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## **COUNTY OF WETZEL, to-wit:**

The Wetzel County Board of Education met in Regular Session on Monday, December 1, 2014, at the Office of the Superintendent of Schools, 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. Kirk led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and Mr. Blair gave the opening Invocation.

## **RECOGNITION:**

#### Daniel J. Gottron, Principals' Leadership Academy, Distinguished Scholar

Dr. Dixie Billheimer with the West Virginia Center for Professional Development recognized Mr. Daniel Gottron, Principal at Hundred High School, as a Distinguished Scholar for the 2014 Principals' Leadership Academy. Dr. Billheimer presented him with a plaque and stated the recognition was awarded for Mr. Gottron's outstanding participation, contributions to the online book study, and for excellence in presenting his school data project. Mr. Gottron gave a brief outline of his school data project, "Hornets Take Flight". He said the project focused on the areas of student attendance, student achievement, and student behavior. Mr. Blair thanked Dr. Billheimer for this recognition.

## **PRESENTATIONS**:

# **RESA 6 - Nick Zervos**

Mr. Nick Zervos, Executive Director of RESA-6, presented the annual update on RESA-6 programs and services, and provided the Board with a packet of information and reports. Mr. Zervos stated the Smart Find Express Calling System, which is housed at RESA-6, fielded 61,000 calls for employee absences last year, filling 97% of those absences. This system saves the counties time and money. Other cost-saving services include computer repairs and assistance with Medicaid billing. Mr. Zervos also briefly reviewed the savings and teachers funded with shared services, cooperative purchasing, and Medicaid reimbursement.

Mr. Zervos encouraged the members of the Board to read the Commission Report from Charleston, which is out for public comment. He encouraged them to meet and discuss the report. He feels it is necessary for the Board to understand the direction the group is headed and the issues addressed, including reorganizing the RESA's.

Mr. Blair thanked Mr. Zervos for his presentation and report.

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# **American Education Week Proclamation - Dennis Albright**

Mr. Albright stated the 93<sup>rd</sup> annual American Education Week was celebrated November 16-22, 2014. He informed the Board that he has a proclamation ready for them to sign and send out to the employees in the county. He said arrangements have been made for school staff to be dismissed at 12:15 on Tuesday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS:

Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting - November 17, 2014

Special Meeting - November 18, 2014

Acting on the Superintendent's recommendation, Mrs. Kirk made the motion to approve the minutes for Regular Meeting, November 17, 2014 and Special Meeting, November 18, 2014. Second to the motion was made by Mr. Balcerek 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:**

Gregory S. Hostutler Acceptance of resignation from position as Head Baseball Coach at

Hundred High School, effective immediately.

Mark D. Lemasters Acceptance of resignation from position as Site Coordinator for

Technology at Magnolia High School, effective the end of the first

semester.

# **Service Personnel:**

Roger D. Heater, II 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 5, 2015.

David P. King Approval for employment as Countywide Substitute Custodian,

effective December 2, 2014.

Julie L. Ledergerber Approval for change in assignment from Supervisory Aide III

(503/D) at New Martinsville School to Supervisory Aide/Autism Mentor (519/G) at New Martinsville School, effective November

12, 2014.

Janet L. Nice Approval for employment as Countywide Substitute Custodian,

effective December 2, 2014.

Brandi D. Thomas Approval for employment as Countywide Substitute Custodian,

effective December 2, 2014.

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## **Extracurricular:**

David C. Brill Approval for employment as Assistant 7th/8th Grade Football

Coach at New Martinsville School, effective the beginning of the

2015-2016 WVSSAC Season. Non-certified.

Jeffrey E. Hohn Approval for employment as 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Basketball Coach at

Paden City High School, effective the beginning of the 2014-2015

WVSSAC Season.

Bryan E. Hostetler Approval for employment as 7th/8th Grade Football Coach at New

Martinsville School, effective the beginning of the 2015-2016

WVSSAC Season. Non Certified.

Howard O. Meeks, III Approval for employment as 9th Grade Boys Basketball Coach at

Paden City High School, effective the beginning of the 2014-2015

WVSSAC Season. Not a county funded position.

Janice A. Moore Approval for contracted services position as Mentor Teacher -

English at Valley High School, effective December 2, 2014.

Michael T. Owens Approval for employment as Athletic Trainer - Football at New

Martinsville School, effective the beginning of the 2015-2016

WVSSAC Season. Non-certified.

Terry L. Riter Approval for employment as 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Basketball Coach at

Long Drain School, effective the beginning of the 2014-2015

WVSSAC Season. Non-certified.

# **Leave of Absence:**

Approval of request from Ashley L. Greene for an 'unpaid maternity leave of absence' from her position as First Grade Teacher at Paden City Elementary School beginning upon depletion of her personal leave and permissive personal leave days, from December 8, 2014, for twelve weeks leave.

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

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

## **Routine Matters:**

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

# New Martinsville School

Teresa Longfellow

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#### **Mineral Rights Lease Agreement:**

Approval to lease to Gastar Exploration Inc., for a primary term of five years, the following tract:

0.55 acres, more or less, located in Magnolia District, Wetzel County, West Virginia, and being more particularly described in that certain deed dated February 12, 1921, by and between Board of Education of Magnolia District, as party of the first part, and J.E. Gamble, as party of the second part; recorded in book/volume 133, page 2 of the official records of Wetzel County, West Virginia. (Said lands being identified for tax purposes as containing all or a portion of Tax Map 12, Parcels 110, 124 – Notwithstanding this tax map designation, this lease shall be effective as to the tract actually owned by the Lessor whether or not the tax map correctly identifies the location of the tract.)

## **Out of State Trips:**

Approval of request from Bruce Ensinger, Music Teacher, to take three New Martinsville School choir students to Salt Lake City, UT to participate in the ACDA National Honor Choir on February 23-28, 2015. Funded through student fees.

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

Mr. Patterson made the motion for approval of the Superintendent's recommendations as outlined under Routine Matters. Second to the motion was made by Mrs. Gatian 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 stated Jeff Lancaster is scheduled for tomorrow's radio spot. He will be discussing finances and what we have been able to do with the additional funds coming in to Wetzel County Schools over the past few years. Mr. Patterson stressed how important it is to let the public know we are spending the money to improve the educational system.

Mr. Albright has received a schedule from the Paden City Boosters for November through January, with a total of 106 ½ hours of time scheduled. He said that if the Board was in agreement, he will request approval for \$4000.00 on the next agenda to be paid to the Boosters for rental of the building for the season. Mrs. Gatian preferred the payment be made for the year, as opposed for the season. Mr. Albright will clarify with Mrs. Schultheis that the \$4000.00 will be a yearly rental fee.

Mr. Albright stated the OEPA audit is scheduled for all schools next Tuesday through Thursday. Mrs. Gatian asked if the collaborative groups performed mock audits in the schools. Mr. Albright stated mock audits were not performed, but the groups have discussed and shared the audits and information with the staff in each of the schools.

Mr. Albright informed the Board that the school designations are not back yet. They are still under review and processing appeals.

Secretary

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POSSIBLE EXECUTIVE SESSION: An Executive Session was not needed.					
DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING:					
-	December 2, 2014 - Special Meeting - County Office - 6:00 p.m. December 15, 2014 - Regular Meeting - County Office - 6:30 p.m.				
ADJOURNMENT:					
Mr. Blair made the motion	on to adjourn this Regul	the Wetzel County Board of Education, ar Meeting. Mrs. Gatian seconded the ing was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.			
		President			