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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, April 21, 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	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. Aberegg led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and Mr. Patterson gave the opening Invocation.

RECOGNITION:

RESA 6 Regional Social Studies Fair First Place Winners

*Kelsey Litman	*Jaci Rohde	Matthew Michael
*Erin Moore	*Sara Johnson	Madison Knight
*Jazlyn Ingold	*Garylin Fletcher	Sierra Walker
*Breanna Herrick	Lindsay Whiteman	*Allie Litman
*Rachel Price	*Ashlyn Piekarski	

Mr. John Ice, Coordinator, introduced the RESA 6 Regional Social Studies Fair 1st place winners. He congratulated the students and presented them with a Governor’s Certificate. Mr. Ice has been associated with the Social Studies Fair for thirty-four years and he thanked the Board for all their support. On behalf of the Board, Mr. Blair thanked Mr. Ice for all the time he has served. [Those marked with asterisks were present]

2014 West Virginia State Thespian Festival Winners - Magnolia High School

Samantha Fluharty
Erica Leasure
*Amanda Mayo
*Luis Vazquez
*Rachel Arbogast

Mrs. Kathi Schmalz, Principal, introduced Magnolia High School’s 2014 West Virginia State Thespian Festival Winners. She congratulated the students and presented them with a Governor’s Certificate. Mrs. Schmalz stated how proud she was of the students as they have continued the tradition of theater and how well the Thespians represent the county. She thanked the Board and the county office staff for all they do to show their support for theater in the county. [Those marked with asterisks were present]

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2014 West Virginia State Thespian Festival Winners - Paden City High School

*Adam Croasmun	Kalob Byers	Levi Goddard
*Logan Crawford	*Simone Lerchster	Morgan Goddard
*Haley Hizer	Alli Suter	
Kris Byers	Paige Leonard	

Mr. Jay Salva, Principal, introduced the 2014 West Virginia State Thespian Festival Winners from Paden City High School. He congratulated the students and presented them with a Governor’s Certificate. Mr. Salva stated that this is the school’s third year competing. He also noted that both Magnolia and Paden City High School have the top two Thespians groups at the state level. He thanked the members of the Board and county office staff for all their support. [Those marked with asterisks were present]

2014 West Virginia State Children’s Chorus

Anya Hope Glover	*Lily Spratt	*Cassara Cooley
Savannah Price	*Angel Stallard	Riley Klug
*Emerson Barcus	Faith Yoho	*Katelyn Stillwagoner
*Jaci Rohde	Breauna Anderson	

Mr. Bruce Ensinger, Music Teacher, introduced Wetzel County’s members of the 2014 West Virginia State Children’s Chorus. He congratulated the students and presented them with a Governor’s Certificate. [Those marked with asterisks were present]

2014 Golden Horseshoe Winners

Garret Babe
Peyton Bassett
*Mackenzie Drake

Mrs. Tammy Wells, Director of Secondary and Vocational Education, recognized the 2014 Golden Horseshoe Winners and presented them with a Governor’s Certificate. She stated, “since 1931, the State of West Virginia has given the West Virginia Golden Horseshoe test to eighth graders who demonstrate outstanding knowledge in West Virginia State history.” [Those marked with asterisks were present]

On behalf of the Board, Mr. Blair congratulated all of the students and thanked them for making Wetzel County proud.

PRESENTATION:

Autism Awareness - Debbie Novotny and Carol Zombotti

Debbie Novotny, Special Education Director, introduced Carol Zombotti, Countywide Speech Pathologist and Autism Coach, Lydia Brodegard, Countywide Occupational Therapist and Autism Coach, and Ashley Smith, Autism Specialist at Magnolia High School. Mrs. Novotny stated that April is Autism Awareness Month and the schools are continuing to honor it with various activities. Mrs. Zombotti and Mrs. Brodegard presented a power point presentation highlighting some of the activities in the schools promoting Autism Awareness. They provided information regarding autism prevalence, diagnosing children with autism, and characteristics of autism. Mrs. Brodegard stressed that Wetzel County Schools is “beyond awareness”. She mentioned some of the services and support they provide, including Special Education Director, Debbie Novotny, highly trained psychologists and special education teachers, crisis prevention teams, autism mentors, speech, occupational, and physical therapists, as well as an Autism Consultant. Mrs. Brodegard also discussed goals they have for the children with autism.

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Following the power point, Mrs. Zombotti and Mrs. Brodegard proudly introduced two of their students, Mr. Sean Keith, from Magnolia High School, and Mr. Zach Estel, a senior at Paden City High School. Sean shared with the Board several pieces of his artwork, including one that he received an award for in the state of Indiana. Mrs. Zombotti also stated that he is starting his own website for his artwork. Zach Estel introduced himself and informed the Board that he graduates this year and has enlisted in the Air Force. He said he was diagnosed with Asperger’s at the age of 18 months and does not really remember what it was like when he was younger. Zach stated, “I owe it to my mom, my dad, all the faculty members within Wetzel County. Paden City High School, the Wetzel County Center and Paden City Elementary all helped me out and got me to where I am today.” He told the Board, “I also owe it to you for your support to the County as well.”

Mr. Blair thanked all of them and stated the program is successful because of the group of people operating it and putting forth the effort.

Digital Interactive Tables - Shane Highley

Mr. Shane Highley, Director of Elementary Curriculum and Instruction (Pre-K--6) and Title I, provided the Board with information regarding the Digital Interactive Tables. He said last year they were purchased for all the preschool rooms, and his goal is to place them in all classrooms, K-6, within a 6-year period. Mr. Highley explained what the tables do and how they function in the classroom. The tables are used worldwide and they are for all types of learners. They build team aspects in school, provide cooperative learning, problem solving, auditory kinesthetic, and build technology skills, all based on Next Generation Standards and Common Core Standards. After brief discussion, Mr. Blair informed Mr. Highley to move forward with purchasing the tables.

ADDRESS THE BOARD:

Paden City Boosters Club Members

Matt Ferreebee and Jon Baker requested to speak to the Board to address concerns with the Paden City Booster Building. Mr. Ferreebee stated they work hard to better the Paden City school system and do what they can for the kids and the school. He said the boosters originally built the facility to make a bingo hall for the boosters program and a practice facility for the junior high as a cost savings to the Board. Mr. Ferreebee informed the Board that bingo is down in numbers and they are not generating the money like they used to. He stated the boosters help the students with the costs for ACT and college classes. He said the school has used it a lot this year for many things, including practices and feeding different groups before leaving on trips. Mr. Ferreebee said they were here this evening to see if the Board of Education could assist with offsetting some of the costs. Mr. Blair informed Mr. Ferreebee that the Board would meet and discuss as a group and would get back with the boosters through Mr. Albright.

Shane Highley, Jeff Lancaster, Brian Jones

Shane Highley, Jeff Lancaster, and Brian Jones provided the Board with a white board presentation and discussion on doing some work to the athletic complex at Valley High School with some of the carryover budget. Mr. Lancaster showed several pictures with the conditions of the existing facility, including slippage of the hillside, constant running water from natural springs, chicken wire at the press box in place of railing, and constant standing water along the field. Mr. Jones also shared the most recent Board of Risk and Insurance Management (BRIM) report, citing thirteen things with the facility. After much discussion,

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the Board stated they support the work and the need for the project to be done right. The Board recommended Mr. Jones and Mr. Highley to contact an agency, such as the Soil Conservation Service, the DEP, or DNR, to check on concerns with regulations on altering natural springs before any work is done.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS:

Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting - April 7, 2014
Continuation of Statutory Meeting - April 15, 2014
Special Meeting - April 15, 2014

Acting on the Superintendent's recommendation, Mr. Aberegg made the motion to approve the minutes for Regular Meeting, April 7, 2014, Continuation of Statutory Meeting, April 15, 2014, and Special Meeting, April 15, 2014. Second to the motion was made by Mrs. Gatian and the motion was approved unanimously by the members of the Board.

Personnel Matters:

Employment and/or Changes in Employment:

Professional Personnel:

- Molly E. Dennison Approval for change in assignment from Countywide Substitute Teacher to Third Grade Teacher at Short Line School, effective the beginning of the 2014-2015 school year.
- Leslie M. Emch Approval for change in assignment from Pre-School Special Needs Teacher at WCCCF to First Grade Teacher at Short Line School, effective the beginning of the 2014-2015 school year.
- Krista N. Jones Approval for employment as Speech and Language Pathologist at New Martinsville School, effective the beginning of the 2014-2015 school year.
- Elizabeth J. Kaczor Approval for change in assignment from Half-Time Social Studies Teacher at New Martinsville School and Half-Time Substitute Teacher to Countywide Half-Time English as a Second Language (ESL) Teacher, on permit, and will remain Half-Time Social Studies Teacher at New Martinsville School, effective April 22, 2014.

Service Personnel:

- Allen E. Henderson Approval for employment as Countywide Substitute Bus Operator, effective December 16, 2013.

Extracurricular:

- Amy J. Littell Approval for contracted services position as Extended Day Tutor - Policy 2512 at New Martinsville School, effective March 25, 2014.
- Joshua G. Sims Approval for employment as Head Football Coach at Magnolia High School, effective the beginning of the 2014-2015 WVSSAC Season.

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Leave of Absence:

Approval of request from Carla N. Wade for an ‘unpaid medical leave of absence’ from her position as 4th Grade Teacher at New Martinsville School, effective April 24, 2014 through approximately May 9, 2014.

Reconfiguration for the 2014-2015 School Year:

Sadonna L. Kimble	Upon the recommendation of the Principal in accordance with West Virginia Code §18A-4-7a(u), approval for change in assignment from Third Grade Teacher at Paden City Elementary School to Fifth Grade Teacher at Paden City Elementary School, effective the beginning of the 2014-2015 school year.
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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. Kirk and the motion was approved unanimously by the members of the Board.

Routine Matters:

Request to Use School Facilities:

Approval of request from Olivia Gump for the Relay For Life to use the Long Drain School gymnasium and playground for the Cancer Walk on May 29, 2014.

Out of State Trips:

Approval of request from Donald Taylor, Band Director, to take the Short Line Band Students to perform at *The High Note Festival* at Carnegie Mellon University, and a field trip to Kennywood Park on Friday, May 23, 2014 in Pittsburgh, PA. Funded through student fees.

Approval of request from Bruce Ensinger, Music Teacher, to take the New Martinsville School 7-8 band and choir to Kennywood Park in Pittsburgh, PA on Saturday, May 17, 2014. Funded through student fees.

Approval of request from Shawn Coen, Assistant Principal, to take the New Martinsville School 8th grade class to watch the Washington Wild Things baseball game in Washington, PA on Tuesday, May 20, 2014. Funded through student fees.

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

Mr. Aberegg 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.

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BOARD MEMBERS ATTENDANCE AND ACCEPTING CLASSES AT COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

SCHOOL	ACCEPTING CLASS	ATTENDING
Valley High School Thursday, May 22, 2014 7:00 p.m.	Michael D. Blair	All Board Members
Hundred High School Saturday, May 24, 2014 2:00 p.m.	Robert E. Patterson	All Board Members
Paden City High School Saturday, May 24, 2014 7:00 p.m.	Carolyn R. Gatian	All Board Members
Magnolia High School Sunday, May 25, 2014 2:00 p.m.	William D. Aberegg	All Board Members

Mr. Blair informed the Board to strike the Resolution as presented on the Agenda for adoption, pending legal adjustments.

~~RESOLUTION ADOPTING MEASUREMENT PERIODS FOR DETERMINING FULL-TIME EMPLOYEE STATUS UNDER THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT:~~
~~(In packet)~~

~~_____ Superintendent recommends for approval the resolution adopting measurement periods for determining full-time employee status under the Affordable Care Act.~~

Motion_____Second_____Action_____

OTHER ITEMS:

Mr. Albright provided the Board with copies of the TSS schedules. Mrs. Simmons will scan and email the copies to the members of Board.

Mr. Patterson stated he recently read where Raleigh County initiated IPADS for every student. He asked for someone to contact Raleigh County to get information on initiating IPADS for all students in Wetzel County.

POSSIBLE EXECUTIVE SESSION:

An Executive Session was not needed.

STUDENT EXPULSION HEARING:

The Board was represented by Mr. Timothy Haight, Wetzel County Prosecuting Attorney, and Student/Case (A) was represented by Attorney David White. A closed hearing was held concerning a student’s alleged violations of the Safe Schools Act (WV Code §18-2C-1a, State Board of Education POLICY 4373 (STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT), and Wetzel County Board of Education Policy “JFC” (STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT).

Student/Case (A)

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POSSIBLE EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mr. Blair moved and Mrs. Gatian seconded the motion for unanimous approval to retire into Executive Session per WV Code §6-9A-4(3), to decide upon disciplining, suspension, or expulsion of any student in any public school...The Board retired in Executive Session at 8:17 p.m. Following the Executive Session, the Board reconvened in Open Session at 8:20 p.m., with the following actions:

ACTION AS DEEMED APPROPRIATE CONCERNING STUDENT EXPULSIONS:

Mr. Dennis Albright, Superintendent, made the recommendation to expel Student/Case (A) through the end of the 2013-2014 school year, for violating the Safe Schools Act (WV Code §18-2C-1a), State Board of Education POLICY 4373 (STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT), and Wetzel County Board of Education Policy “JFC” (STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT).

MOTION:

Mr. Blair made the motion to uphold the Superintendent’s recommendation to expel Student/Case (A) for the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year. Second to the motion was made by Mr. Patterson and was approved unanimously by the members of the Board.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING:

May 5, 2014 - 25 Year Club Recognized 6:00 p.m./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 8:21 p.m.

President

Secretary