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COUNTY OF WETZEL, to-wit:

The Wetzel County Board of Education met in Regular Session on Monday, November 3, 2014, at Magnolia High School, in New Martinsville, 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. Mrs. Gatian led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and Mr. Patterson gave the opening Invocation.

Prior to the reports, under the direction of Tom Myers, Choir and Band Director, and Bruce Ensinger, pianist, members of the Magnolia High School Choir sang the National Anthem and entertained the Board with a musical selection. The Magnolia High School Band and Flag Corps, directed by Tom Myers and Field Commander, Shannon Hoskins, performed a musical selection from their field show.

REPORTS:

Annual Report of the Local School Improvement Council of New Martinsville School - M. Fay Pritchard, Principal New Martinsville School and LSIC Chairs:

On behalf of Mrs. Schmalz, Principal at Magnolia High School, Mr. Mark Batton, Assistant Principal at Magnolia High School, welcomed the Board and guests, and invited Mrs. Pritchard, Principal at New Martinsville School, to begin the evening reports.

Mrs. Pritchard recognized the LSIC members. Those present included Bruce Ensinger, Anita Howell, Kimmie Long, Connie Koon, Barb Blain, Connie Yeager, Ben McPherson, and Shawn Coen. Mrs. Pritchard distributed a packet to each of the Board members containing the LSIC Safe and Productive Schools Report. The packet of information also included the Wetzel County Academic Initiatives and the New Martinsville School’s Initiatives, as well as the School Monitoring Report.

Mrs. Pritchard discussed the Strategic Plan and stated they have three major goals for this year. She said the first two goals focus on academics, which is to raise the academic achievement of all students in Reading/Language Arts and Math. She said they are utilizing academic coaches this year who are working with the staff and training them on the Step-Up-To-Writing Program. Mrs. Pritchard also said the teachers at New Martinsville School work collaboratively with the teachers of Paden City Elementary, where they develop and share ideas, work on learning stations, book studies, and writing activities. She also discussed some of the Professional Development programs for the staff, including READ 180, Carnegie Math, and Numbers Talk.

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Mr. McPherson, Assistant Principal, discussed the numbers and data portion of the first two Strategic Plan goals. He said they review the data from the STAR program, which helps them screen the students’ ability levels. The teachers can monitor progress and use the data to help with SPL and assist with personalized learning. He said the school is using IPI (Instructional Practices Inventory) several times throughout the year, which looks at student engagement in the classroom. Mr. McPherson also discussed the WESTEST data review. He said they focus on single objective levels for each grade. This year they will be comparing the WESTEST with the Smarter Balance Assessment.

Mrs. Shawn Coen, Assistant Principal, reviewed the third goal of the Strategic Plan, which is to maintain a safe and orderly environment for all students and staff. The school emergency plan is developed by a team consisting of teachers, administrators, and local law enforcement. The plan and safety bags are checked monthly, and monthly drills are conducted using ALICE procedures. She briefly discussed the ALICE program, and said teachers, students, and parents have received ALICE training. An additional training for parents will be held November 13th. New Martinsville School will also host a Street Drug Awareness Program for the community on November 20th. Mrs. Coen said the school is able to sponsor these programs and the up-to-date trainings, due to the West Virginia Fusion Center and Homeland Security.

Mrs. Coen stated Positive Behavior Support Plans, such as Positive Office Referrals, have been implemented to recognize students that excel and continually do good in all aspects, including academic and social settings. The school has also established Eagle Bucks, where students are awarded for doing great things in school. The Guidance Counselors have worked on programs to address bullying and cyber bullying within the school.

Mr. Patterson commented on the collaboration with the teachers at Paden City Elementary, and stated he thought it was a great idea. He asked Mrs. Pritchard if they also meet with teachers at Magnolia High School. Mrs. Pritchard stated they do vertical alignment and planning where 8th grade teachers meet with 9th grade teachers to help make a smoother transition. She also said they do vertical alignment within the school with every grade.

Annual Report of the Local School Improvement Council of Magnolia High School - Kathi Schmalz, Principal Magnolia High School and LSIC Chairs:

Miss Stacy Barcus, teacher, welcomed everyone in attendance and introduced the LSIC President, Mrs. Fawn Price. Mrs. Price said the LSIC has reviewed the school monitoring report and standards, and correlated the core beliefs with the areas identified, and established a focus on all the areas of the standards. She also stated the committee reviewed the WESTEST results and the Strategic Plan. Mrs. Price announced the LSIC had met their goals from last year, and has established an Academic Boosters Organization.

Miss Barcus provided the Board with a packet and discussed one of the LSIC goals: Reaching out and focusing on student recognition and student achievement. One of the ways they are reaching out is recognizing student achievement in the Spanish Classes. She and Mrs. Myers, Spanish Teacher, are proposing a trip for the students to go to Costa Rica during the Spring Break in 2016. Miss Barcus and Mrs. Myers showed a power point presentation with some of the highlights and itinerary for this educational tour. Mr. Blair asked about the number of students going on the trip and the estimated cost per student. Mrs. Myers said they are hoping to take thirty students, at about \$2100 per student. She said they plan to begin fundraising to keep the cost minimal to the students.

Miss Barcus continued with the discussion of student recognition and achievement, in and out of the classroom, and in the area of service. She proudly stated that in the month of September, the students raised over \$2000 for Bentley Yow, an 11-month old child suffering from neuroblastoma. Miss Barcus and Mr. Myers are the Academic Advisors,

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and she discussed the Academic Booster organization the school has established. This organization encourages parent involvement, and was developed to honor student achievement. She provided the Board with an informational pamphlet highlighting the organization. Miss Barcus also reviewed the informational charts placed in the Board’s packets. She briefly discussed how they correlated the High Quality Standards with the Core Beliefs. Mr. Myers added that the core belief for the Academic Boosters is to bring positive reinforcement to the forefront.

Mr. Mark Lemasters, teacher, provided the Board with an update on technology. He said the school is close to being on a one-to-one computer initiative with the recent receipt of the computer laptop carts, in addition to the existing computer labs. The school has also placed smart boards in every classroom. With all the technology in place, after-school training sessions are scheduled for the teachers to learn how to fully utilize the technology. The Math department is using Carnegie Math as a supplement to textbooks, and the English department is taking the goal of writing across the curriculum and doing research oriented projects. They have made changes to the library to emphasize on being a media center, and they are working on streaming communications across the internet. Mr. Lemasters encouraged the Board to allow the teachers more training time on how to incorporate the technology in their lessons. He also stated the freshmen and sophomores have completed cyber bullying modules, and the juniors and seniors are scheduled to take the lessons in the next month. These lessons teach the students proper etiquette with cellular and technology devices.

Diane Brown, teacher, provided a power point presentation and discussed the WESTEST data report. She said that, overall, the school did quite well as a whole, and noted that a very large percentage of the 9th -11th grade students scored distinguished when compared to the state. Mrs. Brown also reviewed and discussed the Math Quantile Data results, which showed that 75% of the students have made an increase in the scores. Mrs. Brown also reviewed the school’s data wall which is an in-house online presentation board for teachers to review, which contains information such as WESTEST scores, attendance, and discipline on each student.

Katie Blatt, Katie Ensinger, Audrey Gibb, and Glenna Brown, members of the ‘I Believe Leadership Team’ discussed student life at Magnolia High School. They talked about the many clubs and organizations offered to the students to participate and get involved in. Some of the opportunities are in areas of service, honorary, fine arts, technology, academics, athletics, and leadership. Ms. Blatt, Ms. Ensinger, Ms. Gibb, and Ms. Brown all expressed their appreciation for the various opportunities offered to the students at Magnolia High School.

Mr. Batton thanked the staff and students for their work and participation in tonight’s meeting. Mr. Batton extended an invitation to all the Board members to visit the school at any time to “see what’s happening in this great school that we call Magnolia High School”.

Mr. Blair thanked both schools for their presentations. He expressed appreciation to the band and choir for their performances tonight.

Mr. Blair also stated that this evening wrapped up all the LSIC community school board meetings. He announced that he would like the Board to begin looking into helping the schools to promote drug awareness. He urged the administrators for their input and said “if there is something we need to be doing, please convey that. Now is the time. I think you will have the support of this board.” After much discussion between the Board and the staff in attendance, Mr. Blair asked them to provide ideas and encouragement.

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RECOGNITION:

August/September 2014 Employees of the Month

*Linda Haught, Short Line School	Professional
*Adrianne Burkhart, Valley High School	Professional
*April Ring, Short Line School	Service
Jamie Doty, Maintenance	Service

Mr. Albright recognized the August/September 2014 Employees of the Month. He congratulated the employees and presented each of them with a Governor’s Certificate and lapel pin. [Those marked with asterisks were present]

SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATIONS:

Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting - October 20, 2014

Acting on the Superintendent’s recommendation, Mrs. Gatian made the motion to approve the minutes for Regular Meeting, October 20, 2014. Second to the motion was made by Mr. Patterson and the motion was approved unanimously by the members of the Board.

Personnel Matters:

Employment and/or Changes in Employment:

Retirements and/or Resignations:

Resignations:

Adam B. Beatty	Acceptance of resignation from position as County Technology Supervisor - Countywide, based at WCCCF, effective the end of the day December 31, 2014.
Jennifer L. Eller	Acceptance of resignation from position as Assistant Cheerleader Coach at Magnolia High School, effective immediately.
Alan J. Miller	Acceptance of resignation from position as Assistant Girls Basketball Coach at Paden City High School, effective immediately.
Nathan R. Tallman	Acceptance of resignation from position as 8 th Grade Boys Basketball Coach at New Martinsville School, effective immediately.
Joshua R. Weekley	Acceptance of resignation from positions as Evening Events Coordinator - Winter Season and Evening Events Coordinator - Spring Season at Valley High School, effectively immediately.
Diana J. Wheeler	Acceptance of resignation from position as Head Girls Basketball Coach at Hundred High School, effective October 16, 2014.

Professional Personnel:

Aaron D. Cisar	Approval for employment as Countywide Substitute Teacher, effective November 5, 2014.
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Elizabeth J. Kaczor	Approval for change in assignment from Half-time Social Studies Teacher at New Martinsville School and Half-time Countywide ESL Teacher to Countywide ESL (English as a Second Language) Teacher (permit), based at New Martinsville School, effective when a replacement Social Studies Teacher is found for New Martinsville School.
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Service Personnel:

Penny L. Tracy	Approval for change in classification from Cook II (676/B) at Paden City Elementary School to Cook III (677/C) at Paden City Elementary School, effective November 5, 2014.
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Extracurricular:

Daniel D. DeVaul	Approval for employment as Assistant Boys Basketball Coach at Hundred High School, effective the beginning of the 2014-2015 WVSSAC Season.
Kimberly S. Edgell	Approval for contracted services position as Mentor Teacher - Special Education at Short Line School, effective November 5, 2014.
Jennifer L. Eller	Approval for employment as Head Cheerleader Coach at Magnolia High School, effective November 5, 2014.
Sandra K. Hinerman	Approval for contracted services position as Mentor Teacher - Business at Magnolia High School, effective November 5, 2014.
Anita M. Howell	Approval for contracted services position as S.A.T. Coordinator at New Martinsville School, effective November 5, 2014.
Cindy A. Kocher	Approval for contracted services position as Mentor Teacher - English/Theater at Magnolia High School/Paden City High School, effective November 5, 2014.
Bonnie S. McGlumphy	Approval for contracted services position as Mentor Teacher - Special Education at Long Drain School/Hundred High School, effective November 5, 2014.
Alan J. Miller	Approval for employment as Head Girls Basketball Coach at Paden City High School, effective the beginning of the 2014-2015 WVSSAC Season. Non-certified.
Davette M. Petrucci	Approval for employment as Evening Events Coordinator - Winter Season at Long Drain School, effective the beginning of the 2014-2015 WVSSAC Winter Season.
Deborah K. Rothacher	Approval for contracted services position as Mentor Teacher - English at Magnolia High School, effective November 5, 2014.
Kasey L. Sapp	Approval for employment as 7th/8th Grade Girls Basketball Coach at Long Drain School, effective the beginning of the 2014-2015 WVSSAC Season.

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| Ted G. Sumner | Approval for contracted services position as Mentor Teacher - Special Education at Long Drain School, effective November 5, 2014. |
| Nathan K. West | Approval for employment as Evening Events Coordinator - Winter Season at Magnolia High School, effective the beginning of the 2014-2015 WVSSAC Winter Season. |

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

Termination of Contract:

Superintendent recommends that the contract of Lea A. Summers, Countywide Substitute Bus Operator, be terminated for conviction of felony, according to WV State Code §18A-2-8.

Mr. Balcerek made the motion to uphold the superintendent’s recommendation to terminate the contract of Lea A. Summers, Countywide Substitute Bus Operator, for conviction of felony. Second to the motion was made by Mrs. Gatian and the motion was approved unanimously by the members of the Board.

Routine Matters:

Out of State Trips:

Approval of request from Paul Huston, Long Drain School Principal, for the following professionals to attend the Annual Middle Level Conference on November 6-8, 2014, in Nashville, TN: Joni Dakan, Marla LaRue, Karen Longwell, Ted Sumner, and Paul Huston. Funded through Long Drain School Title I funds.

Request to Use School Facilities:

Approval of request from Randy Street for the Pine Grove Park Committee to use the Valley High School commons, kitchen, and Home Economics classroom to hold a chicken dinner on November 9, 2014, from 8:00 - 4:00.

Approval of request from Roy Justice and Stacie Starkey for the Town of Pine Grove to use the kitchen and commons at Valley High School for their annual Thanksgiving Dinner on November 27, 2014, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Approval of request from Johanna Lemasters for the Hundred Volunteer Fire Department to use the commons area at Hundred High School for the Christmas Bazaar on November 15, 2014, from 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Approval of request from Johanna Lemasters for the Hundred Volunteer Fire Department to use the commons area and life skills area at Hundred High School for Fund-Raising Dinners to be held the first Sunday of every month, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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Fund Raisers:

Magnolia High School

Magnolia Academic Boosters
Relay for Life

Paden City Elementary School:

Magnolia High School:

Mike Cunningham
Beth Cunningham

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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:

Transfers and Increases in the Budget:

There were no Transfers and Increases in the Budget at this time. Mr. Jeff Lancaster, Treasurer, discussed potential dates for the Budget Work Session. Tuesday, November 18, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. was agreed by the members of the Board.

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
X			X		GDBA: Service Personnel County Supplement Schedule	Jay Yeager

Approval on Second Reading of Wetzel County Policy IGAC, Homebound Program of Instruction; Second Reading of Wetzel County Policy EBCD, School Calendar; and First Reading of Wetzel County Policy GDBA, Service Personnel County Supplement Schedule:

Mr. Patterson made the motion for approval of Second Reading of Wetzel County Policy IGAC, Homebound Program of Instruction; Second Reading of Wetzel County Policy EBCD, School Calendar; and First Reading of Wetzel County Policy GDBA, Service Personnel County Supplement Schedule. Second to the motion was made by Mrs. Gatian and the motion was approved unanimously by the members of the Board.

OTHER ITEMS:

Mr. Albright announced the first two radio spots are scheduled to be aired this week, with two schools being spotlighted each week on the local radio station, WETZ.

Mr. Albright distributed copies of the Annual Report for all RESA’s statewide, along with the RESA 6 Annual Report. He also gave the Board members a copy of the condensed version of Dr. Michael Martirano’s, State Superintendent of Schools, Vision Plan and priorities.

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Mr. Albright stated the school’s have implemented and extended the READ 180 program into the middle schools, which is requiring additional materials. He requested permission from the Board to proceed with the purchase of the supplemental material to continue the program. Mr. Lancaster said it would be placed on the carryover budget.

Mr. Albright said he was fortunate to attend the ALICE Training at New Martinsville School. He encouraged everyone to attend the next ALICE Training which is scheduled for November 13th at New Martinsville School.

POSSIBLE EXECUTIVE SESSION:
An Executive Session was not needed.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING:

November 17, 2014 - Regular Meeting - County Office - 6:30 p.m.
November 18, 2014 - Special Meeting - Work Session - County Office - 6:00 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. Gatian seconded the motion for unanimous approval to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

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_____	Secretary