acceptance of resignation from position as Head Cheerleading Coach at Magnolia High School, effective immediately.
Stacy K. Hooper	Acceptance of resignation from position as SAT Coordinator at New Martinsville School, effective October 7, 2014.
Shayne R. Minor	Acceptance of resignation from position as 7/8 Girls Basketball Coach at Long Drain School, effective October 13, 2014.
David C. Riggle	Acceptance of resignation from positions as Countywide ESL Teacher, Head Girls Varsity Basketball Coach at Paden City High School, and Assistant Girls Track Coach at Paden City High School, effective October 24, 2014.
Thomas M. Tisher	Acceptance of resignation from position as Assistant Girls Basketball Coach at Magnolia High School, effective immediately.

Professional Personnel:

Haley D. Acree	Approval for employment as Countywide Substitute Teacher, effective October 21, 2014. Non-certified.
Lindsey R. Leasure	Approval for change in assignment from Countywide Substitute Teacher to Third Grade Teacher at Short Line School, effective October 21, 2014.
Chad W. West	Approval for change in assignment from School Counselor at Valley High School, 215-day contract, to School Counselor at Paden City High School, 215-day contract, effective beginning of the 2015-2016 school year or a replacement is found for Valley High School.

Service Personnel:

Faye K. Heasley	Approval for change in assignment from Supervisory Teacher Aide/Early Childhood Classroom Assistant Teacher - Kindergarten at Paden City Elementary, 506/F, for the 2015-2016 school year, to Supervisory Teacher Aide/Early Childhood Classroom Assistant Teacher - Pre-School at Paden City Elementary, 506/F, effective the beginning of the 2015-2016 school year.
David L. Miller	Approval for change in assignment from Evening Custodian II at Magnolia High School, 682/B, 228-day contract, to Evening Custodian II at Long Drain School, 682/B, 228-day contract, effective October 21, 2014.

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Jamie L. Snedden Approval for change in assignment from Countywide Substitute Supervisory Teacher Aide to Countywide-Itinerant Supervisory Teacher Aide/Sign Support Specialist - Special Education (one-on-one), based at Hundred High School, 518/F, effective October 21, 2014.

Extracurricular:

Diane M. Brown Approval for contracted services position as Mentor Teacher - Special Education at Magnolia High School, effective October 21, 2014.

Phillip B. Hulsey Approval for employment as Assistant Girls Basketball Coach at Magnolia High School, effective the beginning of the 2014-2015 WVSSAC Season.

Regina L. Lemley Approval for employment as 8th Grade Boys Basketball Coach at Short Line School, effective the beginning of the 2014-2015 WVSSAC Season. Non-certified.

Valerie A. Stevens Approval for contracted services position as Countywide Chief GED Examiner, effective October 21, 2014.

Leave of Absence:

Approval of request from Stacy K. Hooper for an ‘unpaid family medical leave of absence’ from her position as Reading Intervention Teacher at New Martinsville School under the Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA) beginning upon depletion of her personal leave and permissive personal leave days, from October 16, 2014 through twelve weeks.

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.

Mr. Blair informed the Board to strike item “F” (County and School Strategic Plan Annual Update) from the Agenda under Routine Matters. The Strategic Plan submission date has been extended by the State Department, and will be presented at a future Board meeting.

Routine Matters:

Request to Attend Wetzel County Schools:

Approval of request from Johnny Myers for his son, Levi Myers, to continue attending Wetzel County Schools (Valley High School) for the 2014-2015 school year, pending release from Marion County.

Out of State Trips:

Approval of request from the Kindergarten and First Grade Teachers at New Martinsville School, to take the Kindergarten students on October 27, 2014, and the First Grade Students on October 28, 2014, to Sweet Apple Farms in Vincent, Ohio for an educational farm tour. Funded through student fees.

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Approval of request from Olivia Gump, First Grade Teacher, to take the first grade students from Long Drain School to The Spring House in Washington, Pennsylvania for a field trip to the Pumpkin Farm on October 24, 2014. Funded through the First Grade class funds.

Approval of request from Dan Gottron, Principal, to take Hundred High School students to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania for the Hundred High School Prom on the Gateway Clipper Boat, May 2, 2015. Funded through fundraisers and student fees.

Request to Use School Facilities:

Approval of request from Karla S. Dulaney, Event Director, for Statoil to use the Hundred High School Auditorium to host a community event on Thursday, November 13, 2014, from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Approval of the following Chaperones/Volunteers for the 2014-2015 School Year:

Paden City High School:

Brian Price

Hundred High School:

Linda Henderson

Howard Henderson

New Martinsville School:

Adams, Stacey	Boggs, Terri	Godfrey, Elaina	Goddard, Mary Ann
Adams, Ocia	Bright, Trinitee	Greathouse, Dawn	Goddard, Nikki
Agar, Jim	Bright, Crystal	Harlan, Jamie	Goddard, Danny
Agar, Helen	Broughman, Ryan	Harlan, Shawn	Goding, Brandy
Amos, Jennifer	Burgey, Cindy	Kinter, Johnna	Goodfellow, Brenda
Anderson, Shannon	Carvoo, Lindsey	Kinter, Nathaniel	Goodfellow, Mark
Anderson, Derek	Castilow, Vonnie	Kocher, Benjamin	Graham, Derek
Anderson, Gail	Cecil, Rochelle	Kocher, Rebecca	Graham, Rachel
Anderson, John	Cisar, Aaron	McClure, Kari	Gravette, Sheyanne
Anderson, Amanda	Clinton, Melinda	Doty, Amber	Grimm, Kara
Aston, Karli	Conley, Jessica	Dudley, Christie	Hale, Heather
Barnes, Heather	Conley, DeWayne	Duke, Amanda	Hall, Janice
Blair, Jason	Cooley, Amy	Dyer, Krystin	Hammel, Tammy
Cone, Tiffany	Cooley, Don	Ebert, Noah	Harlan, Shawn
Dorcy, James	Cooper, Heather	Eddy, Brent	Harlan, Jamie
Archer, James	Coulter, Bill	Eddy, Kim	Hartline, Shaun
Balcerek, Joshua	Coulter, Christina	Estep, Ruth	Hartline, Trisha
Balcerek, Melissa	Coulter, Cory	Estep, Heather	Hauenstein, Nathan
Ballinger, George	Coulter, Casey	Estep, Mirinda	Headley, Khari
Ballinger, Megan	Cox, Nancy	Ferrell, Pam	Hedge, Stacey
Barcus, Trey	Cozad, Julie	Finch, Julie	Henthorn, Josh
Bard, Lloyd	Cozad, Timothy	Fluharty, Julie	Henthorn, Tonya
Bard, Vanessa	Crooks, Danielle	Forrester, Brandie	Hoagland, Steven
Barnes, Heather	Cummings, Tiffany	Forrester, Cherri	Hoagland, Melonie
Barrows, Natasha	Cunningham, Beth	Frye, Mick	Hopkins, Amy
Batton, Abigail	Daughtery, Ashley	Frye, Telina	Horn, Nickole
Baxter, Brittany	Davis, Landon	Gilbert, Teresa	Horn, Gregory
Blake, Eddie	Dawson, Delcie	Glasscock, Melody	Horner, Donna
Blake, Tosha	Dawson, Stephanie	Glendenning, Diana	Hudson, Eyelyn
Blake, Jamie	Delaney, Abby	Glendenning,	Hughes, Bobbie
Blake, John	Dinardo, Kari	Raelyln	Ingold, Teresa
Bland, Marissa	Dorcy, Jennifer	Gobert, Melissa	Jobes, Julie
Boggs, John	Doty, Chase	Goddard, Wayne	Johnson, Stephanie

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Johnson, David	Vaughn, Cherika	Priem, Christie
Johnson, Jeremy	Warren, Cynd	Priem, Edward
Johnston, Connie	Warren, Jason	Quinet, Barb
Kanneg, David	Warren, Reece	Quinet, Matt
Johnston, Shawn	McGuire, Shey	Quinet, Nancy
Kanneg, Jessica	McGuire, Emily	Quinn, Mike
Kanneg, Sophia	McKeever, Eric	Quinn, Natasha
Kastigar, Heather	McVicker, Mike	Quinn, Susan
Kastigar, Steve	McVicker, Tonya	Reed, Don
Kastigar, Sharon	Melott, Carrie	Reed, Nancy
Keene, Jenna	Mensore, Trisha	Reed, Erica
Keener, Railynn	Miles, Mary	Reed, Russell
Keener, Dustin	Mitchell, James	Reed, Lori
Keener, Misty	Mitchell, Brandy	Reed, Autumn
Keller, Jennifer	Moore, David	Reynolds, Darian
Kelly, Nathaniel	Moore, Rebecca	Rice, Amanda
Kelly, Jessi	Moore, Merisha	Riley, Heather
Kenkade, Christina	Moore, Christopher	Roberts, Donald
Kirk, Jessica	Morgan, Don	Roberts, Susan
Kirk, Jo	Morgan, Tracy	Scharf, Susan
Klug, Christina	Morris, Heather	Scharf, Michael
Knight, Lacy	Morris, Mark	Sellers, Elizabeth
Knisley, Clifford	Mullet, Becky	Shreve, Lisa
Kocher, Rebecca	Murphy, Martika	Shreve, Gale
Leichliter, Jeremy Todd	Myers, Casey	Simmons, Brittany
Leichliter, Amanda	Neely, Ron	Simpkins, Ashley
Lin, Ling	Neely, Dona	Smith, Amber
Litman, Robert	Nething, Jerri	Smith, Erin
Litman, Kristen	Nice, Christine	Smith, Allena
Long, Betsi	Nice, Brian	Smith, Tracey
Longwell, Natasha	Oates, Debra	Smith, Candy
Longwell, Roxann	Patterson, Jason	Snider, Angela
Lynch, Erica	Patterson, Jamie	Spitzer, Cherry
Mayfield, Daniel	Pelletier, Sandra	Sprowl, John
Mayfield, Heather	Pennell, Audrey	Stansberry,
McClure, Robert	Phillips, Doug	Temprince
Morgan, Kelly	Phillips, Mandy	Stapel, Sean
Nash, Christa	Poe, Brandon	Stapel, Christina
Nash, Diane	Poe, Andrea	Steele, Tammie
Nash, Nathan	Postlethwait, Donnie	Stillwagner, Rae
Nash, Randy	Postlethwait, April Rose	Stillwagoner, Erica
Schaffer, Daniel	Postlethwait, Heather	Stillwagoner,
Smith, Kathy	Pressley, Myalie	Jennifer
Smith, Jeff	Preston, Lori	Stillwagoner, Joshua
Stapel, Sean		
		Suter, Brain
		Suter, Margo
		Temple, Kari
		Tennant, Heather
		Tennant, Sherri
		Tennant, Cari
		Tharp, Pansy
		Thomas, Misty
		Thomas, Susan
		Thomas, Kay
		Thomas, John
		Thompson, Nancy
		Thompson, Megan
		Thorn, Teresa
		Valentin, Julie
		VanDusen, Holly
		Vargo, Stephanie
		Voorhis, Gary
		Wade, Cindy
		Wade, Amy
		Warder, Alisha
		Ware, Rachel
		Ware, Michael
		Watkins, Jacqueline
		Watkins, Kurt
		Wayman, Steve
		Weber, Cindy
		Weekley, Chelsey
		Welch, Dar
		Welch, Karen
		Wells, Ashley
		Wilcox, Carly
		Windland, Bernadine
		Witschey, Amy
		Xiomara, Soriano
		Yeager, Kevin
		Yeager, Connie
		Yoho, Mary Rose
		Yoho, Lisa
		Yoho, Sean
		Yost, Laura
		Yow, David

Memorandum of Understanding:

Approval of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Fairmont State University School of Education Health and Human Performance and Wetzel County Schools for the 2014-2017 schools years, which outline the goals and commitments for school-wide participation in the Professional Development School Partnership.

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County and School Strategic Plan Annual Update:

Superintendent recommends approval of the Annual Update to the County and School Strategic Plans for the 2014-2015 school year.

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. Balcerek and the motion was approved unanimously by the members of the Board.

TREASURER’S REPORT:

Approval for Payment of Bills for the Month of September 2014 (invoices approved at this meeting are available for review at the Wetzel County Schools’ Financial Office); and Transfers and Increases in the Budget:

Mr. Patterson made the motion for approval for Payment of Bills for the Month of September, 2014 and Transfers and Increases in the Budget. Second to the motion was made by Mrs. Kirk and the motion was approved unanimously by the members of the Board. Mr. Jeff Lancaster, Treasurer, asked the Board to complete and return the ‘conflict of interest’ and ‘consideration of fraud’ questionnaires which he presented to them. The Transfers and Increases in the Budget are as follows:

BUDGET REVISION REQUEST

Submit to:
WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
OFFICE OF SCHOOL FINANCE
BUILDING 4, ROOM 213
1800 KANAWHA BOULEVARD EAST
CHARLESTON, WV 25308

☒ SUPPLEMENT

☐ TRANSFER

☐ CARRYOVER SUPPLEMENT

Entity: WETZEL

Fiscal Year Ending: 06/30/15

Revision Number: 3

Pursuant to the provisions of West Virginia Code 18-6B-10, authorization is requested to revise the approved budget for the entity and fiscal year indicated above, as reflected in the attached budget journal entry(ies).

Fund	Amount
Fund 11 - General Current Expense	\$ _____
Fund 12 - General Current Expense - Excess Levy	_____
Fund 13 - General Current Expense - Multi-County Vocational Center	_____
Fund 14 - General Current Expense - Regional Education Service Agency	_____
Fund 16 - Trust Funds	_____
Fund 2_ - Debt Service	_____
Fund 3_ - Bond Construction	_____
Fund 41 - Permanent Improvement	_____
Fund 51 - Capital Projects	_____
Fund 61 - Special Revenue - Restricted Projects	_____
Fund 63 - Special Revenue - MCVC Restricted Projects	2,888.00
Fund 64 - Special Revenue - REBA Restricted Projects	_____
Fund 71 - Special Revenue - ARRA Funds - County Boards	_____
Fund 73 - Special Revenue - ARRA Funds - MCVCs	_____
Fund 74 - Special Revenue - ARRA Funds - REBAs	_____
Total Request	2,888.00

I hereby certify that this budget revision request, submitted in accordance with the provisions of WV Code 18-6B-10, is necessary to increase operating efficiency, has been approved by the governing board, and appears in the official minutes of the board for the date indicated.

10/20/14

DATE OF BOARD MEETING

SUPERINTENDENT'S (RESA/MCVC DIRECTOR'S) SIGNATURE

For State Department of Education Use Only

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL

DATE APPROVED

PROGRAM DIRECTOR

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

FIRST READING	SECOND READING	NEW POLICY	REVISED POLICY	DELETE POLICY	NAME OF POLICY	ORIGINATOR
X			X		IGAC: Homebound Program of Instruction	Todd Barcus
X		X			EBCD: School Calendar	Dennis Albright

Approval on First Reading of Wetzel County Policy IGAC, Homebound Program of Instruction; and First Reading of Wetzel County Policy EBCD, School Calendar:

Mrs. Kirk made the motion for approval of First Reading of Wetzel County Policy IGAC, Homebound Program of Instruction; and First Reading of Wetzel County Policy EBCD, School Calendar. Second to the motion was made by Mr. Balcerek and the motion was approved unanimously by the members of the Board.

OTHER ITEMS:

Mr. Albright said he recently attended the RESA Council meeting and they are looking for people interested in being a judge for a ‘Business Plans’ competition for students. The Board members were asked to let Mr. Albright know if they were interested in getting involved.

Mr. Albright gave the Board members a handout on the West Virginia Next Generations Standards and Objectives.

Mr. Albright informed the Board that Magnolia High School recently received a \$2500.00 grant for VEX Robotics. The grant was written by Mark Lemasters and Nikki Doty, teachers at Magnolia.

Mr. Albright met with the Mayor of Paden City regarding the street situation at Paden City Elementary School. He said they are exploring the option of temporarily closing the street in the morning and evening. He also said they may consider hiring a crossing guard, with the county reimbursing the city for that position.

Mr. Albright informed the Board that Mr. Gottron, Principal at Hundred High School, was recently chosen as Distinguished Scholar from the Center of Professional Development at a recent Principal’s Leadership Academy. He will be recognized at a future Board meeting.

Mr. Albright met with the County Commissioners and stated they are progressing with hiring of PRO officers. He said he is working with the city of New Martinsville with Magnolia High School and New Martinsville School, and with the Sheriff’s office for Paden City Elementary and Paden City High School, Long Drain and Hundred High School.

Mr. Albright said RESA has considered employing a staff attorney to handle the legal services for the counties in the RESA. Mr. Zervos asked the Superintendents to poll the county Board members to see if they were interested in RESA continuing to pursue this. The Board members were in agreement.

Mr. Albright announced to the Board that he now has a county Twitter account to inform the public about our school system and about education in general. He is also in the process of working with the radio station to spotlight the schools.

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Mr. Patterson said he has heard great things about the bus garage, and understands that the mechanics have completed certification processes in several areas. He asked for consideration of compensation increases for these certifications. Mr. Albright and Mr. Yeager said they are working on this and currently looking at a policy to amend, and will possibly be addressed at the next Board meeting.

Mrs. Gatian asked about compensation for substitutes, such as cooks, janitors, and bus operators, when they are receiving training. Mr. Yeager said the county has started paying for the trainings.

Mrs. Kirk questioned the possibility of purchasing heavy duty umbrellas for the aides and faculty to use while on outside bus duty. Mr. Albright will look in to purchasing these for each school.

Mrs. Gatian asked about the lights at New Martinsville School. Mr. Jones said we are waiting to receive the signs from Aladdin.

POSSIBLE EXECUTIVE SESSION:
An Executive Session was not needed.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING:

November 3, 2014 - Regular Meeting - Magnolia High School - 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. Mrs. Kirk seconded the motion for unanimous approval to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

President

Secretary