

WYOMING COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, DECEMBER 4, 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 Monday, December 4, 2017, at 6:04 p.m. at the Wyoming County Career and Technical Center. Present for the meeting were Michael R. Prichard, President; Allan R. Stiltner, Vice President; Morgan K. "Mike" Davis, Betty F. England, and Douglas E. Lester, Members. 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. Celebrating Success
 - A. Regional Reading Fair 1st Place Winners
 - B. State Theater Competition, Concord
 1. Westside High School: Excellent Rating, Qualified for Nationals Individual Awards for Outstanding Accomplishments
 2. Wyoming East High School: Excellent Rating, Outstanding Unity of Design Individual Awards for Outstanding Accomplishments
 - C. Graduation Rate above 90% for 2016-17: Wyoming East High School
5. Consent Agenda
 - A. Minutes - Board of Education Meeting, November 27, 2017
 - B. Extracurricular, Special, and Bus Requests
 - C. Budget Supplements and Transfers
 - D. Payment of Invoices
6. School Safety and Security
7. Consideration of Rush Cook Ballfield Lease
8. Using Data to Inform, Identify Root Causes, Adjust and Align Resources, Measure and Monitor to Guide Student Academic Growth: Wyoming County Strategic Plan
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.

Celebrating Success: A. Regional Reading Fair 1st Place Winners, B. State Theater Competition, Concord, 1. Westside High School: Excellent Rating, Qualified for Nationals, 2. Wyoming East High School: Excellent Rating, Outstanding Unity of Design, and C. Graduation Rate above 90% for 2016-17: Wyoming East High School: Mr. Prichard welcomed all in attendance and asked Mrs. Cline to present Celebrating Success.

Mrs. Cline introduced the Board members, as well as Central Office Staff present. She also recognized all Wyoming County Schools employees, and the parents and grandparents. She said the students being recognized have gone above and beyond the normal school day to achieve great things. She said it takes a lot of courage and confidence to go above what is expected of you to accomplish such great things. She said this is the Board's favorite type of meeting, celebrating the success of students.

First recognized were the Regional Reading Fair 1st Place Winners. Mrs. Cline said these students placed first in their home school, county level, and then went to the Regional Fair and placed first there, as well. She said those students who received Best in Show at the Regionals, also set their projects up at the State Reading Conference at the Greenbrier.

Mrs. Cline said the next group of students to be recognized were those with Westside High School's Theater Troupe, which received an excellent rating at the theater competition at Concord University. She said the troupe also qualified for Nationals, which will be held in March, in Mobile, Alabama. Individual students were also recognized for their accomplishments, such as Best Supporting Actress. Wyoming East High School's Theater Troupe was then recognized for their receipt of an excellent rating, and Outstanding Unity of Design. She said Wyoming East also had two individual students who received awards for All Festival Cast.

Mrs. Cline said the final award of the night is one that is coveted in the state of West Virginia. She said any high school that has a 90% or higher graduation rate is recognized at the Capitol. She said Wyoming East High School has achieved that goal for the second year in a row. She said very few schools are able to obtain such a high graduation rate. She asked Mrs. Amanda Hylton, Principal of Wyoming East High School, to accept the award.

She thanked every parent and guardian present for their support of their children, and the school system, as well.

Consent Agenda: A. Minutes - Board of Education Meeting.

November 27, 2017: Mrs. Cline recommended the minutes as presented.

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

1) A bus request from Debbie Hall, Director of Federal and Learning Enrichment Programs, for each school, excluding Huff Consolidated Elementary and Middle School, to attend the Wyoming County Math Field Day on Friday, December 1, 2017, at Southern WV Community and Technical College, with funding from general funds to cover the cost;

2) A bus request from Baileysville Elementary and Middle School to take 3rd and 4th grade students to visit the Clay Center and the Town Center Mall in Charleston on December 7, 2017, with funding from extracurricular funds and donations to cover the cost;

3) A bus request from Berlin McKinney Elementary School to take Kindergarten students to watch the movie The Star at Marquee Cinemas in Beckley on December 6, 2017;

4) A bus request from Berlin McKinney Elementary School to take 3rd grade students to watch the movie Coco at Marquee Cinemas in Beckley on December 13, 2017, with funding from extracurricular funds to cover the cost;

5) A bus request from Berlin McKinney Elementary School to take 4th grade students to watch the movie The Star at Marquee Cinemas in Beckley on December 8, 2017, with funding from extracurricular funds to cover the cost;

6) A bus request from Mullens Elementary School to take 1st grade students to Wyoming Continuous Care nursing home for Christmas activities on December 13, 2017;

7) A bus request from Mullens Elementary School to take Kindergarten through 4th grade students to watch the move Ferdinand at Marquee Cinemas in Beckley on December 19, 2017, with funding from extracurricular funds to cover the cost;

8) A request from Jeffrey McKinney for two professional days on December 6-7, 2017, to attend the Teacher Academy Workshop: Classroom Management, Setting the Stage, in Charleston;

9) A request from Randy Miller for two professional days on December 6-7, 2017, to attend the Teacher Academy Workshop: Classroom Management, Setting the Stage, in Charleston;

10) A request from Matthew Acord for two professional days on December 11-12,

2017, to attend the Blueprint Review Committee meeting for science in Charleston;

11) A request from Ashley Francis for two professional days on December 11-12, 2017, to attend the Blueprint Review Committee meeting for ELA in Charleston;

12) A request from Timothy Kennedy for a professional day on November 3, 2017, to attend the West Virginia Theater Association Conference at Concord University;

13) A request from Timothy Kennedy for three professional days on March 7-9, 2018, to attend the Southeastern Theatre Conference in Mobile, Alabama;

14) A request from Betty S. Griffin for three professional days on March 7-9, 2018, to attend the Southeastern Theatre Conference in Mobile, Alabama;

15) A request from Angela Steffey for three professional days on March 7-9, 2018, to attend the Southeastern Theatre Conference in Mobile, Alabama;

16) A request from Timothy Kennedy to travel with the Westside Theatre Troupe March 7-9, 2018, for the Southeastern Theatre Conference in Mobile, Alabama; and

17) A request from Westside High School for all Westside Theatre Troupe students to be excused March 7-9, 2018, to attend the Southeastern Theatre Conference in Mobile, Alabama.

C. Budget Supplements and Transfers: Mrs. Cline asked Mrs. Kim Cook, Chief School Business Official, to present regarding Budget Supplements and Transfers.

Mrs. Cook reviewed the Budget Supplements and Transfers with the Board.

D. Payment of Invoices: Mrs. Cline recommended the Payment of Invoices, with the addition of two new invoices, as presented.

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

School Safety and Security: Mr. Prichard asked Mrs. Cline to present regarding

School Safety and Security.

Mrs. Cline said the emergency backpacks have arrived. She reviewed all items in the backpacks with the Board. She said each school will be receiving two, one for the principal, and one for a designee. She said the backpacks can be used during any emergency which may lead to evacuation.

There was a brief discussion concerning the emergency backpacks and their placement.

Consideration of Rush Cook Ballfield Lease: Mr. Prichard asked Mrs. Cline to present regarding the Consideration of Rush Cook Ballfield Lease.

Mrs. Cline said there have been some new developments regarding the ballfield since the initial Board packet. She asked Mr. Jeff Brewer, Director of Maintenance and Construction, to address the Board.

Mr. Brewer said the representative from the land company has contacted him, and the company has gone through a reorganization. He said the land company that the Board would now be working with in regards to the Rush Cook Ballfield lease is The Big Huff Timber Lands, LLC. He said he has also asked that it not only list the Little League, but for the property to be used for school and school related activities.

Mr. Prichard asked if a bridge to the property would be installed.

Mr. Brewer said he was currently working on the possibility of being able to install a bridge, and trying to explore grants that may be available for such a project. He said the land company is in agreement for the Board to place a bridge on the property, when funds allow.

Mrs. Cline said installing a bridge on the property was definitely a priority; however, the basic upkeep of the property was more so, as kids often play there.

Mr. Davis asked if the property would have to be placed on the Board's insurance.

Mr. Brewer said it was currently on the policy, due to the fact that kids are playing there, and the Board wanted to be covered. He said the Board will first have to enter into the lease agreement with the land company before seeking grants.

Mrs. Cline said she recommends the Board give latitude to pursue the lease agreement on the Rush Cook Ballfield property. She said the lease would read the same, but the land company name would be different.

After a thorough discussion, Mr. Lester made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stiltner, to approve entering the lease agreement with Big Huff Timber Lands, LLC for the Rush Cook Ballfield, as presented and as recommended by Mrs. Cline, Superintendent. Passed with a 5-0 vote.

Using Data to Inform, Identify Root Causes, Adjust and Align Resources, Measure and Monitor to Guide Student Academic Growth: Wyoming County Strategic Plan: Mr. Prichard asked Mrs. Cline to present regarding Using Data to Inform, Identify Root Causes, Adjust and Align Resources, Measure and Monitor to Guide Student Academic Growth: Wyoming County Strategic Plan.

Mrs. Cline asked Mrs. Judy Bledsoe, Administrator of Curriculum and Instruction, to address the Board.

Mrs. Bledsoe provided a number of handouts to the Board members. She said in developing the county's Strategic Plan for the 2017-18 school year, a very extensive gathering of data was requested. She said this led to a number of schools revisiting goals, and school improvement research. She reviewed assessment trend data for Wyoming County Schools as a whole, as well as on an individual basis. The data was also reviewed by looking at individual student groups, as they progressed throughout grade levels. Numerous forms of the assessment data were reviewed in depth.

Mrs. Bledsoe also provided attendance data and enrollment trends to review with

the Board. She discussed the effects of both factors.

There was a very thorough discussion regarding Using Data to Inform, Identify Root Causes, Adjust and Align Resources, Measure and Monitor to Guide Student Academic Growth: Wyoming County Strategic Plan.

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

Mrs. Cline recommended the Personnel List as presented.

Mr. Stiltner made a motion at 8:44 p.m., seconded by Mrs. England, to go into executive session regarding a personnel matter, WV Code §6-9A-4. Passed with a 5-0 vote.

Mr. Stiltner made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lester, to return to regular session at 9:04 p.m. Passed with a 5-0 vote.

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

PROFESSIONAL

EXTRA DUTIES

A. Recommended for Appointment:

Brittany D. Miller, Archery Coach, Huff Consolidated Elementary and Middle School, effective December 5, 2017

Alisha S. Brown, Junior Varsity Coach, 6th - 8th Grade Girls Basketball, Baileysville Elementary and Middle School, effective November 29, 2017

Brandon C. French, Junior Varsity Coach, 6th - 8th Grade Boys Basketball, Baileysville Elementary and Middle School, effective November 29, 2017

Jessica D. Pelfrey, Junior Varsity Coach, 6th - 8th Grade Girls Basketball, Glen Fork Elementary and Middle School, effective November 29, 2017

Rebecca D. Lester, Junior Varsity Coach, 6th - 8th Grade Boys Basketball, Huff Consolidated Elementary and Middle School, effective November 29, 2017

Kara B. Brown, Junior Varsity Coach, 6th - 8th Grade Girls Basketball, Mullens Middle School, effective November 29, 2017

Rory D. Chapman, Junior Varsity Coach, 6th - 8th Grade Boys Basketball, Mullens Middle School, effective November 29, 2017

Brittany R. Cook, Junior Varsity Coach, 6th - 8th Grade Girls Basketball, Oceana Middle School, effective November 29, 2017

Noel D. Cogar, Jr., Junior Varsity Coach, 6th - 8th Grade Boys Basketball, Oceana Middle School, effective November 30, 2017

Michelle N. Daniels, Junior Varsity Coach, 6th - 8th Grade Girls Basketball, Pineville Middle School, effective November 29, 2017

Timothy B. Leather, Junior Varsity Coach, 6th - 8th Grade Boys Basketball, Pineville Middle School, effective November 29, 2017

Jamie A. Lusk, Junior Varsity Coach, 6th - 8th Grade Girls Basketball, Road Branch Elementary and Middle School, effective November 29, 2017

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Ruth Cook, Volunteer Girls Basketball Coach, Oceana Middle School, effective November 29, 2017

Noel D. Cogar, Jr., Volunteer Boys Basketball Coach, Oceana Middle School, effective November 30, 2017

Zachary M. Cook, Volunteer Boys Basketball Coach, Mullens Middle School, effective November 30, 2017

B. Resignation:

Nathan R. Short, Assistant Varsity Baseball Coach, Westside High School, effective November 27, 2017

SERVICE PERSONNEL

AIDES

A. Family Medical Leave of Absence:

Pauline Y. Monk, Special Education Aide (TMI), Pineville Elementary School, effective November 27, 2017 through June 5, 2018

SUBSTITUTES

Teachers

James E. Hopkins, Retired

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

Mr. Davis said the Superintendent's Contract would need to be evaluated and
discussed in early January.

Mr. Prichard reminded members the next regular Board meeting will be held on
Thursday, December 14, 2017, at 10:00 p.m., at Baileysville Elementary and Middle
School.

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