

Date May 18, 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, May 18, 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. Mrs. Kirk led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and Mrs. Gatian gave the opening Invocation.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED WETZEL COUNTY SCHOOLS' BUDGET FOR THE 2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR:

No comments or questions were raised.

ADOPTION OF WETZEL COUNTY SCHOOLS' BUDGET FOR THE 2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR:

Interim Superintendent recommends adoption of Wetzel County Schools' Budget, as proposed, for the 2015-2016 school year.

With no objections being heard regarding the proposed Wetzel County Schools' Budget for the 2015-2016 school year, Mr. Patterson, on recommendation by the Interim Superintendent, moved for adoption of the proposed Wetzel County Schools' Budget for the 2015-2016 school year. Second to the motion was made by Mr. Balcerek and the motion passed unanimously for submission of the budget to the appropriate state agency.

DISCUSSION/INTERVIEW OF POSITION OF SUPERINTENDENT:

Mr. Blair stated the discussion and interview for position of Superintendent would be conducted in closed session, and asked for the board room to be cleared. The Board met in closed session with Mr. Robert Jay Yeager, Assistant Superintendent and current Interim Superintendent of Wetzel County Schools.

POSSIBLE EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mr. Blair moved and Mr. Balcerek 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 7:13 p.m. Following the Executive Session, the Board reconvened in open session at 7:45 p.m., with no action needed, none taken.

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INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATIONS:

Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting - May 4, 2015
 Special Meeting - May 11, 2015

Acting on the Interim Superintendent’s recommendation, Mrs. Kirk made the motion to approve the minutes for Regular Meeting, May 4, 2015, and Special Meeting, May 11, 2015. Second to the motion was made by Mrs. Gatian and the motion was approved unanimously by the members of the Board.

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

Mr. Blair informed the Board to strike Drew A. Schmalz from page 3 of the Agenda under “Employment as Countywide Summer College Worker”.

Personnel Matters:

Employment and/or Changes in Employment:

Retirements and/or Resignations:

Resignations:

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| Elizabeth A. Dippold | Acceptance of resignation from position as Volleyball Coach at Short Line School, effective May 8, 2015. |
| Nikki L. Doty | Acceptance of resignation from position as Head Girls Soccer Coach at Magnolia High School, effective immediately. |
| Jennifer L. Eller | Acceptance of resignation from position as Head Cheerleading Coach at Magnolia High School, effective May 5, 2015. |
| Bryan L. Ensinger | Acceptance of resignation from position as Boys’ and Girls’ Cross Country Coach at Magnolia High School, effective April 27, 2015. |
| Joseph E. Kindziera | Acceptance of resignation from position as Countywide Substitute Bus Operator, effective April 30, 2015. |
| Jessica N. Stine | Acceptance of resignation from position as Principal at Valley High School, effective the end of the 2014-2015 school year. |

Professional Personnel:

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| Jeremy B. Kelch | Approval for change in assignment from Countywide Substitute Teacher (non-certified) to MI/LD/BD with Autism Teacher at Valley High School, effective May 19, 2015. |
| Rebecca E. Patterson | Approval for employment as Countywide Substitute Teacher, effective May 19, 2015. Non-certified. |

Extracurricular:

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| Gregory S. Hostutler | Approval for employment as Head Football Coach at Hundred High School, effective the beginning of the 2015-2016 WVSSAC Season. Non-certified. |
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- Kimberly J. Huffman Approval for contracted services position as Summer School Tutor at Magnolia High School and Paden City High School, effective July 1, 2015.
- Stevie R. Young Approval for employment as Countywide Summer Handyman, effective June 10, 2015.

Reconfiguration for the 2015-2016 School Year:

- Elizabeth A. Dippold Upon the recommendation of the Principal in accordance with West Virginia Code §18A-4-7a(u), approval for change in assignment from Half-time Art Teacher at Valley High School to Full-time Art Teacher at Valley High School, effective August 11, 2015.

Employment as Countywide Summer College Worker:
(pending WV State Police Background check):

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| Craig W. Allen | Megan E. Pierce |
| Brandon H. Armstrong | Drew A. Schmalz (withdrew) |
| Courtland J. Armstrong | Aaron A. Schneid |
| Graeson Baker | Anna M. Shank |
| Logan S. Cosper | Colby D. Sidenstricker |
| Mallory N. Estel | Andrew D. Smith |
| Cheyne E. Gill | Eric Smith |
| Jared W. Hinkle | Stephen M. White |
| Joseph C. Melott | |

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

Mr. Balcerek made the motion for approval of the Interim Superintendent's recommendations as outlined under Personnel Matters. 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 Routine Matters.

Routine Matters:

Out of State Trips:

- Approval of request from Tara Beatty, TSA Advisor, to take TSA students from Short Line School and Valley High School to compete at the TSA National Competition in Dallas, TX on June 28 through July 2, 2015. Funded through fundraisers, donations, and attendee contributions.
- Approval of request from Jay Salva, Principal, to take the 7th and 8th grade students from Paden City High School to the Pittsburgh Pirates game in Pittsburgh, PA on May 27, 2015, as part of the PBIS program. Funded through the school's strategic plan.
- Approval of request from Bruce Ensinger and Michael Sutton, teachers, to take the New Martinsville School 7-8 band and choir students to Kennywood Park in Pittsburgh, PA on May 30, 2015. Funded through student fees.

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Approval of request from Kathi Schmalz, Principal, for Keith Riggle, teacher, to attend the ASCD Conference (Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development) in Nashville, TN on June 25-28, 2015. Funded through Professional Development funds.

Approval of request from Velisha Shepherd to take the eighth 8th grade students from Short Line School on a field trip to Washington, D.C. May 27-29, 2015. Funded through student fundraisers.

Request to Transport:

Approval of the request from the principal for a student at Paden City High School to drive to WVNCC, New Martinsville Campus, during the 2015-2016 school year, in accordance with Wetzel County Policy JHFD.

Request to Attend Wetzel County Schools:

Approval of request from Kendra Lydick for her child, Levi Lydick, to continue attending Wetzel County Schools (Paden City Elementary) for the 2015-2016 school year.

Approval of request from Jill Householder for her children, Madelyn and Kaitlyn Householder, to continue attending Wetzel County Schools (Paden City Elementary) for the 2015-2016 school year, pending release from Tyler County Schools.

Release from Wetzel County Schools:

Approval of request from Ashley Blatt for her child, Brendyn A. Blatt, to be released from Wetzel County Schools (Paden City Elementary) to attend Tyler County Schools for the 2015-2016 school year.

Articles of Agreement:

Approval of Higher Education Agreement which outlines the responsibilities of West Liberty University and those of the Wetzel County School System in regards to the placement and supervision of West Liberty University Pre-service and Student Teachers, effective May 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

Surplus Property:

Approval to declare the following buses surplus property and sold by sealed bid: [vehicles are to be sold as is]

- (1) Bus 4, 1997, 77 passenger
- (2) Bus 36, 2006, 35 passenger
- (3) Bus 38, 1998, 65 passenger
- (4) Bus 42, 2002, 47 passenger
- (5) Bus 43, 2002, 59 passenger
- (6) Bus 45, 2003, 65 passenger

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

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

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TREASURER’S REPORT:

Approval for Payment of Bills for the Month of April, 2015 (invoices approved at this meeting are available for review at the Wetzel County Schools’ Financial Office); and Transfers and Increases in the Budget:

Mrs. Gatian made the motion for approval for Payment of Bills for the Month of April, 2015. Second to the motion was made by Mrs. Kirk 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 NEW/REVISED WETZEL COUNTY POLICY(S):

FIRST READING	SECOND READING	NEW POLICY	REVISED POLICY	DELETE POLICY	NAME OF POLICY	ORIGINATOR
X			X		EFCAA: WELLNESS POLICY	Amanda McPherson

Approval on First Reading of Wetzel County Policy EFCAA, Wellness Policy:

Mrs. Kirk made the motion for approval of First Reading of Wetzel County Policy EFCAA, Wellness Policy. Second to the motion was made by Mr. Balcerek and the motion was approved unanimously by the members of the Board.

OTHER ITEMS:

Mr. Yeager informed the Board that all four high schools have made arrangements to have V.I.P. parking available for all the Board members for the graduation ceremonies.

Mr. Yeager stated he would like to move the Retirees Reception from the June 1st Board meeting to the June 15th meeting, due to the possibility of additional retirees at the end of the school year.

Mr. Yeager asked for a Special meeting on June 8, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. for an employee hearing. The Board was in agreement.

Mr. Blair scheduled a Special meeting for May 28, 2015, beginning at 6:00 p.m., to interview two candidates for the position of Superintendent.

POSSIBLE EXECUTIVE SESSION:
An Executive Session was not needed.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING:

May 28, 2015 - Special Meeting - County Office - 6:00 p.m.
June 1, 2015 - Regular Meeting - County Office - 6:30 p.m.
June 8, 2015 - Special Meeting - County Office - 6:00 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 7:57 p.m.

President

Interim Secretary