

Date May 15, 2017

REGULAR	Superintendent's Office	Warren L. Grace, Jr., President
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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, May 15, 2017, 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. Mrs. Cooley led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and Mr. Blair gave the opening Invocation.

DELEGATIONS:

On behalf of the Wetzel County Education Association, Mr. Elliott Kendle thanked the Board and Mr. Toman for working with the students and the professional and service personnel to make positive changes in the climate, culture, and working relationships in the schools. He also announced that the WCEA recently received the Mary Titus / Janet Zevnik Award for Professional Courage at the recent WVEA Delegate Assembly. Mr. Kendle said they were also recognized for Membership Growth and Recruitment in both professional and ESP members. He announced the officers for 2017-2018: Jeff Hiestand and Elliott Kendle, Co-Presidents; Donald Taylor, Vice-President; Valerie Slider, Secretary; and Tara Byard, Treasurer.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED WETZEL COUNTY SCHOOLS' BUDGET FOR THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR:

No comments or questions were raised.

ADOPTION OF WETZEL COUNTY SCHOOLS' BUDGET FOR THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR:

Superintendent recommends adoption of Wetzel County Schools' Budget, as proposed, for the 2017-2018 school year.

With no objections being heard regarding the proposed Wetzel County Schools' Budget for the 2017-2018 school year, Mr. Balcerek, on recommendation by the Superintendent, moved for adoption of the proposed Wetzel County Schools' Budget for the 2017-2018 school year. Second to the motion was made by Mr. Jones and the motion passed unanimously for submission of the budget to the appropriate state agency.

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RECOGNITION:

2017 West Virginia State Math Field Day Winner

Josh Rice, 9th grade, Magnolia High School 4th Place

2017 Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) State Conference Winner

Molly Witschey, 11th grade, Magnolia High School 1st Place

Mr. Grace introduced and recognized Josh Rice, 4th place winner at the 2017 West Virginia State Math Field Day Contest, and Molly Witschey, 1st Place winner in the Job Interview Event at the 2017 FBLA State Conference. He presented both students with a certificate of achievement and congratulated them on their accomplishments.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS:

Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting – May 1, 2017

Acting on the Superintendent's recommendation, Mr. Jones made the motion to approve the minutes for Regular Meeting, May 1, 2017. Second to the motion was made by Mr. Balcerek and the motion was approved unanimously by the members of the Board.

*****Mr. Grace instructed the Board to strike two items on page 4 of the agenda: Brooke Hinerman under Short Line School's permit teacher; and Joseph Melott under Countywide Summer College Worker.*

****Mr. Jones recused his vote for Personnel Matters and left the Board Room.

Personnel Matters:

Retirements:

Barbara Slider Acceptance of retirement from position as Fifth Grade Teacher at Paden City Elementary School, effective the end of the 2016-2017 school year.

Resignations:

Michaela L. Goddard Acceptance of resignation from position as SAT Coordinator at Long Drain School, effective the end of the 2016-2017 school year.

Beverly D. Hall Acceptance of resignation from positions as Social Studies Teacher at Long Drain School, and Head Cheerleading Coach at Hundred High School, effective June 6, 2017.

Craig A. Schneid Acceptance of resignation from position as Head Golf Coach at Paden City High School, effective immediately.

Professional Personnel:

Mary R. Baker Approval for change in assignment from half-time English Teacher at Magnolia High School and half-time English Teacher at Paden City High School, which was to begin the 2017-2018 school year, to full-time English Teacher at Magnolia High School, effective the beginning of the 2017-2018 school year.

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Laura A. Barcus	Approval for change in assignment from Fifth Grade Teacher at New Martinsville School to Fourth Grade Teacher at New Martinsville School, effective August 17, 2017.	
Sarah B. Hortert	Approval for employment as Countywide Hard of Hearing/ Deaf Education Teacher, effective August 17, 2017.	
Lindsay R. Rustemeyer	Approval for change in assignment from the RIF/Preferred Recall List to First Grade Teacher at Paden City Elementary School, effective August 17, 2017.	
Ashley M. Smith	Approval for change in assignment from Pre-K Teacher at New Martinsville School to Countywide Pre-K Special Needs Teacher, based at New Martinsville School, effective August 17, 2017.	
Ashley B. White	Approval for change in assignment from the RIF/Preferred Recall List to Sixth Grade Teacher at New Martinsville School, effective August 17, 2017.	

Service Personnel:

Sara L. Eller	Approval for change in assignment from the RIF/Preferred Recall List to Supervisory Teacher Aide/Sign Specialist (one-on-one) at Hundred High School, 518/F, effective August 17, 2017.
Denise L. Poling	Approval for change in assignment from the 2017-2018 transfer list to ECAT, Pre-K, at Short Line School, 507/F, effective August 17, 2017.

Extracurricular:

William S. Dakan	Approval for employment as Summer Bus Operator at Long Drain School, effective June 19, 2017.
Robert A. Gomez	Approval for employment as Summer School Tutor at Magnolia/Paden City High School, effective July 5, 2017.
Sandra J. Hurst	Approval for employment as Summer Bus Operator at New Martinsville/Paden City, effective June 19, 2017.
Djuana G. Kennedy	Approval for employment as Summer Bus Operator at New Martinsville/Paden City, effective June 19, 2017.
Marie T. Norris	Approval for employment as Summer Bus Operator at Short Line School, effective June 19, 2017.
Jason T. West	Approval for employment as Countywide Summer Bus Operator, effective July 5, 2017.

Re-employment of Probationary Professional Personnel for the 2017-2018 School Year:

PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL:
Countywide:

James H. Melott, Jr. (3rd year)

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Re-employment of Teachers for the 2017-2018 School Year on the basis of a Permit or Out-Of-Field Authorization (All pending receipt of the appropriate State Certification):

Countywide

Tiffany R. Heinzman (2nd year) Nurse
Mary B. Null (continuing contract) Nurse

Long Drain School

Brenda E. Glasscock (2nd year) Multi-Cat/Autism

Hundred High School

Crystal C. Allen (continuing contract) Chemistry & Mathematics
Hannah D. Evans (3rd year) Spanish
Kasey L. Sapp (continuing contract) Multi-Cat./Autism

Magnolia High School/Paden City High School

Daniel M. Henthorn (continuing contract) Drama/English

New Martinsville School

Christina L. Stapel (3rd year) Autism

Short Line School

Michael J. Herrick (continuing contract) Autism
~~Brooke Hinerman (3rd year) Art~~
Brittany T. McGinnis (continuing contract) Multi-Cat./Autism

Valley High School

Nicole H. Emch (3rd year) School Counselor
Logan A. Miller (continuing contract) Multi-Cat./Autism

Employment as Countywide Summer College Worker:

(Pending WV State Police Background check)

Brandon Fluharty	Joseph Ledergerber
Brandon Mason	Joseph Melott
Craig Allen	Kelsi Chapman
Davianne Croasmun	Logan Cosper
Derrick Blain	Mitchell Winters
Devon Price	Rachel Baker
Garrett Price	Sam Brookover
Hannah Fluharty	Taylor Cosper
Jeremiah Lancaster	Thomas Ledergerber
Jordan Keller	Thomas Pegg

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

Mr. Balcerek 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:

Release from Wetzel County Schools:

Approval of request from Davette Petrucci for her child, Ronda Michele Petrucci, to be released from Wetzel County Schools (Hundred High School) to continue attending Monongalia County Schools for the 2017-2018 school year.

Approval of request from Ashley Blatt for her children, Brendyn and Jaxon Blatt, to be released from Wetzel County Schools (Paden City Elementary School) to continue attending Tyler County Schools for the 2017-2018 school year.

Approval of request from Staci Buchanan for her children, Colby and Landry Buchanan, to be released from Wetzel County Schools to continue attending Tyler County Schools for the 2017-2018 school year.

Approval of request from Ashley Moore for her children, Cole and Luke Moore, to be released from Wetzel County Schools to continue attending Tyler County Schools for the 2017-2018 school year.

Request to Attend Wetzel County Schools:

Approval of request from Anthony and Marissa Bland for their children, Jonathon, Alena, and Haidyn Bland, to continue attending Wetzel County Schools (New Martinsville School) for the 2017-2018 school year, pending release from Tyler County Schools.

STEP-7 Plan for the 2016-2017 School Year:

Approval for description of Educational Needs Plan for the Improvement of Instruction Program (STEP-7) for the 2017-2018 school year.

Student Accident Insurance Plan:

Approval to continue to use Young Group, Inc. as Wetzel County Schools' student accident insurance plan (voluntary participation) for the 2017-2018 school year.

Out of State Trips:

Approval of request from Donald Taylor and JC Kimble to take the Valley High School Band members on a trip to Sandusky, OH to perform at Cedar Point on June 5-6, 2017. Funded through the Valley High School Band Boosters.

Approval of request from Donald Taylor and Linda Haught to take the Short Line School Band on a trip for an educational tour of Pittsburgh, PA, presented by the Just Ducky Tour company, along with a visit to the Trampoline Park on May 23, 2017. Funded through student fundraisers and donations.

Paden City High School Classroom Renovations:

Approval for the classroom renovations project at Paden City High School as follows:

COMPANY	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Lombardi Development Co., Inc. 649 Virginia Avenue Follansbee, WV 26037	Classroom renovations at Paden City High School	\$294,500.00

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Mr. Jones made the motion for approval of the Superintendent’s recommendations as outlined under Routine Matters. Second to the motion was made by Mr. Balcerek and the motion was approved unanimously by the members of the Board.

TREASURER’S REPORT:

Approval for Payment of Bills for the Month of April, 2017 (invoices approved at this meeting are available for review at the Wetzel County Schools’ Financial Office); and Transfers and Increases in the Budget:

Mr. Jones made the motion for approval for Payment of Bills for the Month of April, 2017. Second to the motion was made by Mr. Balcerek and the motion was approved unanimously by the members of the Board. There were no Transfers and Increases in the Budget.

FIRST/SECOND READING OF REVISED WETZEL COUNTY POLICY:

FIRST READING	SECOND READING	NEW POLICY	REVISED POLICY	DELETE POLICY	NAME OF POLICY	ORIGINATOR
	X		X		GCBA-R: Central Office Professional Staff Salary Supplement	Shane Highley
	X		X		GCBA-A-R: Principals’ Monthly Salary Increment	Shane Highley
X			X		JECB: Nonresident Students	Shane Highley

Approval of Second Reading of Revised Wetzel County Policy GCBA-R, Central Office Professional Staff Salary Supplement, Second Reading of Revised Wetzel County Policy GCBA-A-R, Principals’ Monthly Salary Increment, and First Reading of Revised Wetzel County Policy JECB, Nonresident Students:

Mr. Balcerek made the motion for approval of Second Reading of Wetzel County Policy GCBA-R, Second Reading of Wetzel County Policy GCBA-A-R, and First Reading of Wetzel County Policy JECB. Second to the motion was made by Mrs. Cooley and the motion was approved unanimously by the members of the Board.

OTHER ITEMS:

Mrs. Wells provided an update on the Sources of Strength training, which began today with 64 staff members and 1 preacher in attendance. She said they provided a combination of information, group discussion, and activity games, all targeting student mental health. Students will be able to identify adult mentors, and adult mentors will be able to understand the importance of providing proper support to students. Mrs. Wells said the goal of the program is to help students with unhealthy habits, such as drug addiction and suicide prevention. She received positive feedback from today’s participants. Mr. Blair asked for the schedule of the training. Mr. Toman said students from out in the county are coming tomorrow, and the riverfront schools will attend Wednesday. He also said additional school-level activities may be planned before school is out. Mr. Blair said that he is in full support of the program and the benefit to the students, but prefers it not held in May during testing, which pulls teachers and students out of class. Mr. Toman said he took responsibility for the timing, stating they talked about it since July, and felt it was important to kick it off this year in order to be ready for next year. Mr. Toman invited the Board members to attend one of the sessions if possible. He also thanked Mrs. Wells and Mrs. Standiford for their support of the program.

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Mr. Toman announced the free SafeTALK training workshop, which will be held this Thursday from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m., and possibly 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. if enough people register. It is a 3-hour training program on suicide prevention.

Mr. Jones stressed the need for the school system to bridge the gap and attack the opioid epidemic that is attacking our county. He added, “whatever we are doing is not enough”.

Mr. Jones announced that the FFA teams from Hundred High School and Valley High School recently went to the National Land Judging Competition in Oklahoma City. He proudly stated that Hundred finished 2nd and Valley placed 5th in this national competition. Mr. Grace suggested we recognize these students at our next Board meeting.

POSSIBLE EXECUTIVE SESSION:
An Executive Session was not needed.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING:

June 5, 2017 – Retirees Reception 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. Grace made the motion to adjourn this Regular Meeting. Mr. Jones seconded the motion for unanimous approval to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

President

Secretary