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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 2, 2016, at the Office of the Superintendent of Schools, in New Martinsville, WV, at 6:30 p.m. Prior to the meeting, a reception was held for employees inducted into the Twenty-Five Year Club this 2015-2016 school year. The following members were present:

Josh Balcerek Carolyn R. Gatian
Michael D. Blair Linda T. Kirk
Aaron D. Cisar Leatha Williams, 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 Mr. Blair gave the opening Invocation.

RECOGNITION:

Twenty-Five Year Club Members Induction - Jay Yeager

*Vicki S. Batton
*Elliott L. Kendle
Steven D. Ross

Mr. Yeager introduced each member with a brief synopsis of their career and presented each inductee with a crystal award symbolizing their 25-year status. He thanked them for their dedication to the students of Wetzel County.

West Virginia State Social Studies Fair Winners - Sadonna Kimble and Elliott Kendle

Postponed for a future meeting.

ADDRESS THE BOARD:

Joe Scherer - Safety Issues at Paden City High School

Mr. Blair indicated the need for an Executive Session to discuss a matter relating to crime prevention.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mr. Blair moved and Mr. Balcerek seconded the motion for unanimous approval to retire into Executive Session per WV Code §6-9(a)-4(b-7), for the discussion of a matter relating to crime prevention...The Board retired in Executive Session at 6:40 p.m. Following the Executive Session, the Board reconvened in Open Session at 7:26 p.m., no action needed, none taken.

PRESENTATION:

Literacy Design Collaborative/Mathematics Designation Collaborative Update

Mrs. Williams began the presentation with a power point presentation on the continuation of the update on the changes to Policy 2320 and the work that has been done according to the County’s Strategic Plan. She reviewed the historical understanding of Policy 2320,

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which is the blueprint for the West Virginia standards-based accountability system. She stated that the alignment of the accountability system with the accreditation system has placed a statewide emphasis on the improvement of student achievement in all schools. She went on to review the system components, which include the High Quality Standards, the Strategic Plan, Educator Evaluation, and the focus on student learning. She provided the Board and members of the audience with handouts and reviewed the types of data used for the development of the Strategic Plan. Mrs. Williams also went over the county trend performance data from 2009 to 2015, and the student achievement data from the WV General Summative Assessment, along with a comparison chart with the surrounding counties and state.

Mrs. Williams then reviewed the final two Strategic Plan Goals for the 2015-2016 school year: 1) Increase teacher ability to plan for and implement activities that actively engage students by 50% to meet or exceed all annual measurable objectives (AMO's) and increase graduation rate; and 2) Promote a culture of high expectation and shared mission for staff, students, community, and parents in order to meet or exceed all AMO's. She then reviewed the rationale for the shift in curriculum, standards, and instruction for literacy. Mrs. Williams stressed the importance of the assessment for the 11th grade students, as it is used in determining if students have met college and career readiness standards. She briefly discussed the Freshman Assessment and Placement Standards Policy, which establishes the standards for West Virginia public colleges and universities in assignment to initial credit-bearing courses in mathematics and English. Based on an ACT study, she stated the number one predictor of how well students will do in college is the ability to read complex text. Mrs. Williams then reviewed the Lexile bands and their meaning. She went on to discuss the importance of concepts and skills in every grade level.

Mrs. Williams continued the presentation by discussing the shifts in mathematics and the focus on the standards. She stated the focus is on the developmental abilities of the students and their cognitive needs, and briefly reviewed the key focus areas of instruction for each grade level in K-8, and the required fluencies in K-6.

Mrs. Williams went on to describe the Literacy Design Collaborative (LDC) and the Math Design Collaborative (MDC), and turned the presentation over to several teachers to further discuss the LDC and MDC. Amy Moore, Matthew Carson, and Katrina Strohl began with the LDC. Mrs. Moore said the LDC is a step to bringing student literacy levels up, and she briefly described the LDC process and some of it's terminology. She noted that a unit of study is termed a module. Mr. Carson provided the Board and audience with a sample of an 8th grade module. He discussed the overview and described the four sections of the module. Section one is the teaching task and identifies the standards for the task. Sections two and three is an overview of the skills needed and the instruction needed to demonstrate the skills, including the reading and writing processes. Section four is the end result of the student work. Mrs. Strohl continued with the presentation and discussed what a mini-task is and what it looks like in the LDC module. Each mini-lesson is grade-specific and focuses on a specific skill, and includes instructional strategies for the teachers, as well as attachments, including student handouts, teacher resources, and samples of student work. Mrs. Moore stressed that all the LDC modules are standards-based and vetted by the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB). She said the teachers in all four high schools were overwhelmingly in favor of the LDC, and she reviewed some of the comments made by teachers regarding the changes in units, changes in teaching, and changes in learners. She read actual quotes from teachers on their reflections of the LDC, and noted they are seeing results. Mrs. Moore said the only negative comment is the time needed to implement the modules, but said they are going to address that issue this summer.

Holly Cain and Michelle Gorby continued the presentation with an update on MDC and a review of what it is. Ms. Gorby noted that MDC is not a program or a curriculum, but a teaching tool, called Formative Assessment Lessons (FAL's), put together from the SREB, and are embedded in what they already teach. She said the lessons help the teachers

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identify the gaps in learning and to know when students are ready to go to the next step. Ms. Gorby also discussed what the teachers did at MDC training, and stated it was good to collaborate together with all the teachers in the county. She demonstrated and explained an example of an assessment task and described what is done with the task. Miss Cain further explained the collaborative group work in the task where the students are grouped in homogenous pairs. She emphasized that they are not teaching kids to solve problems, but teaching them to think about math and to be able to explain how they get to an answer. Miss Cain and Ms. Gorby provided pictures of student work to show examples of what some of the FAL's looked like. Ms. Gorby then discussed the post assessment task of the lessons, which helps the teachers plan for future instruction. They shared comments from the teachers on what they have seen from the students in using the FAL's. There is a bigger depth of understanding, it is easy to differentiate instruction, and there is higher student engagement. They provided a short video from students discussing the benefits of using the FAL's.

Mrs. Williams concluded the presentation with examples of measurements and the connections with English/language arts and mathematics. She stated they are creating an aligned system in learning together and growing together. She then discussed the stages of change: awareness; application and experimentation; and ownership. She said the culture has changed to a student-centered culture and a learning culture, focused on outcomes.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS:

<u>Approval of Minutes:</u>	Special Meeting - April 13, 2016
	Statutory and Regular Meeting - April 19, 2016

Acting on the Superintendent's recommendation, Mrs. Kirk made the motion to approve the minutes for Special Meeting, April 13, 2016 and Statutory and Regular Meeting, April 19, 2016. Second to the motion was made by Mr. Balcerek and the motion was approved unanimously by the members of the Board.

Mr. Balcerek recused his vote for Personnel Matters and left the board room. Mr. Blair informed the Board to make a change on page 2 of the Agenda under Service Personnel: the correct name for Anita N. Sell should be Andrea N. Sell.

Personnel Matters:

Employment and/or Changes in Employment:

Resignations:

Christopher E. Hayes	Acceptance of resignation from position as Countywide Summer Handyman, effective April 25, 2016.
Anita M. Lemon	Acceptance of resignation from position as Half-time Home Economics Teacher at Hundred High School effective the beginning of the 2016-2017 school year (will remain Half-time Home Economics Teacher at Valley High School).
Sara L. Wells	Acceptance of resignation from position as Countywide Substitute Teacher, effective May 9, 2016.

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Service Personnel:

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| Melissa K. Balcerek | Approval for employment as Countywide Substitute Supervisory Teacher Aide, effective May 3, 2016. |
| Lisa R. Bock | Approval for employment as Countywide Substitute Supervisory Teacher Aide, effective May 3, 2016. |
| Julie A. Gump | Approval for employment as Countywide Substitute Supervisory Teacher Aide, effective May 3, 2016. |
| Nanette D. Hayes | Approval for employment as Countywide Substitute Supervisory Teacher Aide, effective May 3, 2016. |
| Belinda A. Henderson | Approval for employment as Countywide Substitute Supervisory Teacher Aide, effective May 3, 2016. |
| Amber N. Hostutler | Approval for employment as Countywide Substitute Supervisory Teacher Aide, effective May 3, 2016. |
| Heather D. Kastigar | Approval for employment as Countywide Substitute Supervisory Teacher Aide, effective May 3, 2016. |
| Misty L. Keener | Approval for employment as Countywide Substitute Supervisory Teacher Aide, effective May 3, 2016. |
| Tina J. Lockhart | Approval for employment as Countywide Substitute Supervisory Teacher Aide, effective May 3, 2016. |
| Jessica E. Morris | Approval for employment as Countywide Substitute Supervisory Teacher Aide, effective May 3, 2016. |
| Andrea N. Sell | Approval for employment as Countywide Substitute Supervisory Teacher Aide, effective May 3, 2016. |
| Tracy D. Shriver | Approval for employment as Countywide Substitute Supervisory Teacher Aide, effective May 3, 2016. |
| Jennifer J. Yeater | Approval for employment as Countywide Substitute Supervisory Teacher Aide, effective May 3, 2016. |

Extracurricular:

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| Jeremy B. Kelch | Approval for employment as Evening Events Coordinator - Winter Season at Hundred High School, effective the 2015-2016 Winter WVSSAC Season. |
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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 Mrs. Kirk and the motion was approved unanimously by the members of the Board.

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Routine Matters:

Out of State Trips:

Approval of request from Tara Beatty to take the Short Line School TSA students to the National TSA Conference in Nashville, TN, June 28-July 2, 2016. Funded through WVTSA and fundraisers.

Approval of request from Fay Pritchard to take the eighth grade students from New Martinsville School on a field trip to watch the Washington Wild Things in Washington, PA on May 26, 2016. Funded through student fees.

Approval of the following Chaperones/Volunteers for the 2015-2016 School Year:

Hundred High School:

John W. Hayes

Release from Wetzel County Schools:

Approval of request from Scott and Leticia Wall for their children, Braeden Reese and Sloane Piper Wall, to be released from Wetzel County Schools (Paden City Elementary School) to continue attending Tyler County Schools for the 2016-2017 school year.

Approval of request from Matthew and Jessica Riggensbach for their child, William Wayne Paoella, to be released from Wetzel County Schools (New Martinsville School) to attend Tyler County Schools for the 2016-2017 school year.

Request to Use School Facilities:

Approval of request from Allena Briggs to use the Hundred High School commons area and kitchen for a birthday party on May 1, 2016.

Request to Attend Wetzel County Schools:

Approval of request from Jill Householder for her child, Kaitlyn Householder, to continue attending Wetzel County Schools (Paden City Elementary) for the 2016-2017 school year, pending release from Tyler County Schools.

Approval of request from Kendra Lydick for her child, Levi Lydick, to continue attending Wetzel County Schools (Paden City Elementary) for the 2016-2017 school year, pending release from Tyler County Schools.

Resolution to Participate in the National Purchasing Cooperative:

Approval of request for the Wetzel County School Board to join the National Purchasing Cooperative operating as “National BuyBoard” with the following Resolution:

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BOARD RESOLUTION

Authorizing

Participation in the National Purchasing Cooperative

WHEREAS, the **SCHOOL BOARD OF Wetzel County, West Virginia** (“Board” or “District”) has elected to join the National Purchasing Cooperative (the “Cooperative”) operating as “National BuyBoard”, a program created for the benefit of school districts and other governmental entities nationwide; and

WHEREAS, the District is authorized to enter into the National Purchasing Cooperative by executing the National Purchasing Cooperative Organizational Interlocal Agreement (which is incorporated herein by reference) pursuant to State of West Virginia Statute Chapter 8 Municipal Corporations; Article 23 Intergovernmental Relations; Contracting and Joint Enterprises; Part II Intergovernmental Agreements and Contracts

WHEREAS, the District desires to participate and join with other governmental entities in the discharge of their respective public and governmental purposes, objectives, needs, programs, functions and services relative to purchasing;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the **SCHOOL BOARD OF Wetzel County, West Virginia**, hereby authorizes its superintendent, or designee, to execute the National Purchasing Cooperative Organizational Interlocal Agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that execution of this Resolution is conclusive evidence of the Board’s approval of this action and of the authority granted herein. The Board warrants that it has, and at the time of this action had, full power and lawful authority to adopt this instrument.

Adopted and approved this 2nd day of May, 2016.

By: _____
School Board President

Attest: _____
Superintendent

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

Mrs. Gatian 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:

Transfers and Increases in the Budget:

There were no Transfers and Increases in the Budget. Mr. Lancaster recommended approval of the Preliminary Operating Budget for the 2016-2017 School Year and the proposed budget be made available for public inspection.

Mrs. Kirk made the motion for approval of the Preliminary Operating Budget for the 2016-2017 school year and for the proposed budget be made available for public inspection. Second to the motion was made by Mr. Balcerek and the motion was approved unanimously by the members of the Board.

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OTHER ITEMS:
There were no other items.

POSSIBLE EXECUTIVE SESSION:
An Executive Session was not needed.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING:

May 16, 2016 - 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 9:05 p.m.

	President
	Secretary