

WYOMING COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, February 5, 2018

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, February 5, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. at the Wyoming County Career and Technical Center. Those in attendance 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. Individuals or Groups of the Community at Large Wishing to Address the Board
2. Celebrating Success
 - A. County Math Field Day Winners
 - B. County Spelling Bee Champion
 - C. County "Attendance Matters" Poster Contest Winners
3. Consent Agenda
 - A. Minutes - Board of Education Meeting, January 29, 2018
 - B. Extracurricular, Special, and Bus Requests
 - C. Budget Supplements and Transfers
4. School Safety and Security
5. Permission to Pursue School Building Authority Major Improvement Project Proposal
6. Consideration of Wyoming County School Graduation Credits Alignment with West Virginia Board of Education Policy 2510
7. Personnel
 - A. Personnel List
8. Superintendent's Evaluation
9. 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, led by Ms. Robin Hall, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Schools.

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. County Math Field Day Winners, B. County Spelling Bee Champion, and C. County "Attendance Matters" Poster Contest

Winners: Mr. Prichard asked Mrs. Cline to present regarding Celebrating Success.

Mrs. Cline said it is always great to celebrate the achievements of the students and staff in the County. She said Wyoming County has a lot to be proud of. She introduced the Board Members and Central Office Staff. Mrs. Cline thanked the students and parents for attending. She said these students have gone above and beyond the normal school day, and she is pleased to be able to recognize them.

Those students recognized for their accomplishments included County Math Field Day winners, County Spelling Bee Champion, and County "Attendance Matters" Poster Contest Winners.

Mrs. Cline said she was very pleased to be able to celebrate the success of the students with them and their loved ones. She thanked everyone for coming.

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

January 18, 2018: Mrs. Cline recommended the minutes as presented, with the noted changes.

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

1) A bus request from Herndon Consolidated Elementary and Middle School to take the 6th - 8th grade basketball team and cheerleaders to a game at Glen Fork Elementary and Middle School on February 5, 2018, with funding from the sporting fund to cover the cost;

2) A request from Leslie Garretson for a professional day on February 6, 2018, to

work with 2nd grade teachers at Mullens Elementary School on how to integrate writing into everyday assignments;

3) A request from Charles White for his son to attend school out of county, transferring from Van High School to Westside High School; and

4) A request from Phyllis Banther for four professional leave days, February 6-9, 2018, to attend the United States Marine Corps Educator Workshop at Paris Island.

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

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

After a thorough discussion, Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lester, 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: Mr. Prichard asked Mrs. Cline to present regarding School Safety and Security.

Mrs. Cline said Mr. Jeff Brewer, Director of Maintenance and Construction, is working on a BRIM report that answers any safety violations or important issues that the Board of Risk and Insurance Management found. She said he was doing a very thorough job. Mrs. Cline said Mr. Jeffrey Hylton, Director of Safety and Transportation, is continuing to visit each school on a rotating, regular basis, to check for lock down drills, as well as other areas of safety. She said Mr. Hylton has praised the efforts of the schools for their diligence and commitment to safety. Mrs. Cline said there have been some cases of the flu this year, as with every school year, and Mr. Brewer has extra supplies, such as Clorox wipes and hand sanitizer, going to each school. She said the teachers and custodians go above and beyond to insure areas are sanitized on a regular basis.

Permission to Pursue School Building Authority Major Improvement Project

Proposal: Mr. Prichard asked Mrs. Cline to present regarding Permission to Pursue School Building Authority Major Improvement Project.

Mrs. Cline said Mr. Brewer is currently working on the project, and asked him to address the Board.

Mr. Brewer said it is the time of year to start working to secure funds from the School Building Authority for major improvement projects. He said the amounts approved by the School Building Authority ranges from \$50,000 to one million dollars. He said the last project was a Needs Project, and the funds awarded were from one million dollars, up. He provided handouts to the Board members regarding this MIP project. Mr. Brewer said the proposed project will include replacing windows and doors at the Career and Technical Center. He said the current windows and doors at the CTC are very old and were placed when the building was constructed. Mr. Brewer said the replacement of the windows and doors will provide an environmentally sound situation and energy savings. He said a list of projects and needs are kept in his office for future work to be done. He said he felt the time to act on this particular project was now, and Wyoming County Schools should have a good chance of being funded.

After a brief discussion, Mr. Stiltner made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lester, to Pursue School Building Authority Improvement Project Proposal, as presented and as recommended by the Superintendent. Passed with a 5-0 vote.

Consideration of Wyoming County School Graduation Credits Alignment with West Virginia Board of Education Policy 2510: Mr. Prichard asked Mrs. Cline to present regarding Consideration of Wyoming County School Graduation Credits Alignment with West Virginia Board of Education Policy 2510.

Mrs. Cline said there have been substantial changes to Policy 2510, which is the governing principle and policy that is used throughout the curriculum and grade levels.

She said one of the focal points of the changes is the expansion and focus on Career and Technical Education, and the flexibility needed with such courses. She said the goal is to help students graduate with an employable skill that will sustain them throughout their lives. She asked Ms. Hall to present information regarding the necessary changes.

Ms. Hall provided the Board members with a handout of summary information. She said currently Wyoming County Schools requires 26 credits to graduate high school. She said a few years ago, the requirement was 28 credits. She said in December, 2017, the West Virginia Department of Education voted to reduce the number of credits the State requires from 24 to 22. She said this change will go into effect on July 1, 2018, for the class of 2022, the incoming freshmen. She said with the change being made to a traditional schedule, secondary schools will need some flexibility with Career and Technical Center students. She said this change will also benefit freshmen, as some come into high school and have difficulty with the transition.

Mrs. Cline said freshmen students who struggle with the transition could find themselves in peril very quickly with the required credits, and have a difficult time getting back on track to graduate on time. She said this issue increases the potential for dropouts.

Ms. Hall said this credit reduction would also help seniors who have all needed credits, except the English, math, civics, and a possible fourth science. She said students will still have time to do an online college course at the school. She said no high school credit would be given, but the course would be very beneficial to the students. She said this change will also allow students the flexibility of exploring digital courses, which may not be a college course, but still beneficial.

Mrs. Cline said work is currently being done to transition the libraries at the two high schools into digital learning centers.

Ms. Hall said the goal is to stay more in line with West Virginia Department of Education Policy 2510, while still doing what is best for students. She said the change of Policy 2510, reduces the credits required to 22, and the proposed change to County requirements would be reduced to 24, still 2 above State policy.

After a thorough discussion, Mrs. England made a motion, seconded by Mr. Davis, to approve the proposal of lowering the required graduation credits from 26 to 24, to be more in line with West Virginia Board of Education Policy 2510, as presented and as recommended by the Superintendent. Passed with a 5-0 vote.

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

Mrs. Cline recommended the Personnel List as presented.

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

PROFESSIONAL

CENTRAL OFFICE

A. Retirement:

Jeffrey E. Brewer, Director of Maintenance and Construction, effective
June 30, 2018

SECONDARY TEACHERS

A. Recommended for Appointment:

Lisa Adkins, Itinerant Band Instructional/Choral Music Teacher,
Wyoming East High School and/or Feeder Schools, effective
February 12, 2018

SERVICE PERSONNEL

COOKS

A. Recommended for Appointment:

Phoebe D. Price, from Preferred Recall List, to One Half-Time Cook (8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.), Westside High School, effective January 31, 2018

SUBSTITUTES

Aides

Correction of Name:

Michelle Y. Cook was listed on the last Personnel List in error. The correct name is Michele L. Cook.

Cooks

Diana L. Dunigan

Superintendent's Evaluation: Mr. Prichard asked Mrs. Cline to present information regarding the Superintendent's Evaluation.

Mrs. Cline presented her portfolio from the start of the school year, through the present. She said the papers in the portfolio included representation of many meetings, small groups, and collaboration. She also presented a copy of her portfolio from the 2016-2017 school year, and a digital copy of the portfolio for this school year.

Mr. Stiltner made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss the Superintendent's Evaluation at 7:09 p.m., WV Code §6-9A-4. The motion was seconded by Mr. Davis. Passed with a 5-0 vote.

Mr. Stiltner made a motion to return to regular session, WV Code §6-9A-4, at 7:49 p.m., seconded by Mr. Lester. Passed with a 5-0 vote.

Mr. Prichard stated that the Wyoming County Board of Education found, through its evaluation process, that Superintendent Deirdre A. Cline Exceeds Standards in all areas of the evaluation. Mr. Prichard stated that the Board is pleased with the work that

Mrs. Cline has done on behalf of the students and employees of Wyoming County Schools and the Wyoming County Board of Education. Mr. Prichard also stated the Board of Education values the vision and teamwork which is present with Mrs. Cline's leadership and the Exceeds Standards rating emphasized the Board's appreciation.

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

Mr. Prichard reminded members the next regular Board meeting will be held on Thursday, February 15, 2018, at 10:00 a.m., at Westside High School.

Mrs. England made a motion, seconded by Mr. Davis, to adjourn at 7:55 p.m.
Passed with a 5-0 vote.