

DateFebruary 4, 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 Tuesday, February 4, 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 Robert E. Patterson
Michael D. Blair Dennis Albright, Secretary
Carolyn R. Gatian

Member absent: Linda T. Kirk

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

ADDRESS THE BOARD:

David Arnolds spoke to the Board on behalf of the parents of the Valley High School Girls’ basketball team. He expressed his concerns over an incident that occurred in the locker room. Mr. Blair informed him that it is under investigation. Mr Albright stated that he can not share the information publicly due to it being a personnel matter, but assured him that the incident has been taken very seriously.

Lee Brown addressed the Board to express his concern over the incident that occurred in the girls’ locker room at a Valley High School Girls’ Basketball game. Mr. Blair stated the incident has been brought to the Boards attention and the investigation has been ongoing prior to this meeting. Mr. Blair informed Mr. Brown the findings will be explained to the Board this evening and the Board will be going forward with the finding.

RECOGNITION:

December 2013 Employees of the Month

Linda Fonner, New Martinsville School	Professional
Joshua Weekley, Valley High School	Professional
Linda Dulaney, Short Line School	Service
Pam Jackson, Valley High School	Service

Mr. Albright recognized the December 2013 Employees of the Month. He congratulated the employees and presented each of them with a Governor’s Certificate and lapel pin.

SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATIONS:

Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting - January 22, 2014

Acting on the Superintendent’s recommendation, Mr. Aberegg made the motion to approve the minutes for Regular Meeting, January 22, 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:

Beth A. Sigley	Acceptance of resignation from position as Boys' Track Coach at Long Drain School, effective January 24, 2014.
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Extracurricular:

Michelle K. Bradley	Approval for contracted services position as Extended Day Tutor at Valley High School, effective February 4, 2014.
Kayla J. Brill	Approval for employment as Assistant Girls' Softball Coach at Magnolia High School, effective the beginning of the 2013-2014 WVSSAC Season. Not a county funded position.
Gregory S. Hostutler	Approval for employment as Head Baseball Coach at Hundred High School, effective the beginning of the 2013-2014 WVSSAC Season. Non-certified.
Dillon J. Mangino	Approval for employment as Head Girls' Softball Coach at Magnolia High School, effective the beginning of 2013-2014 WVSSAC 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. Aberegg and the motion was approved unanimously by the members of the Board.

Routine Matters:

Commencement Time Revision:

Approval to change the Commencement time at Paden City High School on May 24, 2014, from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Out of State Trips:

Approval of request from Donald Taylor, Band Director, to take two Valley High School Band members to Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, Virginia for their Annual Honor Band on January 23-26, 2014. Funded through student fundraisers.

Approval of request from Bruce Ensinger, Music Teacher, to take two New Martinsville School choir students to Jacksonville, Florida to participate in the Southern Division Junior High/Middle School Honor Choir on March 3-9, 2014. Funded through student fees.

Approval of request from Mark Batton, Head Football Coach, to transport three members of the Magnolia High School's football team to the Ohio Valley Football Coaches' Association banquet on Sunday, February 16, 2014 at the Garfield Elementary School in Steubenville, OH. Funded through the Magnolia High School football program.

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Approval of Waiver to State Policy:

Approval of Waiver to State Policy 2510 to use Odysseyware, an online curriculum provider, for virtual/online courses for first time credit in alternative settings.

Lease Agreements:

City of Paden City	Athletic Fields leased from the City of Paden City, known as Number One Ball Field and the Softball Field located in the Paden City Park (for the playing fields for Paden City High School baseball and softball) beginning on the 1 st day of March, 2014 and expiring on the 1 st day of June, 2014, for the amount of \$2,500.00.
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MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS AS OUTLINED UNDER ROUTINE MATTERS:

MOTION TO TABLE:

Mrs. Gatian made the motion to table 'item d)', Lease Agreement, for the Board to have further discussion with the Superintendent and the Paden City Mayor regarding some of the contractual agreements. Second to the motion was made by Mr. Aberegg and the motion was approved unanimously by the members of the Board.

MOTION:

Mr. Aberegg made the motion for approval of the Superintendent's recommendations as outlined under Routine Matters with the exception of the tabled item. Second to the motion was made by Mr. Patterson 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 January Employee of the Month. Mr. Patterson agreed.

Mr. Albright stated he has checked with several counties that have utilized the elimination of the Reduced Category in the child nutrition program and has received positive responses. He reminded the Board that it would cost about \$9,000 for the remainder of this school year and \$22,000 for a full school year. He stated that we have the money for this year and Mr. Lancaster can budget the cost for next year. Mrs. Gatian questioned whether we would still receive the federal and state stipend to offset the cost. Mrs. McPherson stated this program would not affect that stipend. Mr. Lancaster stated the county would be paying the cost the reduced parents pay. After brief discussion the Board was in agreement to pursue the program.

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Mr. Albright informed the Board that an adjusted calendar would be presented in the future. He stated that he would like to eliminate the parent/teacher conferences that are scheduled for this Friday at Long Drain, Hundred High School, Short Line, and Valley High School, and to have a full instructional day for those students. He also stated that there are two additional ISE days scheduled for the rest of the year, and would like to bring in the students on those days on a 2-hour delay, with staff reporting on a regular basis to allow Faculty Senate to meet prior to the students coming in.

Mr. Albright reminded the Board that our policy on cancelled days of school allows games and practices only after consultation with school principals and the superintendent.

The Superintendent reminded the Board that two public meetings are being scheduled to discuss next years' school calendar. He will be placing an article in the newspaper and is working with Adam Beatty to place a survey on the website for the public to generate data regarding the calendar.

Mr. Blair stated that with the monies that have been generated through the county and the oil and gas business, the Board needs to look at spending the money in a direction that benefits the students. He suggested IPADS and the value of cyber-learning with setting up a system through the use of technology for students to utilize when there are snow days. Mr. Albright stated that a member of the state department will be coming to the county to discuss with some of the faculty members the concept of "Flipped Classroom", which is electronic recording of lessons. Mrs. Gatian asked if students were permitted to go into the classrooms to receive one-on-one work with teachers on snow days when staff reports. Mr. Albright said it would not be a problem, but parents should contact the schools to speak with teachers prior to reporting, to make sure the staff is not in meetings.

POSSIBLE EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mr. Blair moved and Mr. Aberegg 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 6:56 p.m. Following the Executive Session, the Board reconvened in Open Session at 7:25 p.m., no action needed, none taken.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING:

February 17, 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 7:26 p.m.

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_____	Secretary