

Date April 7, 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 Monday, April 7, 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:

Wetzel County High School Math Field Day 1<sup>st</sup> Place Winners

Joanna Graham Magnolia High School for 10<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grades  
Tomas Ledergerber Magnolia High School for 9<sup>th</sup> grade

Mrs. Tammy Wells, Director of Secondary and Vocational Education, introduced the Wetzel County 2014 High School Math Field Day 1<sup>st</sup> place winners. She congratulated the students on their accomplishments and presented them with a Governor's Certificate.

U.S. Attorney's Ambassador for Justice

Mr. Albright, Superintendent, introduced Craig Allen, Junior from Paden City High School, and presented him with a Governor's Certificate and congratulated him for being selected as a U.S. Attorney's Ambassador for Justice.

Above and Beyond Award

\*Shane Highley \*Michael Herrick  
\*Sandy Hurst Leslie Dulaney  
\*Stephanie Dakan Jacob Greeley  
\*Andrea Brewer Blair Vince Greeley  
\*Melissa Scyoc

Mr. Brian Jones, Director of Ancillary Services, recognized individuals who stepped forward and assisted in a medical emergency that arose at the end of a school day earlier this year while children were on a school bus. Mr. Jones stated, "everything that could have possibly gone right, went right on this day". He also noted that because of this incident, he has organized a training for the bus operators, which is scheduled for the next ISE day, April 11, 2014. He expressed his appreciation to each individual and presented them with a Governor's Certificate. [Those marked with asterisks were present]

February 2014 Employees of the Month

Alison Fluharty, New Martinsville School Professional  
Mary Young, New Martinsville School Professional  
Joe Flesher, New Martinsville School Service  
Darlene Walker, Long Drain School Service

Mr. Albright recognized the February 2014 Employees of the Month. He congratulated the employees and presented each of them with a Governor's Certificate and lapel pin.



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- Andrea N. Poe Approval for employment as Countywide Substitute Cook, effective April 8, 2014.
- Kelly A. Schultheis Approval for employment as Countywide Substitute Cook, effective April 8, 2014.
- Sherri S. Tennant Approval for employment as Countywide Substitute Cook, effective April 8, 2014.
- Christena L. Wilcox Approval for employment as Countywide Substitute Cook, effective April 8, 2014.

**Extracurricular:**

- Jennifer L. Eller Approval for contracted services position as Summer Program Coordinator/Teacher - Title I, at Short Line School, effective July 1, 2014.
- Sharon E. Snider Approval for contracted services position as Summer Program Coordinator/Teacher - Title I, at Long Drain School, effective July 1, 2014.
- Carol L. Tallman Approval for contracted services position as Summer Program Coordinator/Teacher - Title I, at New Martinsville School, effective July 1, 2014.
- Joshua R. Weekley Approval for contracted services position as Evening Events Coordinator - Spring Season at Valley High School, effective the beginning of the 2013-2014 WVSSAC Season.

**Leave of Absence:**

Approval of request from Velisha I. Shepherd for an 'unpaid medical leave of absence' from her position as Head Volleyball Coach at Valley High School for the 2014 Volleyball season.

**Re-Employment of Continuing Professional Personnel for the 2014-2015 School Year:**

**Hundred High School:**

Daniel J. Gottron, Principal

**Short Line School:**

Jennifer L. Eller

**Re-Employment of Probationary Professional and Service Personnel for the 2014-2015 School Year:**

**PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL:**

**Countywide:**

- Adam B. Beatty (2<sup>nd</sup> year)
- Mary B. Null (2<sup>nd</sup> year)
- Elizabeth L. Williamson (2<sup>nd</sup> year)

**Hundred High School:**

- Matthew S. Ash (2<sup>nd</sup> year)
- Jessica N. Ferrell (1/2) (3<sup>rd</sup> year)

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Long Drain School:

Meghan M. Casto (3<sup>rd</sup> year)  
Jessica N. Ferrell (1/2) (3<sup>rd</sup> year)  
Stephanie M. Long (2<sup>nd</sup> year)

Magnolia High School:

Leslie A. Day (2<sup>nd</sup> year)  
Donald R. Gilbert, Jr. (2<sup>nd</sup> year)  
Michael Harwick (2<sup>nd</sup> year)  
Hannah M. Jones (2<sup>nd</sup> year)  
Dillon J. Mangino (2<sup>nd</sup> year)  
Penny L. Nichols (2<sup>nd</sup> year)  
Jenna D. Rosnick (1/3) (2<sup>nd</sup> year)

New Martinsville School:

Christopher J. Amedro (3<sup>rd</sup> year)  
Cali A. Binegar (1/2) (3<sup>rd</sup> year)  
Kayla J. Brill (2<sup>nd</sup> year)  
Shauna K. Heil (2<sup>nd</sup> year)  
Brittany D. Jackson (3<sup>rd</sup> year)  
Elizabeth J. Kaczor 1/2 (3<sup>rd</sup> year)  
Brittany M. Loy (2<sup>nd</sup> year)  
Valerie A. Stevens (2<sup>nd</sup> year)  
Crystal M. Sutton (3<sup>rd</sup> year)  
Teresa A. Zink (2<sup>nd</sup> year)

SERVICE PERSONNEL:

Aides:

Countywide:

Eva A. Rogalski (2<sup>nd</sup> year) 200 days  
Nathan K. West (3<sup>rd</sup> year) 200 days

WCCCF:

Amy J. Wade (2<sup>nd</sup> year) 200 days  
Kelle J. Wetzel (3<sup>rd</sup> year) 200 days

Bus Operators:

Heith M. Howell (2<sup>nd</sup> year) 200 days  
Jeremy S. Huggins (3<sup>rd</sup> year) 200 days  
Djuana G. Kennedy (2<sup>nd</sup> year) 200 days  
Andrew R. Tefft (3<sup>rd</sup> year) 200 days  
Ralph H. Thomas (3<sup>rd</sup> year) 200 days

Cooks:

Long Drain School

Theresa A. Jones (2<sup>nd</sup> year) 200 days

New Martinsville School

Karen L. Pegg (3<sup>rd</sup> year) 200 days

Paden City Elementary

Penny L. Tracy (2<sup>nd</sup> year) 200 days

Paden City Elementary:

Katie B. Barker (2<sup>nd</sup> year)

Paden City High School:

Cali A. Binegar (1/2) (3<sup>rd</sup> year)  
Sarah E. Carlisle (2<sup>nd</sup> year)  
Jenna D. Rosnick (1/3) (2<sup>nd</sup> year)  
Lisa A. Shepherd (1/2) (2<sup>nd</sup> year)  
Nathan R. Tallman (3<sup>rd</sup> year)

Short Line School:

Lindsey M. Blake (2<sup>nd</sup> year)  
Emily N. Ward Reed (3<sup>rd</sup> year)

Valley High School:

Ashley R. Bunner (1/2 time) (2<sup>nd</sup> year)  
Adrianne O. Burkhart (1/2 time) (2<sup>nd</sup> year)  
Matthew A. Carson, (2<sup>nd</sup> year)  
Michael J. Herrick (2<sup>nd</sup> year)  
Jenna D. Rosnick (1/3) (2<sup>nd</sup> year)  
Chad W. West (2<sup>nd</sup> year)

Short Line School

Shelly E. Coen (3<sup>rd</sup> year) 200 days

Custodians:

Magnolia High School:

John R. Cain (3<sup>rd</sup> year) 228 days  
David L. Miller (2<sup>nd</sup> year) 228 days

New Martinsville School:

Harold Allen Trader (3<sup>rd</sup> year) 261 days

Paden City Elementary:

Justin F. Herrick (2<sup>nd</sup> year) (1/2) 228 days

Short Line School:

William L. Gainer (3<sup>rd</sup> year) 228 days  
Justin F. Herrick (2<sup>nd</sup> year) (1/2) 228 days

Secretaries:

Hundred High School:

Farrah N. Cottrill (3<sup>rd</sup> year) 220 days

Magnolia High School:

Teena L. Bates (3<sup>rd</sup> year) 220 days  
Denise N. Neff (2<sup>nd</sup> year) 220 days

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MECHANICS:

Supervisor of Transportation/Chief Mechanic  
Johnny L. Haught (2nd year) 261 days

Re-employment of Teachers for the 2014-2015 School Year on the basis of a Permit or Out-Of-Field Authorization (All pending receipt of the appropriate State Certification):

Countywide:  
David C. Riggle (3rd year) ESL

Hundred High School:  
Crystal C. Allen (2nd year) Chemistry/Mathematics  
Ashley R. Bunner (1/2 time) (2nd year) Multi. Cat. W/autism

Magnolia High School:  
Mark K. Batton (continuing contract) Principal  
Holly M. Cain (continuing contract) Mathematics 10-12  
Courtney D. Myers (continuing contract) Spanish  
Joshua G. Sims (2nd year) Multi. Cat. w/Autism

New Martinsville School:  
Amy R. Cisar (3rd year) Multi-Cat. w/Autism  
Adam N. Lemon (continuing contract) Multi. Cat. w/Autism

Paden City Elementary School:  
Kandi L. Loy-Kay (continuing contract) Multi-Cat. w/Autism  
Denise M. Minger (2nd year) Pre-School Special Needs

Short Line School:  
Brenita K. Holberton (continuing contract) Autism  
Brittany T. McGinnis (continuing contract) Multi. Cat. w/Autism  
Diana J. Wheeler (2nd year) Multi. Cat. w/Autism

Valley High School:  
Aaron M. Allen (2nd year) Biology  
Lance L. Binegar (continuing contract) Multi. Cat. w/autism

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

Mrs. Kirk 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 with a 4 to 0 vote.

Routine Matters:

Request to Attend Wetzel County Schools:

Approval of request from Johnny Myers for his son, Levi Myers, to continue attending Wetzel County Schools (Valley High School) for the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year, pending release from Marion County Schools.

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Approval of request from Bridget Williams for her children, Ricki Williams, Jesse Efaw, Adam Efaw, and Randi Efaw, to continue attending Wetzel County Schools (WCCCF, New Martinsville School, and Magnolia High School) for the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year and the 2014-2015 school year, pending release from Marshall County Schools.

**Request to Use School Facilities:**

Approval of request from Carol S. Haught, Clerk of the Wetzel County Commission, to use the following facilities for the Primary Election on May 13, 2014 and the General Election on November 4, 2014:

- Hundred High School
- Short Line School
- Valley High School
- Paden City Elementary School
- WCCCF
- Board of Education Office
- New Martinsville School

**Request to Name the Multi-Purpose Building and Fine Arts Wing at Paden City High School:**

Approval of request from the Paden City Alumni Association and the Paden City Foundation to name the Multi-Purpose Building as the “Jesse Brown Memorial Hall”, and to name the Fine Arts Wing as the “Ross ‘Ed’ Hood Fine Arts Wing” at Paden City High School. (As presented at the February 17, 2014 Board Meeting.)

**Out of State Trips:**

Approval of request from Emily Reed, 7/8 Science Teacher, to take the 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Short Line Students on their field trip to the Carnegie Science Center and Pittsburgh Zoo on June 5, 2014. Funded through student fundraisers and fees.

Approval of request from Marla LaRue, Chris Wilson, Stephanie Long, and Janet Tennant, to take the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes from Long Drain School to the Carnegie Science Center in Pittsburgh, PA on Monday, June 2, 2014. Funded through student fees.

**Right of Way and Easement:**

Approval of Right-of-Way and Easement between Dallison Lumber Inc. and the Wetzel County Board of Education to grant the Board of Education the ability to construct improvements necessary to prevent drainage into the football stadium or onto the football field for Valley High School.

**Approval of the following Chaperones/Volunteers for the 2013-2014 School Year:**

**Valley High School**

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|--------------------|----------------|
| Robbie Gilbert     | Eric Dougherty |
| Jeff Stine         | Mike Owens     |
| Annette Nice       | Rex Rush       |
| John Stevens       | Billy Midcap   |
| Mary Bordenkircher | Frank Slider   |
| Mike Koontz        | Bill Furgeson  |
| Roger Spragg       | Bubba Holtz    |

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**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:**

**Transfers and Increases in the Budget:**

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

**ACCEPTANCE OF AUDIT REPORT:**

**Acknowledge receipt of the final written Audit Report for the fiscal ended June 30, 2013, and declare the contents available for inspection by all offices and by the public:**

Mr. Lancaster reported that the audit was very thorough and went very well this year, and stated that, once again, there were no audit findings. He said, “I would like to thank the staff that we have that deals with the financial issues in the school system. It is a tremendous staff.”

Mrs. Gatian made the motion to acknowledge receipt of the final written Audit Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2013, and declare the contents available for inspection by all offices and by the public. Second to the motion was made by Mr. Aberegg and the motion was unanimously approved by the members of the Board.

**OTHER ITEMS:**

Mr. Albright requested a Board representative volunteer to serve on the committee for the selection of the March Employee of the Month. Mrs. Gatian agreed.

Mr. Albright informed the Board that the roof problem at the Valley High School gym has been corrected. The reports all came back fine and the gym was able to be occupied as of today. He said all other gyms have also been looked at, and preliminary reports are all fine.

The Board discussed the upcoming Budget Work Session, which was rescheduled for April 14, 2014 during the last Board meeting. After brief discussion, the Board agreed to move the Budget Work Session back to April 15, 2014, immediately following the Continuation of the March 17<sup>th</sup> Statutory Session, which will begin at 6:00 p.m.

Debbie Novotny, Special Education Director, announced that April is Autism Awareness Month. She stated that all schools are planning various activities this month to shine a light on autism, and that tomorrow, April 8<sup>th</sup>, all schools are planning to wear blue apparel for “Light It Up Blue”, in support of the students and parents dealing with autism. Mrs. Novotny also presented the Board with a handout entitled, Eight Reasons I’m Asking You to Light It Up Blue in April, which was written by a parent.

Mr. Patterson asked for an update on the freezer floor being fixed at New Martinsville School. He expressed his concern that it is dangerous and that someone might get hurt. Mr. Jones stated that the company was contacted the day following the previous Board meeting. Mrs. McPherson added that the company’s solution is to rebuild the threshold and put an anchor to secure the floor. Mr. Albright asked Mr. Jones and Mrs. McPherson to follow-up tomorrow to see where the company is on getting it fixed.

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Mrs. Gatian stated she was approached by two boosters regarding the Booster Building in Paden City. She said they were told that the Board was not going any further with it. She asked the Superintendent where we were on it. Mr. Albright informed the Board that he had a follow-up meeting with Matt Ferree and he told Mr. Ferree that the Board feels that when the building was first built, it was the understanding that it would be free use for the board. He said Mr. Ferree was to meet with his board and get back in touch with him. Mrs. Gatian said she was informed by the two boosters that if the Board of Education does not pay, they will not allow the school to use the building. After much discussion, the Board asked Mr. Albright to invite the boosters to the next board meeting to discuss and solve the issue.

Mr. Blair informed the Board that the Student Expulsion Hearing for Student/Case (A) has been granted a continuance due to the attorney not being able to attend. The hearing will be held April 21, 2014 during the next Regular Board Meeting.

**STUDENT EXPULSION HEARING:**

~~A closed hearing will be 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)~~

**POSSIBLE EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

~~Per WV Code §6-9A-4(3), to decide upon disciplining, suspension, or expulsion of any student in any public school...~~

Motion\_\_\_\_\_Second\_\_\_\_\_Action\_\_\_\_\_  
Time Out\_\_\_\_\_Back\_\_\_\_\_

**ACTION AS DEEMED APPROPRIATE CONCERNING STUDENT EXPULSIONS:**

~~Mr. Dennis Albright, Superintendent, recommends 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\_\_\_\_\_Second\_\_\_\_\_Action\_\_\_\_\_  
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**PRESENTATION OF CHARGES:**

**Possible Executive Session:**

Mr. Blair moved and Mr. Ageregg 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.....discipline of an employee. The Board retired in Executive Session at 7:00 p.m. Following the Executive Session, the Board reconvened in Open Session at 7:41 p.m., with the following action:



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Mr. Patterson recused his vote for Suspension of Board Employee.

Suspension of Board Employee:

Mr. Dennis Albright, Superintendent, made the recommendation for approval of a ten day unpaid suspension of employee contract for violation of Employee Code of Conduct. (WV Code §18A-2-7)

Mr. Aberegg made the motion to uphold the Superintendent's recommendation for a ten day unpaid suspension of Molly A. Harris' contract for violation of Employee Code of Conduct. (WV Code §18A-2-7) Second to the motion was made by Mrs. Kirk and the motion was approved with a 4 to 0 vote.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING:

April 14, 2014 - Special/Budget Work Session - County Office - 6:00 p.m.  
April 15, 2014 - Special/Budget Work Session/Continuation of March 17 Statutory Session  
- County Office - 6:00 p.m.  
April 21, 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 7:42 p.m.

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President  
  
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Secretary