

Date December 5, 2016

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 Monday, December 5, 2016, 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:

School Resource Officers – Edward T. Toman

Randy Adams	Long Drain School/Hundred High School
*Donald Bordenkircher	Short Line School/Valley High School
*Mary Bordenkircher	Paden City Elementary/Paden City High School
*Adam Skinner	New Martinsville School
Jason Utt	Magnolia High School

Mr. Toman recognized the School Resource Officers for Wetzel County Schools. He expressed his appreciation and thanked them for their support and protection they provide to the students. Mr. Grace and Mr. Toman presented each of them with a plaque. (Those marked with an asterisk were in attendance.) Mr. Toman also thanked Mr. Blair, Mr. Balcerek and the previous boards for implementing the resource officers in the schools.

PRESENTATIONS:

JASON Learning – Dr. Eleanor Smalley and Ravi Gorur

Dr. Smalley and Mr. Gorur provided the Board with handouts and a powerpoint presentation on the JASON Learning, which was founded by Dr. Robert Ballard following his return from discovering the Titanic. Mr. Gorur, CEO of ZippSlip, began the JASON presentation and discussed the future of jobs, technology in the 21st century, and the importance of STEM in education and how it effects our lives. He briefly reviewed several innovations, including the invention of the Gutenberg Press, automated looms, the Wright Flyer, Einstein’s Photoelectric Effect and Quantum Theory, and how these inventions have led to technology devices and new career paths. Mr. Gorur also discussed the large growth and advantages of the internet in the 21st century. He went on to talk about where things are going with technology, such as cloud computing, artificial intelligence, autonomous vehicles, electric vehicles, robotics, augmented reality, and synthetic biology. Advances in technology that are forthcoming

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include thinking machines, low-cost space launch vehicles, high speed transport, and synthetic organs. Mr. Gorur concluded by stating that STEM-related careers are rapidly growing, and students must expect and welcome change.

Dr. Smalley continued with the presentation on the non-profit JASON Learning, which provides curricula that captures the students and gets them excited about learning. JASON has two missions: to inspire students to take STEM subjects and consider STEM careers; and to excite, instruct, and re-energize teachers. The strategy is to create motivation to learn, keep the students engaged, and stimulate intrinsic achievement and personalized learning. Dr. Smalley provided examples and pictures of people who became scientists, engineers, and astronauts through great STEM role models and mentors they learned from.

Dr. Smalley also showed pictures of students at Acadia National Park and Cape Eleuthera Island, which demonstrated students engaged in real science. She said they connect kids with role models, such as scientists, mathematicians, and engineers. She provided a slide which showed the projected percentage increases in STEM jobs from 2010-2020. Dr. Smalley reviewed the various STEM curricula, including Monster Storms, Resilient Planet, Terminal Velocity, Wetlands, and Recycling. JASON works with scientific organizations, such as NASA, NOAA, National Geographic, and Oak Ridge. They connect with the organizations and teach to the standards. She went on to discuss the student and teacher “Argonaut Program”. Wetzel County Schools will select one student and one teacher as Argonauts, and they will travel next summer to a research location to work side-by-side with scientists and engineers. When they return, they will be role models for their peers. JASON includes scientific content, videos, classroom and field labs, invitations to join Missions, hands-on labs, and inquiry-based field assignments. Mini-games are also provided to help students reinforce key concepts.

JASON also provides school district Argonaut challenges and competitions, as well as Argonaut multi-week summer expeditions and explorations. Dr. Smalley stated that 96% of National Argonaut’s have gone into STEM careers. She said JASON is standards-based, trying to make it engaging, interesting, and easy for teachers. Some of the corporate sponsors include Chevron, Dell, ZippSlip, Shell, and the International Spy Museum.

Dr. Smalley concluded stating she is very excited to work with Mr. Toman and Wetzel County Schools. She said Mr. Toman is offering this to every student in the county. JASON continues to develop new curriculum, and the goal is for the kids to get access to the curriculum and learning experiences in science, technology, engineering, and math.

Mr. Jones expressed his appreciation for the JASON program. He praised the previous Board for having the foresight to assure our kids are engaged in this enough that we are having 1:1 computers for every student in Wetzel County. Mr. Toman stressed how excited he is to get this started, and said every teacher that he has seen go through the JASON training has been excited with the program. He said it is about getting kids engaged and excited to learn. Mr. Toman thanked Dr. Smalley and Mr. Gorur for the presentation.

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WVEA – Elliott Kendle

Mr. Elliott Kendle, teacher and WCEA Co-President, made a presentation to the Board on the WVEA’s stance on the state’s A-F grades for our schools. Mr. Kendle stressed that his comments were not about any particular school, but to remind the Board and audience of what the scores represent and to provide an understanding of what the schools are doing to ensure student success. He said that 83% of the A-F relies on the standardized test results in Math and English Language Arts. Mr. Kendle said there is no evidence that it leads to sustained school improvement in the other states that use the grading system. He also noted that the data on which the grades are based is not the foundation for what teaching is about, and it does not give parents an accurate description of what occurs each day in the school.

Mr. Kendle went on to say the test itself was designed to be a diagnostic guide to help inform instruction and curriculum, not to be used for the purpose of grading our schools. He stressed our schools have too many variables and many different components that make up what happens each day in our schools, and stated that the grading of schools based on the standardized test is limited. He also assured, “our schools and educators are accountable each day for what occurs in their classrooms and are proud of what goes on in their classrooms”. Mr. Kendle said the teachers work to adapt their instruction to ensure every student achieves to their full potential.

He concluded by saying, “what happens in our schools each day is magical and it can never be measured by a letter grade on a test.”

SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATIONS:

Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting – November 21, 2016

Acting on the Superintendent’s recommendation, Mr. Balcerek made the motion to approve the minutes for Regular Meeting, November 21, 2016. Second to the motion was made by Mr. Jones and the motion was approved unanimously by the members of the Board.

Personnel Matters:

Employment and/or Changes in Employment:

Service Personnel:

- Christie L. Dudley

Approval for change in assignment from Countywide Substitute Cook to Cook II, 676/B, at Paden City Elementary School, effective December 6, 2016.
- Christena L. Wilcox

Approval for change in assignment from Countywide Substitute Cook to Cook II, 676/B, at Paden City Elementary School, effective December 6, 2016.

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.

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Routine Matters:

Request to Attend Wetzel County Schools:

Approval of request from Amy Hopper for her children, Wyatt, Grace and Jackson Hopper, to continue attending Wetzel County Schools (Short Line School) for the remainder of the 2016-2017 school year, pending release from Tyler County.

Approval of request from Rebecca Britton for her child, Jaylin Drummond, to continue attending Wetzel County Schools (New Martinsville School) for the remainder of the 2016-2017 school year.

Approval of request from Erick Kibbey for his child, Elaina Kibbey, to attend Wetzel County Schools (Paden City Elementary) for the remainder of the 2016-2017 school year, pending release from Tyler County.

Approval of the following Chaperones/Volunteers for the 2016-2017 School Year:

New Martinsville School:

John Mensore

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

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Approval for Transfers and Increases in the Budget:

Mr. Balcerek moved and Mr. Jones seconded the motion for unanimous approval for Transfers and Increases in the Budget as follows:

BUDGET REVISION REQUEST

Submit to:

WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
OFFICE OF SCHOOL FINANCE
BUILDING 6, ROOM 215
1900 KANAWHA BOULEVARD EAST
CHARLESTON, WV 25305

☒ SUPPLEMENT
☐ TRANSFER
☐ CARRYOVER SUPPLEMENT


Entity: WETZEL
Fiscal Year Ending: 06/30/17
Revision Number: 4

Pursuant to the provisions of West Virginia Code 18-9B-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	\$ (109,455.00)
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	22,247.63
Fund 63 - Special Revenue - MCV C Restricted Projects	
Fund 64 - Special Revenue - RESA Restricted Projects	
Fund 71 - Special Revenue - ARRA Funds - County Boards	
Fund 73 - Special Revenue - ARRA Funds - MCV C s	
Fund 74 - Special Revenue - ARRA Funds - RESA s	
Total Request	(87,207.37)

I hereby certify that this budget revision request, submitted in accordance with the provisions of WVC 18-9B-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:

12/05/16



DATE OF BOARD MEETING SUPERINTENDENT'S (RESA/MCVC DIRECTOR'S) SIGNATURE

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RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL

DATE APPROVED PROGRAM DIRECTOR

WVDE 11-20-12

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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			IGAB: Special Education Services	Debbie Novotny
X			X		IKF: Program of Study Adolescent Education (Grades 9-12)	Tammy Wells

Approval for First Reading of Wetzel County Policy IGAB: Special Education Services, and First Reading of Wetzel County Policy IKF: Program of Study Adolescent Education (Grades 9-12):

Mr. Jones made the motion for approval of First Reading of Wetzel County Policy IGAB and First Reading of Wetzel County Policy IKF. Second to the motion was made by Mrs. Cooley and the motion was approved unanimously by the members of the Board.

RESOLUTION:

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Prior to the motion for the approval of the resolution, Mr. Balcerek moved and Mr. Blair 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....The Board retired in Executive Session at 7:40 p.m. Following the Executive Session, the Board reconvened in Open Session at 7:57 p.m., with no decisions made while in Executive Session.

Approval of resolution of Stevens v. WCBOE, Before the WV HRC, Docket No. PAD-46-16:

Mr. Balcerek made the motion for approval of resolution of Stevens v. WCBOE, Before the WV HRC, Docket No. PAD-46-16. 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.

OTHER ITEMS:

Mr. Toman provided the Board with an update on the advisory meetings. His third meeting with the professional and service is scheduled for December 15th, and said the meetings have been an excellent communication tool to help make Wetzel County Schools better. He held his first Student Advisory meetings on November 28th and 29th, and scheduled their second meeting beginning next week. He said the meetings went very well and he will continue to meet with them monthly to hear the voice of the students on their needs and concerns. Mr. Grace and Mr. Jones said they attended the first Student Advisory meeting, and both commented on how wonderful they were. Mr. Toman proudly stated it is about building communication and building trust.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING:

December 12, 2016 - Special Meeting/Budget Work Session – 5:00 p.m.
December 19, 2016 - Regular Meeting - County Office - 6:30 p.m.

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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. Balcerek seconded the motion for unanimous approval to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

President

Secretary