

Date May 19, 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, May 19, 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. Mrs. Gatian led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and Mr. Patterson gave the opening Invocation.

ADDRESS THE BOARD:

Ethan Umstead, senior at Hundred High School, spoke to the Board and presented them with copies of the current policy for the selection of high school Valedictorians and Salutatorians. He expressed his concerns with students enrolling in a Wetzel County School at a later time in their senior year and taking Valedictorian and/or Salutatorian spots. He proposed putting a time frame where students would have to attend in order to be considered a Valedictorian, Salutatorian, or a high-honor student. Mr. Blair informed Mr. Umstead that the Board has contracted services with a company to update the current policies, and also stated this policy has been looked at on multiple occasions. He thanked Mr. Umstead for coming and informed him the policy would be reviewed.

Susann Jenewein and Sonja Stansberry, members of the Women of the Moose Chapter 2165, presented Mr. Albright and Mrs. Amanda McPherson a donation to the Wetzel County Schools' Summer Food Program. Ms. Jenewein stated their Chapter has made a commitment in helping and serving students in their community. On behalf of the Board, Mr. Blair thanked Ms. Jenewein and Ms. Stansberry, and the Women of the Moose for their generosity.

RECOGNITION:

2014 West Virginia TSA Conference Winners - Magnolia High School

Alex Anderson \*Bri Ritz \*Shelby Sands  
\*Austin Stackpole \*Logan Massey \*Anna Shank  
\*River Riggensbach \*Stephen White Justin Wright  
\*Tanner McAdams Cole Seckman \*Logan Watson  
\*Devann Fox \*Amanda Mayo

Nikki Doty and Mark Lemasters, TSA advisor and co-advisor, introduced Magnolia's 2014 West Virginia TSA State Conference Winners. Ms. Doty recognized each of the students' accomplishments, while Mr. Lemasters presented each of them with a Governor's Certificate. [only those marked with asterisks were present]

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2014 West Virginia TSA Conference Winners - Valley High School

*Amy Mason	*Trey Smith	Rachel Haught
Isaac Work	*Tyler Williams	*Benjamin Tajwall
*Jacob Ueltschy	Vince Greeley	*Colton Ring
*Carl Chapple	*Cassie Work	*Hayden Lancaster
*Kinsey Utt	*Jacob Greeley	Heather Cain

Josh Weekley, TSA advisor, and Donald Taylor, TSA co-advisor, introduced Valley's 2014 West Virginia TSA State Conference Winners. Mr. Weekley recognized each of the students' accomplishments, while Mr. Taylor presented each of them with a Governor's Certificate. [only those marked with asterisks were present]

Mr. Blair thanked the advisors and congratulated all the students on their accomplishments.

PRESENTATION:

Technology - Bob Shaver, Adam Beatty

Bob Shaver, Technology Integration Specialist, provided the Board with a power point presentation with an update on the E-rate phase two of the cabling and switches program. The E-rate is the FCC program that puts back money into schools to connect them to the internet. Mr. Shaver discussed the IT infrastructure, stating that commercial quality wireless and fiber optic connections are in all schools. The power point provided pictures of before and after pictures of each schools' cabling connections and switches. Mr. Shaver said that the servers have been virtualized and the next step is to virtualize the desktops. On behalf of the Board, Mr. Blair thanked Mr. Shaver for the update. He asked that he and Mr. Beatty watch for grants or programs that furnish students with IPADs and/or tablets. Mr. Jay Yeager also noted that educators that come to Wetzel County from other counties and states are impressed with our technology we have in our schools.

Adam Beatty, Technology Systems Specialist, continued with the technology update and the successful technology implementation. He noted the benefits of having the server centralized in one location at the WCCCF, as opposed to each school having their own. He stated that there are over 1800 connections in our county, wireless and hardwired, and with having the centralized server they are able to address and take care of issues from one location. Mrs. Wells added that she does a daily webinar with the State Department during WESTEST administration, and noted that Wetzel County has had one of the easiest administration of WESTEST in the state due to Mr. Shaver, Mr. Beatty, and the technology coordinators in the schools being on top of getting our schools and infrastructure ready for this. Mr. Lancaster also thanked the members of the Board for their commitment in getting the switches and cabling project done for the county. Mr. Yeager thanked Mr. Shaver and Mr. Beatty for doing an excellent job with our technology.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED WETZEL COUNTY SCHOOLS' BUDGET FOR THE 2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR:

No comments or questions were raised.

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**ADOPTION OF WETZEL COUNTY SCHOOLS' BUDGET FOR THE 2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR:**

**Superintendent recommends adoption of Wetzel County Schools' Budget, as proposed, for the 2014-2015 school year.**

No objections being heard regarding the proposed Wetzel County Schools' Budget for the 2014-2015 school year, Mr. Patterson, on recommendation by the Superintendent, moved for adoption of the proposed Wetzel County Schools' Budget for the 2014-2015 school year. Second to the motion was made by Mrs. Kirk and the motion passed unanimously for submission of the budget to the appropriate state agency.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**Approval of Minutes:** Regular Meeting - May 5, 2014

Acting on the Superintendent's recommendation, Mr. Aberegg made the motion to approve the minutes for Regular Meeting, May 5, 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:**

**Retirements and/or Resignations:**

**Retirements:**

Shelia A. Aberegg Acceptance of retirement from position as Half-time Music Education Teacher at Paden City Elementary School, effective June 30, 2014.

**Resignations:**

Jeffery E. Derby Acceptance of resignation from positions as 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Basketball Coach, effective immediately.

Molly A. Harris Acceptance of resignation from position as Supervisory Teacher Aide at Long Drain School, effective May 7, 2014.

**Professional Personnel:**

Meredith L. Pilant Approval for change in assignment from Countywide Substitute Teacher to Third Grade Teacher at Paden City Elementary School, effective the beginning of the 2014-2015 school year.

**Service Personnel:**

Shanna M. Cox Approval for change in assignment from Evening Custodian III at New Martinsville School, 683-C, 228-day contract, to Daytime Custodian III at New Martinsville School, 683-C, 228-day contract, effective July 24, 2014.

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**Reconfigurations for the 2014-2015 School Year:**

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| Jeanne L. Fox      | Upon the recommendation of the Principal in accordance with West Virginia Code §18A-4-7a(u), approval for change in assignment from Half-Time Social Studies Teacher at Paden City High School to Social Studies Teacher at Paden City High School effective the beginning of the 2014-2015 school year.   |
| Sheldon R. Ruckman | Upon the recommendation of the Principal in accordance with West Virginia Code §18A-4-7a(u), approval for change in assignment from Half-Time Science Teacher at Magnolia High School and Half-Time Science Teacher at Paden City High School to Science Teacher at Paden City High School effective the beginning of the 2014-2015 school year. |

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

Mrs. Gatian 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 unanimously by the members of the Board.

**Routine Matters:**

**Out of State Trips:**

Approval of request from Linda Haight and Brenda Nolan to take the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students from Short Line School to Meadowcroft Rockshelter and Historical Village in Avella, PA on May 22, 2014. Funded through the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade class.

Approval of request from Josh Weekley, April Ring, Donald Taylor, and Tammy Wells to take TSA students from Valley High School to compete at the TSA National Competition in Harbor, MD on June 27 through July 1, 2014. Funded through fundraisers, donations, and attendee contributions.

Approval of request from Nikki Doty and Mark Lemasters to take TSA students from Magnolia High School to compete at the TSA National Competition in Harbor, MD on June 26 through July 1, 2014. Funded through TSA and contributions.

Approval of request from Mollie Toppe to take the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students from Short Line School to The Mattress Factory Art Museum in Pittsburgh, PA on Thursday, May 22, 2014. Funded through a grant through a partnership with The Mattress Factory Art Museum and the Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation.

Approval of request from Pat Jeffers and Kathi Schmalz to take the senior class at Magnolia High School to Kennywood Park in Pittsburgh, PA on Saturday, May 31, 2014, at no cost to the Board.

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

**Magnolia High School:**

Jesse Rutan

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**Request to Attend Wetzel County Schools:**

Approval of request from Brittany Flesher for her son, Caiden Flesher, to continue attending Wetzel County Schools (Paden City Elementary School) for the 2014-2015 school year, pending release from Tyler County Schools.

Approval of request from Pamela Moore for her children, Trey, Gregory, and Anthony Moore, to continue attending Wetzel County Schools (Paden City Elementary School and Paden City High School) for the 2014-2015 school year, pending release from Tyler County Schools.

Approval of request from Tammy Chambers for her son, Talan Chambers, to continue attending Wetzel County Schools (Paden City Elementary School) for the 2014-2015 school year, pending release from Tyler County Schools.

**Lease Agreement:**

City of Paden City Athletic Fields leased from the City of Paden City, known as Number One Ball Field and the athletic field known as Softball Field located in the Paden City Park (for the purpose of conducting sports events including games and practice sessions for Paden City High School baseball and softball) beginning on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2014 and expiring on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2014, for the amount of \$1,600.00.

**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. Kirk and the motion was approved unanimously by the members of the Board. In regards to the Lease Agreement with the City of Paden City, Mrs. Gatian requested Mr. Albright contact the WVSSAC to see what the requirements are for bathroom facilities and water availability during sporting practices and games.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

**Approval for Payment of Bills for the Month of April, 2014 (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 moved and Mr. Aberegg seconded the motion for unanimous approval for Payment of Bills for the Month of April, 2014, and Transfers and Increases in the Budget as follows:

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BUDGET REVISION REQUEST

Submit to:  
WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
OFFICE OF SCHOOL FINANCE  
BUILDING 6, ROOM 216  
1806 KANAWHA BOULEVARD EAST  
CHARLESTON, WV 25306

☐ SUPPLEMENT  
☒ TRANSFER  
☐ CARRYOVER SUPPLEMENT

Entity: WETZEL  
Fiscal Year Ending: 06/30/14  
Revision Number: 1006

Pursuant to the provisions of West Virginia Code 18-6B-10, authorization is requested to revise the approved budget for the entity and fiscal year indicated above, as reflected in the attached budget journal entry(ies).

Fund	Amount
Fund 11 - General Current Expense	\$
Fund 12 - General Current Expense - Excess Levy	
Fund 13 - General Current Expense - Multi-County Vocational Center	
Fund 14 - General Current Expense - Regional Education Service Agency	
Fund 16 - Trust Funds	
Fund 2 - Debt Service	
Fund 3 - Bond Construction	
Fund 41 - Permanent Improvement	
Fund 51 - Capital Projects	
Fund 61 - Special Revenue - Restricted Projects	
Fund 63 - Special Revenue - MCVC Restricted Projects	
Fund 64 - Special Revenue - RESA Restricted Projects	
Fund 71 - Special Revenue - ARRA Funds - County Boards	
Fund 73 - Special Revenue - ARRA Funds - MCVCs	
Fund 74 - Special Revenue - ARRA Funds - RESAs	
Total Request	\$ 85,813.24

I hereby certify that this budget revision request, submitted in accordance with the provisions of WV Code 18-6B-10, is necessary to increase operating efficiency, has been approved by the governing board, and appears in the official minutes of the board for the date indicated.

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Entity: WETZEL  
Fiscal Year Ending: 06/30/14  
Revision Number: 6

Pursuant to the provisions of West Virginia Code 18-6B-10, authorization is requested to revise the approved budget for the entity and fiscal year indicated above, as reflected in the attached budget journal entry(ies).

Fund	Amount
Fund 11 - General Current Expense	\$ 984,836.94
Fund 12 - General Current Expense - Excess Levy	
Fund 13 - General Current Expense - Multi-County Vocational Center	
Fund 14 - General Current Expense - Regional Education Service Agency	
Fund 16 - Trust Funds	
Fund 2 - Debt Service	
Fund 3 - Bond Construction	
Fund 41 - Permanent Improvement	
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Fund 64 - Special Revenue - RESA Restricted Projects	
Fund 71 - Special Revenue - ARRA Funds - County Boards	
Fund 73 - Special Revenue - ARRA Funds - MCVCs	
Fund 74 - Special Revenue - ARRA Funds - RESAs	
Total Request	1,060,623.69

I hereby certify that this budget revision request, submitted in accordance with the provisions of WV Code 18-6B-10, is necessary to increase operating efficiency, has been approved by the governing board, and appears in the official minutes of the board for the date indicated.

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DISCUSSION:

Paden City Boosters Building

Discussion was held in regards to the Paden City Boosters' request for assistance from the Board. Mr. Patterson stated he was willing to step forward and help if the Boosters could present a viable business plan in order to bring in revenue to support the building. Mr. Blair expressed his support as well, but stated that the Board would also need to assist the boosters at all schools, and concentrate on the distribution of the money. Mr. Albright is to follow-up with a letter to the Paden City Boosters after tonight's meeting, indicating the board's willingness to consider assistance once a viable business plan is presented.

OTHER ITEMS:

Mr. Albright said that he and Mr. Blair attended a meeting with Williams Energy last week. He said they are interested in the technology and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) programs, and interested in forming a partnership with Wetzel County Schools.

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Mr. Albright said he was able to attend Valley High School's FFA banquet last week. He commented on how nice it was to watch the induction of the officers and the presentation of the awards.

Mr. Yeager informed the Board that the West Virginia State Department of Education approved Wetzel County School's calendar for the 2014-2015 school year.

PRESENTATION OF CHARGES:

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(b-2-A), for the discussion of personnel matters.....discipline of an employee. The Board retired in Executive Session at 7:40 p.m. Following the Executive Session, the Board reconvened in Open Session at 7:51p.m., with the following action:

Suspension of Board Employee:

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

Mr. Patterson made the motion to uphold the Superintendent's recommendation for a three day unpaid suspension of David L. Miller's contract for violation of Employee Code of Conduct. (WV Code §18A-2-7) Second to the motion was made by Mrs. Gatian and the motion was passed unanimously by the members of the Board.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING:

June 2, 2014 - 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. Blair made the motion to adjourn this Regular Meeting. Mrs. Gatian seconded the motion for unanimous approval to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

President

Secretary