

WYOMING COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, November 16, 2017

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

COUNTY OF WYOMING, TO-WIT:

A call for a regular meeting of the Wyoming County Board of Education was held on Thursday, November 16, 2017, at 10:04 a.m. at Oceana Middle School.

Present for the meeting were Michael R. Prichard, President; Allan Stiltner, Vice President; and Morgan K. "Mike" Davis and Betty F. England, Members. Douglas Lester, Member, participated by phone. Deirdre A. Cline, Superintendent, was also in attendance. The agenda for the meeting was as follows:

1. Invocation
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Individuals or Groups of the Community at Large Wishing to Address the Board
4. Local School Improvement Council
 - A. Oceana Middle School
5. Consent Agenda
 - A. Minutes - Board of Education Meeting, November 6, 2017
 - B. Extracurricular, Special, and Bus Requests
 - C. Payment of Invoices
6. School Safety and Security
 - A. Permission to Purchase Security Cameras for New School Buses
7. Secondary School Update
8. Legislative Issues
9. Personnel
 - A. Personnel List
10. Items for Future Agendas and Announcements

Mr. Prichard called the meeting to order and asked Ms. Rebecca Cooke, Assistant Superintendent of Elementary and Middle Schools, to give the invocation.

The Board, along with those in attendance, then recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Individuals or Groups of the Community at Large Wishing to Address the Board: Mr. Prichard asked if there was anyone wishing to address the Board.

There were no Individuals or Groups of the Community at Large Wishing to Address the Board.

Local School Improvement Council: A. Oceana Middle School: Mr. Prichard asked Mrs. Cline to present regarding Local School Improvement Council.

Mrs. Cline introduced Mrs. Shanda Lester, Principal of Oceana Middle School.

Mrs. Lester introduced members of the Local School Improvement Council at Oceana Middle School. She provided the Board members with handouts to review. She reviewed the General Summative Assessment results for the school. She said their goal is 10 percent growth school-wide. Mrs. Lester said action plans have been established for math and science, as well as English/Language Arts and history, to help reach these goals. She said both plans have included strong, targeted instruction, differentiated instruction, and rewarding the students for growth in the classroom. She said teacher collaboration is ongoing. She said Oceana Middle School currently has twenty-six areas in the school for students to participate in extracurricular activities and clubs. She said she is very proud of her staff for developing so many choices for students.

There was a thorough discussion regarding the 10 percent growth goal in the county, and the process to in which the county and Oceana Middle School are taking to reach those goals.

Mr. Prichard thanked Oceana Middle School for their hospitality and for an informative presentation.

Mrs. Cline said there is strong teamwork and instructional leadership at the school. She thanked all school stakeholders for their support of the school.

Consent Agenda: A. Minutes - Board of Education Meetings, November 6, 2017 and November 9, 2017: Mrs. Cline recommended both sets of minutes as presented.

B. Extracurricular, Special, and Bus Requests: Mrs. Cline presented the Extracurricular, Special, and Bus Requests as follows:

1) A request from Mallory Green for two professional days on December 12 -13, 2017, to attend the second session of the Principal's Leadership Academy in Charleston;

2) A request from Joe Quesenberry for his daughter to attend school out of district, from Herndon Consolidated Elementary and Middle School, to Mullens Middle School;

3) A bus request from Oceana Middle School to take 5th - 8th grade students to the Clay Center in Charleston to watch the Nutcracker, with fund from the school's general fund to cover the cost;

4) A bus request from Oceana Middle School to take 5th - 8th grade students to the Crossroads Mall in Beckley, as a reward for the General Summative Assessment, with funds from the school's general fund to cover the cost;

5) A request from Brian Dillon for two professional days on December 12 - 13, 2017, to attend the second session of the Principal's Leadership Academy in Charleston;

6) A request from Rhonda Thomas for two professional days on November 15 - 16, 2017, to attend the Evaluation Leadership Institute training in Flatwoods;

7) A bus request from Wyoming East High School to take 9th - 12th grade students on the boys basketball team to two scrimmage basketball games at Lewis County High School on November 25, 2017, and at Nicholas County High School, with funding from the boys basketball fund to cover the cost;

8) A bus request from Wyoming East High School to take 9th - 12th grade students on the boys basketball team to the following locations for basketball games: Bluefield on December 8, 2017, Pikeview on December 19, 2017, Independence on

January 16, 2018, and Oak Hill on January 23, 2018, with funding from the boys basketball fund to cover the cost;

9) A bus request from Wyoming East High School to take 9th - 12th grade students on the boys basketball team to the following locations for basketball games: Logan on January 27, 2018, Beckley Armory on January 29, 2018 and February 3, 2018, Charleston Civic Center on February 7, 2018, and Shady Spring on February 9, 2018, with funding from the boys basketball fund to cover the cost; and

10) A request from Wyoming East High School to take 9th - 12th grade students on the boys basketball team to the following locations for basketball games: Westside on February 10, 2018, Winfield on February 16, 2018, and Liberty on February 21, 2018, with funding from the boys basketball fund to cover the cost.

C. Payment of Invoices: Mrs. Cline recommended the Payment of Invoices as presented.

After a brief discussion, Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stiltner, to approve the Consent Agenda, Items A., B., and C. as presented and as recommended by Mrs. Cline, Superintendent. Passed with a 5-0 vote.

School Safety and Security: A. Permission to Purchase Security Cameras for New School Buses: Mr. Prichard asked Mrs. Cline to present regarding School Safety and Security.

Mrs. Cline asked Mr. Jeffery Hylton, Director of Safety and Transportation, to address the Board.

Mr. Hylton said he has obtained 3 quotes regarding the purchase of security cameras for the new school buses. He said in years past, there has been extra money in the bus replacement funds to purchase cameras for new school buses. He said this year was different, as there was budget cuts in the bus placement fund. He said all of the allotted bus replacement funds have been spent to purchase the fourth new bus

this year. He reviewed the quotes with Board members.

After a thorough discussion, Mrs. England made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lester, to approve the purchase of the 9 camera system through AngelTrax for all 4 new buses, as presented and as recommended by Mrs. Cline, Superintendent. Passed with a 5-0 vote.

Secondary School Update: Mr. Prichard asked Mrs. Cline to present regarding the Secondary School Update.

Mrs. Cline asked Ms. Robin Hall, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Schools, to address the Board.

Ms. Hall provide the Board with handouts. She said she would like to introduce Ms. Kim Queen, Counselor at Wyoming East High School, and Ms. Keisha Fullmer, Counselor at Westside High School. She said the graduation rate was recently submitted for both high schools for the 2016-17 school year. She said Westside's rate was 87.35, and Wyoming East's was 90.4. She said the dropout rate for the county high schools was .94 percent. She said a total of 5 students dropped out of Wyoming East High School during the 2016-17 year. She noted the change from 22 students from the previous school year. She added Westside High School went from 27 students during the 2015-16, to only 6 students dropping out in the 2016-17. She said she feels there are a lot of factors that have gone into the decrease of dropouts, including raising the age to dropout to 18. She said credit recovery has also played a big role in students staying in school to graduate. She said the Graduation Task Force Committee is still working to lower the number of high school dropouts.

There was a thorough discussion regarding the dropout rate, and the improvements that have been made, as well as additional changes that could be made, including scheduling.

Ms. Hall asked the counselors to address the Board.

Ms. Fullmer said she makes handouts of any scholarship information she receives, to make sure students are aware of the funds available for college. She said they also make daily announcements regarding scholarship information. She said in addition, it is also displayed on the tv in the cafeteria.

Mrs. Cook reviewed additional ways they communicate with students and parents.

Ms. Hall said there is also now a link on the Wyoming County Schools website that provides scholarship information. She said secondary schools continuously collaborate.

There was a thorough discussion regarding scholarships, the college application process, and the role of the secondary school counselors.

Legislative Issues: Mr. Prichard asked Mrs. Cline to present regarding Legislative Issues.

Mrs. Cline said she would like to review the Legislative Issues that were present last year, and discuss if the same issues are still valid and add any additional issues that need attention.

There was a thorough discussion regarding Legislative Issues.

Mr. Stiltner made a motion, seconded by Mr. Davis, to keep the same format with Legislative Issues as last year, and make changes as discussed, as presented and as recommended by Mrs. Cline, Superintendent. Passed with a 5-0 vote.

Personnel: A. Personnel List: Mr. Prichard asked Mrs. Cline to present the Personnel List.

Mr. Stiltner made a motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel, WV Code §6-9A-4. Mr. Davis seconded the motion. Passed with a 5-0 vote. Phone connection with Mr. Lester was discontinued at 11:43 a.m.

Mr. Stiltner made a motion, seconded by Mrs. England, to return to regular session, WV Code §6-9A-4. Passed with a 4-0 vote. Phone connection with Mr. Lester was reestablished at 12:10 p.m. No action was taken during the executive session.

Mrs. Cline recommended the Personnel List as presented.

After a brief discussion, Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mrs. England, to approve the Personnel List as presented and as recommended by Mrs. Cline, Superintendent. Passed with a 5-0 vote.

PROFESSIONAL

ELEMENTARY TEACHERS

A. Recommended for Appointment:

Tanya C. Dunn, Kindergarten Teacher, Mullens Elementary School, effective 2018-2019 School Year

B. Resignation:

Shanda K. Easter, Elementary Education Teacher, Oceana Middle School, effective December 8, 2017

C. Retirement:

Sherri D. Gibson, Elementary Education Teacher, Oceana Middle School, effective November 30, 2017

SECONDARY TEACHERS

A. Recommended for Appointment:

Karolyn N. Stump, Special Education Interventionist, Pineville Elementary School, Employment Term: November 14, 2017 - December 20, 2017

EXTRA DUTIES

A. Recommended for Appointment:

Jeremy N. Warrix, Junior Varsity Basketball Coach, Westside High School, effective November 17, 2017

Scott E. Cook, Volunteer Boys Basketball Coach, Pineville Middle School, effective November 17, 2017

Darren A. Whitten, Volunteer Boys Basketball Coach, Pineville Middle School, effective November 17, 2017

Michelle N. Daniels, Volunteer Girls Basketball Coach, Pineville Middle School, effective November 17, 2017

B. Resignation:

Brittany R. Cook, Volleyball Coach, Oceana Middle School, effective November 1, 2017

SERVICE PERSONNEL

BUS OPERATORS

A. Recommended for Appointment:

Harriett L. Gibson, Bus Operator, Tutoring/Activity Run, Baileysville Elementary and Middle School, Toward Brenton, Mouth of Mill Creek (BGS side of Rockhouse Mountain), Tuesdays and Thursdays, AS NEEDED, effective November 9, 2017

Terena Hatfield, Bus Operator, Tutoring/Activity Run, Baileysville Elementary and Middle School, Sunhill, Long Branch, Coal Mountain (Coal Mountain Side of Rockhouse Mountain), Tuesdays and Thursdays, AS NEEDED, effective November 9, 2017

Summer L. Hatfield, Bus Operator, Tutoring/Activity Run, Berlin McKinney Elementary School/Oceana Middle School, Kopperston, Towards Matheny, Jesse, Tuesdays and Thursdays, AS NEEDED, effective November 9, 2017

Mary E. Wykle, Bus Operator, Tutoring/Activity Run, Berlin McKinney Elementary School/Oceana Middle School, Town of Oceana, Route 971, Towards Elk Lick, Tuesdays and Thursdays, AS NEEDED, effective November 9, 2017

Mary Dawson, Bus Operator, Tutoring/Activity Run, Huff Consolidated Elementary and Middle School, Spill Way, Mouth of Cub Creek, Route 97, Tuesdays and Thursdays, AS NEEDED, effective November 9, 2017

Serena L. Runyon, Bus Operator, Tutoring/Activity Run, Road Branch Elementary and Middle School, Main Huff to Brushy Bridge, Logan County Line, Cyclone, Tuesdays and Thursdays, AS NEEDED, effective November 9, 2017

Lola R. Marsh, Bus Operator, Tutoring/Activity Run, Herndon Consolidated Elementary and Middle School, Garwood, Top of Herndon Mountain, Alpoa Bottom, Tralee, Herndon, Tuesdays and Thursdays, AS NEEDED, effective November 9, 2017

Kathy S. Weaver, Bus Operator, Tutoring/Activity Run, Mullens Elementary School/Mullens Middle School, Town, Moran Ave., South Mullens, Itmann, Tuesdays and Thursdays, AS NEEDED, effective November 9, 2017

Charles F. Montrosse, Bus Operator, Tutoring/Activity Run, Mullens Elementary School/Mullens Middle School, Maben, Black Eagle, Corrine, Mouth of Wyco, Stephenson, Amigo, Tuesdays and Thursdays, AS NEEDED, effective November 9, 2017

Regina G. Sizemore, Bus Operator, Tutoring/Activity Run, Pineville Elementary School/Pineville Middle School, Bear Hole, Saulsville, Ravencliff, Glen Rogers–Post Office, Tuesdays and Thursdays, AS NEEDED, effective November 9, 2017

Yvonne A. Raye, Bus Operator, Tutoring/Activity Run, Pineville Elementary School/Pineville Middle School, New Richmond, Mouth of Indian Creek, Welch Road, Mouth of Cabin Creek, Tuesdays and Thursdays, AS NEEDED, effective November 9, 2017

Daniel J. England, Bus Operator, Tutoring/Activity Run, Pineville Elementary School/Pineville Middle School, Town, Turkey Creek, Rock View, East Pineville, Tuesdays and Thursdays, AS NEEDED, effective November 9, 2017

Mary Dawson, Bus Operator, Evening Block Run, AS NEEDED, Westside to Career and Technical Center and Return to Westside, effective November 17, 2017

COOKS

A. Recommended for Appointment:

Mary A. Cline, from Preferred Recall, to One Half-Time Cook (9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.), Pineville Middle School, effective November 17, 2017

Adonna L. Stewart, from One Half-Time Custodian, Evening Shift (2:00 p.m.- 6:00 p.m.), Glen Fork Elementary and Middle School, to One Half-Time Custodian, Evening Shift (2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.), Glen Fork Elementary and Middle School and One Half-Time Cook (9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.), Oceana Middle School, effective January 8, 2018

Virginia D. Cook, from One Half-Time Cook (9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.), Pineville Elementary School, to Cook (6:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.), Pineville Elementary School, effective January 8, 2018

SUBSTITUTES

Teachers

Toni A. Cline, Non-education
Tiffany R. Lester, Education
Loretta S. Rose, Retired, effective November 14, 2017
Sherri D. Gibson, Retired, effective December 1, 2017
Jessica Spence, Non-education

Items for Future Agendas and Announcements: Mr. Prichard asked for any
Items for Future Agendas and Announcements.

There were no items for Future Agendas and Announcements.

Mr. Prichard reminded members the next regular Board meeting will be held on
Monday, November 27, 2017, at 10:00 a.m., at Huff Consolidated Elementary and
Middle School.

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stiltner, to adjourn. Passed with a
5-0 vote.