

Date April 6, 2015

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 Monday, April 6, 2015, 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 R. Jay Yeager, Interim 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. Balcerek led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and Mr. Patterson gave the opening Invocation.

ADDRESS THE BOARD:

Michele Doyle, a Junior at Paden City High School, spoke to the Board asking for permission to attend school on a half-day basis next year, and attend West Virginia Northern Community College the other half-day. Mr. Blair asked Mr. Yeager if there was an issue with this situation, and Mr. Yeager stated there is a Board policy stating students are not permitted to finish school early as a senior. Mr. Yeager and Mrs. Tammy Wells informed the Board that they are working with the college to arrange for Ms. Doyle to take the college classes she needs at the high school. Mr. Blair asked them to make sure the students are offered what they need, and asked Mr. Yeager to get back with Ms. Doyle on her request.

Mrs. Connie Yeager, President of the New Martinsville School PTO, spoke to the Board asking for them to consider hiring a full-time Prevention Resource Officer at New Martinsville School. She stated that while the school has the locked doors and buzzing system, the trained staff, and the drug awareness programs, "it is still not enough". She also said that the administrators and staff do all they can, but the school needs a trained official to protect the students and staff.

Mr. Bartolo Cannizzaro, spokesperson for a large group from Valley High School in attendance at tonight's meeting, spoke to the members of the Board in support for Donald Taylor, Band Director at Valley High School. Mr. Cannizzaro asked the Board to consider his thoughts, along with others, in determining the outcome of the matter at hand. He said that he and his wife have worked with Mr. Taylor in several settings, as individuals and for their performing arts studio. He also stated they would trust Mr. Taylor with the care of their lives, as well as their children's lives. He said Mr. Taylor's number one concern is his students, and that he wants to get back to the classroom to continue to build the program. Mr. Cannizzaro also read a letter from Brian Price supporting Mr. Taylor. He asked the Board to consider his thoughts, and other character witnesses, and that they believe no ill intent was meant by Mr. Taylor's actions.

Mr. Blair thanked the delegation for being in attendance, and for appointing a spokesperson for the group. He said the Board understands why they are here and appreciates their concerns.

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EMPLOYEE PERSONNEL HEARING:

Conduct an Employee Personnel Hearing concerning the Interim Superintendent's recommendation of a professional employee's suspension with pay for eight (8) days, and suspension without pay for fifty (50) days.

PRESENTATION OF CHARGES:

The employee was represented by Mr. Jeremy Radabaugh, WVEA, and the Board was represented by Mr. Richard Boothby, Esquire. A Closed Hearing was held.

Possible Executive Session:

Mr. Blair moved and Mr. Patterson 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 involving the discipline of an employee. The Board retired in Executive Session at 6:51 p.m. Following the Closed Hearing, the board room was cleared and the Board retired into Deliberation at 8:52 p.m. Following Deliberation, the Board reconvened in Open Session at 9:02 p.m. with the following action:

Mrs. Gatian made the motion to uphold the Interim Superintendent's recommendation for suspension with pay for eight (8) days, and suspension without pay for fifty (50) days, of Donald E. Taylor's contract for violation of the Employee Code of Conduct. Second to the motion was made by Mr. Balcerek and the motion was approved unanimously by the members of the Board.

INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS:

Approval of Minutes: Statutory and Regular Meeting - March 16, 2015

Acting on the Interim Superintendent's recommendation, Mr. Patterson made the motion to approve the minutes for Statutory and Regular Meeting, March 16, 2015. Second to the motion was made by Mrs. Gatian and the motion was approved unanimously by the members of the Board.

Mr. Blair informed the Board to include the Addendum item in the motion under Personnel Matters.

Personnel Matters:

Employment and/or Changes in Employment:

Resignations:

Jeffrey E. Hohn	Acceptance of resignation from position as 7 th grade Basketball Coach at Paden City High School, effective March 17, 2015.
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David L. Moore	Acceptance of resignation from position as Countywide Substitute Teacher, effective April 2, 2015.
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Service Personnel:

JoAnna G. Filliez	Approval for change in assignment from Secretary III at Paden City Elementary, 537/G, 220 day contract, to Coordinator of Certification and Records/ Accountant/Secretary III at the County Office, 521/H, 261 day contract, effective July 1, 2015.
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- Sandy L. Lancaster Approval for employment as Countywide Substitute Bus Operator, effective April 7, 2015.
- Katherine A. Springer Approval for employment as Countywide Substitute Cook, effective April 7, 2015.

Extracurricular:

- Crystal C. Allen Approval for employment as Evening Events Coordinator - Spring Season at Hundred High School, effective the beginning of the 2014-2015 Spring WVSSAC Season.
- Richard G. Duffield, Jr. Approval for contracted services position as Summer School Tutor at Hundred High School, effective July 1, 2015.
- Tracey L. Loy Approval for employment as Head Softball Coach at Valley High School, effective the beginning of the 2014-2015 WVSSAC Season. Non-certified.
- Michelle K. Moore Approval for contracted services position as Summer School Tutor at Valley High School, effective July 1, 2015.

Leave of Absence:

- Approval of request from Shannon L. Eastham for an 'unpaid medical leave of absence' from her position as Cook at Short Line School beginning March 16, 2015 through April 7, 2015.
- Approval of request from Jacqueline D. Shepard for a 'paid family medical leave of absence' from her position as Fourth Grade Teacher at New Martinsville School under the Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA) beginning March 30, 2015 through April 27, 2015.
- Approval of request from Diana J. Wheeler for an 'unpaid medical leave of absence' from her position as Pre-School Special Needs Teacher at Short Line School beginning March 25, 2015 through May 10, 2015.

Re-Employment of Continuing Professional Personnel for the 2015-2016 School Year:

Long Drain School:
Leanna K. Watson

Paden City Elementary:
Debra S. Price (1/2)

Paden City High School:
Debra S. Price (1/2)

Short Line School:
Tara J. Beatty-Parsons

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Re-Employment of Probationary Professional and Service Personnel for the 2015-2016 School Year:

PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL:

Countywide:

Meghan P. Delorenzo (2nd year)
James P. Froehlich (2nd year)
Joseph A. Herrick (2nd year)
Mary B. Null (3rd year)
Mary K. Wright (2nd year)

Shauna K. Heil (3rd year)
Katie J. Klages ½ (2nd year)
Candace G. McBee (2nd year)
Valerie A. Stevens (3rd year)
Teresa A. Zink (3rd year)

Hundred High School:

Matthew S. Ash (3rd year)
Lisa A. Crago (½) (2nd year)
Stephanie C. Goodnight (3/4) (2nd year)

Paden City Elementary:

Katie B. Barker (3rd year)
Shayla M. Brown (2nd year)
Heather D. Carmichael (2nd year)
Melissa F. Hayes (½ time) (2nd year)

Long Drain School:

Lisa A. Crago (½) (2nd year)
Kathleen M. Dancy (2nd year)
Stephanie C. Goodnight (1/4) (2nd year)
Stephanie M. Long (3rd year)
Beverly D. Price (2nd year)
Melanie N. Springer (2nd year)

Paden City High School:

Lark Higginbotham (½) (2nd year)
Lisa A. Shepherd (½) (3rd year)
Chad W. West (3rd year)

Magnolia High School:

Katrina N. Adkins (2nd year)
Leslie A. Day (3rd year)
Donald R. Gilbert, Jr. (3rd year)
Michael Harwick (3rd year)
Lark Higginbotham (½) (2nd year)
Dillon J. Mangino (3rd year)
Howard O. Meeks, III (2nd year)
Kelli E. Murphy (2nd year)
Jenna D. Rosnick (3rd year)
Thomas M. Tisher (½ time) (2nd year)

Short Line School:

Lindsey M. Blake (3rd year)
Molly E. Dennison (2nd year)
Lindsay R. Leasure (2nd year)
Luke J. Samples (2nd year)
Diana J. Wheeler (3rd year)
Billie L. Wildman (2nd year)

New Martinsville School:

Marlee E. Amos (2nd year)
John B. Armstrong (2nd year)
Hannah G. Brewer (2nd year)
Valerie J. Cain (2nd year)
Brittany M. Ferrell (3rd year)

Valley High School:

Aaron M. Allen (3rd year)
Adrianne O. Burkhart (½ time) (3rd year)
Matthew A. Carson, (3rd year)
Elizabeth A. Dippold (½ time) (2nd year)
Michael J. Herrick (3rd year)
Anita M. Lemon (2nd year)
Margaret A. Schupbach (2nd year)

SERVICE PERSONNEL:

Aides:

Countywide:

Eva A. Rogalski (3rd year) 200 days

New Martinsville School:

Amanda K. Hoskins (3rd year)200 days

Bus Operators:

Heith M. Howell (3rd year) 200 days
Djuana G. Kennedy (3rd year) 200 days
Christopher L. McGinnis (2nd year)200 days
John B. Walton (2nd year) 200 days

WCCCF:

Amy J. Wade (3rd year) 200 days

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Cooks:

Long Drain School

Theresa A. Jones (3rd year) 200 days

Paden City Elementary

Penny L. Tracy (3rd year) 200 days
Madonna S. Underwood (2nd year) 200 days

Short Line School

Shannon L. Eastham (3rd year) 200 days

Custodians:

Long Drain School:

David L. Miller (3rd year) 228 days

Magnolia High School:

John L. Eggleston (2nd year) 228 days
Daniel B. Tyler (2nd year) 228 days

Secretaries:

Magnolia High School:

Denise N. Neff (3rd year) 220 days

MECHANICS:

Supervisor of Transportation/Chief Mechanic

Johnny L. Haught (3rd year) 261 days

Mechanic Assistant

Michael E. Blair (2nd year) 261 days
Joseph T. Melott (2nd year) 261 days

Re-employment of Teachers for the 2015-2016 School Year on the basis of a Permit or Out-Of-Field Authorization (All pending receipt of the appropriate State Certification):

Countywide

Elizabeth J. Kaczor (continuing contract) ESL

Hundred High School

Crystal C. Allen (3rd year) Chemistry & Mathematics

Hundred High School/Long Drain School

Kasey L. Sapp (2nd year) Multi-Cat./Autism

Long Drain School

Lisa M. Kozusnik (2nd year) Multi-Cat.

Magnolia High School

Mark K. Batton (continuing contract) Principal
Courtney D. Myers (continuing contract) Spanish
Jesse L. Robinson (2nd year) Multi-Cat./Autism
Joshua G. Sims (3rd year) Multi-Cat.

Magnolia High School/Paden City High School

Daniel M. Henthorn (2nd year) Drama/English

New Martinsville School

Logan A. Miller (2nd year) Multi-Cat./Autism

Paden City Elementary School

Kandi Loy-Kay (continuing contract) Multi-Cat./Autism
Denise M. Minger (3rd year) Pre-School Special Needs

Short Line School

Brittany T. McGinnis (continuing contract) Multi-Cat./Autism
Sherry M. Wood (2nd year) Multi-Cat.

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Valley High School
Lance L. Binegar (continuing contract) Multi-Cat.

Wetzel County Center for Children & Families
Amber D. Tustin (2nd year) Pre-School Special Needs

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

Mrs. Gatian made the motion for approval of the Interim 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.

Routine Matters:

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

Hundred High School:
Heidi Gottron James McGlumphy
Mary Mortimore Gary Glasscock
James Greathouse Jim Campbell
Randy Moore Elizabeth Preston
Darlene Daniels Lane Preston

Valley High School:
Robbie Gilbert Melissa Midcap
Jeff Stine Heather Bassett
Mary Bordenkircher Andy Bassett
Roger Spragg Matt Rux
Eric Daugherty Bubba Holtz
Mike Owens John Ellison
Rex Rush Robert Brown
Billy Midcap Mary Amy Kessinger

Out of State Trip:

Approval of request from Carol Zombotti, Speech Language Pathologist, to attend the PROMPT’s Beginning Techniques to Intervention Training Workshop in New York, June 4-6, 2015. Funded through IDEA funds.

Approval of request from Rebecca Spicher and Rex Rush, Teachers, to take the Hundred High School senior class on a field trip to Hershey Park, Pennsylvania, on Friday May 8, 2015. Funded through the Hundred High School senior class funds.

Approval of request from Katrina Adkins and Ashley Johnson, Teachers, to attend the Read 180 Model Schools Conference in Atlanta, Georgia, June 28-July 1, 2015. Funded through Step-7 Professional Development Funds.

Approval of request from Teresa Standiford for Kelly Lloyd, teacher and basketball coach, and Regina Lemley, bus operator and basketball coach, to take the Short Line School 7th and 8th grade sports students on a trip with the Short Line Athletic Boosters to Fort Rapids indoor water park in Columbus, Ohio on May 9, 2015. Funded through the Short Line Athletic Boosters.

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Request to Attend Wetzel County Schools:

Approval of request from Tammy and Ryan Chambers for their son, Talan Chambers, to continue attending Wetzel County Schools (Paden City Elementary School) for the 2015-2016 school year, pending release from Tyler County.

Request to Use School Facilities:

Approval of request from Richard Eric Conner for the New Martinsville Jr. Baseball/Softball League to use the New Martinsville School ballfields for league practices and games beginning April 4, 2015 and ending June 1, 2015.

Approval of request from Davette Petrucci for the Hundred Hornets Basketball Club (HHBC) to use the Long Drain School gymnasium for club practices and games beginning April 11, 2015 and ending October 31, 2015.

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

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

TEXTBOOK ADOPTION:

Approval for textbook adoption from the current Official State Multiple List of Instructional Materials K-12 as recommended by the committee for **Health** beginning in 2015-2016 school year as follows:

Grade	The Children's Health Market, Inc	Copyright Date	ISBN #	Cost
Kdg.	The Great Body Shop – 6 yr Student Subscription K	2014	9781606382745	\$45.00
1 st	The Great Body Shop – 6 yr Student Subscription Grade 1	2014	9781606382622	\$45.00
2 nd	The Great Body Shop – 6 yr Student Subscription Grade 2	2014	9781606382646	\$45.00
3 rd	The Great Body Shop – 6 yr Student Subscription Grade 3	2014	9781606382660	\$45.00
4 th	The Great Body Shop – 6 yr Student Subscription Grade 4	2014	9781606382684	\$45.00
5 th	The Great Body Shop – 6 yr Student Subscription Grade 5	2014	9781606382707	\$45.00
6 th	The Great Body Shop – 6 yr Student Subscription Grade 6	2014	9781606282721	\$45.00
7 th	The Great Body Shop – 6 yr Student Subscription MS-L1	2014	9781606382769	\$45.00
8 th	The Great Body Shop – 6 yr Student Subscription MS-L2	2014	9781606382783	\$45.00

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Approval for textbook adoption from the current Official State Multiple List of Instructional Materials K-12 as recommended by the committee for **Grades K-12 English/Language Arts** beginning in 2015-2016 school year as follows:

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Houghton Mifflin Harcourt</u>	<u>Copyright Date</u>	<u>ISBN #</u>	<u>Cost</u>
6 th	Collections Premium Student Resource Package (1 yr print/6 yr Digital)	2015	9780544442344	\$140.89
7 th	Collections NCC Premium Student Resource Package (1 yr print/6 yr Digital)	2015	9780544541689	\$116.19
8 th	Collections NCC Premium Student Resource Package (1 yr print/6 yr Digital)	2015	9780544542228	\$116.19

Mr. Patterson made the motion for approval of the textbook adoption for grades K-12 in Health and in English/Language Arts as presented. Second to the motion was made by Mrs. Kirk and the motion was approved unanimously by the members of the Board.

Approval for Transfers and Increases in the Budget:

There were no Transfers and Increases in the Budget at this time.

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EMBEDDED CREDIT POLICY:

Interim Superintendent recommends approval to adopt the Embedded Credit Policy for students at the secondary level attending Multi-County CTE Centers (MOVTI), as authorized by WVBE Policy 2510:

Mrs. Gatian made the motion for the Board to adopt the Embedded Credit Policy. Second to the motion was made by Mrs. Kirk and the motion was approved unanimously by the members of the Board. A copy of the Policy is made part of these minutes.

OTHER ITEMS:

There were no Other Items for discussion.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Per WV Code §6-9A-4(b-2-A), for the discussion of the County Superintendent's position, as per WV Code §18-4-6 ...

The Executive Session for discussion of the County Superintendent's position was postponed and will be held during the Special Meeting, April 9, 2015.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING:

April 9, 2015 - Special Meeting/Student Expulsion - County Office - 6:00 p.m.
April 13, 2015 - Special Meeting/Budget Work Session - County Office - 6:00 p.m.
April 21, 2015 - Regular Meeting/Continuation of March 16 Statutory Session - 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. Mrs. Gatian seconded the motion for unanimous approval to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 9:09 p.m.

President

Interim Secretary