

WYOMING COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, January 29, 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, January 29, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. at Pineville Elementary School.

Those in attendance were Michael R. Prichard, President; Allan R. Stiltner, Vice President; Morgan K. "Mike" Davis and Betty F. England, Members. Douglas E. Lester, Member, participated by phone. 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. Local School Improvement Council: Pineville Elementary School
3. Consent Agenda
 - A. Minutes - Board of Education Meeting, January 18, 2018
 - B. Extracurricular, Special, and Bus Requests
4. Consideration of Revision of Policy 5302: Grade Weighting
5. Update Regarding SAT School Day: Test Preparation and Communication
6. School Safety and Security
7. Permission to Interview Architect & Engineers for the Wyoming East High School Project
8. Personnel
 - A. Personnel List
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.

Local School Improvement Council: Pineville Elementary School: Mr.

Prichard asked Mrs. Cline to present regarding Local School Improvement Council: Pineville Elementary School.

Mrs. Cline introduced Mr. Donald Clay, Principal of Pineville Elementary School. She asked Mr. Clay to address the Board.

Mr. Clay welcomed the Board members and Central Office staff to Pineville Elementary School. He said he was very proud of the new school building. He said the staff is outstanding. He said there is a tremendous amount of teamwork. He said the scores from the General Summative Assessment were good. He said everyone, teachers and students, work very hard on assessments. Mr. Clay said in the future, he would like to add an additional access point to the playground.

Mr. Davis asked about the parking available at the school.

Mr. Clay said there is just enough parking for the faculty and staff. He said when events were held at the school, it was very crowded, but everyone made it work. He said the students at Pineville Elementary School work very hard, and have had success at the county fairs, and spelling bees. He said the building is being maintained as well as possible with the number of custodians at the school. He said the cut of ½ a position has hurt. He said he understands budget concerns, but his one request would be for the ½ time custodian position to be put back. He said the maintenance department has always been very helpful when a need arises. He thanked the Board for their time, and for coming to the school today.

Mr. Davis asked how LiveGrades was doing.

Mr. Clay said the platform of LiveGrades was great, and it was an easy to use program. He said the biggest setback for LiveGrades was lack of parent participation.

Mr. Clay thanked the Board again for coming to Pineville Elementary School.

Mr. Prichard thanked Mr. Clay for hosting the meeting.

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

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

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

1) A request from Angela Boninsegna for a professional day on February 7, 2018, to take the Wyoming East High School Girls Basketball team to the Little General Shootout; and

2) A request from Jason Hatfield for a professional day on February 9, 2018, to attend a mandatory training at Mountaineer Challenge Academy in Kingwood.

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

Consideration of Revision of Policy 5302: Grade Weighting: Mr. Prichard asked Mrs. Cline to present regarding Consideration of Revision of Policy 5302: Grade Weighting.

Mrs. Cline said Ms. Hall would present regarding the Consideration of Revision of Policy 5302: Grade Weighting.

Ms. Hall provided the Board members with a new handout of the Draft Policy 5302. She said additional changes have been made since the Board packet was released. She said discrete math would be removed, as it has not been in the high schools for fifteen years, or more. She reviewed the changes with Board members. She said Wyoming County Career and Technical Center will have the most advanced Career and Technical classes in the state of West Virginia next year. She said this

change could possibly cause additional revisions to Policy 5302 in the future.

After a thorough discussion, Mr. Stiltner made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lester, to approve the Revision of Policy 5302: Grade Weighting, as presented and as recommended by the Superintendent. Passed with a 5-0 vote.

Update Regarding SAT School Day: Test Preparation and Communication:

Mr. Prichard asked Mrs. Cline to present regarding SAT School Day Update: Test Preparation and Communication.

Mrs. Cline said the ACT has been the test of choice for students pursuing college acceptance. She said the State has now adopted the SAT, which is similar to the ACT, but known to be more strenuous. She said out of state colleges and universities often require the SAT. She said the SAT will now be the general summative assessment given to high school students. Mrs. Cline said the ACT will still be available to students wishing to take it; however, the SAT will now be used for the Promise Scholarship evaluation. She said State colleges and universities will also now use the SAT as the main platform for admissions. She said the SAT is taking the place of the ACT, and is also the test given to juniors in high school, for their assessment test. She said the students can also elect to send their results to up to four colleges. Mrs. Cline said Ms. Hall has done a tremendous amount of collaborative work to make sure our students have the resources they need to prepare for the SAT. She said she has also made sure teachers are prepared, as well. She asked Ms. Hall to address the Board regarding the SAT School Day: Test Preparation and Communication.

Ms. Hall provided the Board members with a handout outlining the SAT School Day. She said all juniors and some seniors will be taking the test. She said the test takes five hours on average to complete. She said snacks and drinks would be provided to students during breaks, since there is no lunch break allotted. She said a collaboration between secondary school educators, Mrs. Stacey Butcher, Director of

Personnel and Assessment, and herself, has been taking place to try to make sure all involved have the resources needed. She provided a thorough review of all resources available to students, parents, and teachers. She said all information has been made available by way of Facebook, the County website, and a letter mailed to students' homes. She said school level trainings for faculty have been scheduled to be completed by the end of January, as long as weather permits. Ms. Hall said there is an app available to provide daily questions for the students as well. She said information has been provided in various forms of communication, to insure all stakeholders are informed.

There was a thorough discussion regarding SAT Test Day: Test Preparation and Communication.

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

Mrs. Cline said there has been progress made on the Stop the Bleed kits. She said Ms. Hall does a great job of meeting with the school nurses on a regular basis. She asked Ms. Hall to provide an update regarding those kits.

Ms. Hall said Mrs. Sherry Walker, School Nurse, has been working with Mr. Jeffrey Hylton, Director of Safety and Transportation, to pursue grant money for the Stop the Bleed kits. She said they have also contacted several companies that sell the kits, to negotiate prices. She said the lowest price quote received has been \$10,144. She said she is currently working with Mrs. Kim Cook, Chief School Business Official, to see if it will need to be placed for bid.

Mrs. Cline said once more information was received, the Board members would be made aware.

Permission to Interview Architect & Engineers for the Wyoming East High School Project: Mr. Prichard asked Mrs. Cline to present regarding Permission to

Interview Architect & Engineers for the Wyoming East High School Project.

Mrs. Cline said Mr. Jeff Brewer, Director of Maintenance and Construction is continuing work on this project, and asked that he address the Board.

Mr. Brewer said the project needs for an architect and engineers does have to be advertised. He said this is the latest criteria regarding such projects. He said February 9, 2018 would be the last day for architects and engineers to submit letters of interest in providing services for the Wyoming East High School project. He said those expressing interest will have to go through a formal interview with Mrs. Cline and himself. He said the interviews are scheduled for February 16, 2018. Mr. Brewer said once the interviews are held, a meeting will be held to select the successful firm. He said the SBA has to then review the firms. He said once that was complete, the Board would then be asked to approve the selected firm.

After a brief discussion, Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stiltner, to grant Permission to Interview Architect & Engineers for the Wyoming East High School Project, 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.

Mr. Prichard made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel at 11:25 a.m., WV Code §6-9A-4. The motion was seconded by Mr. Davis. Passed with a 5-0 vote.

Phone connection with Mr. Lester was discontinued.

Mr. Stiltner made a motion to return to regular session, WV Code §6-9A-4, at 11:58 a.m., seconded by Mrs. England. Passed with a 4-0 vote.

Phone connection with Mr. Lester was reestablished.

After a thorough discussion, Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lester, to approve the Personnel List as presented and as recommended by the Superintendent. Passed with a 4-0 vote. Mr. Prichard abstained from vote.

PROFESSIONAL

COUNSELORS

A. Family Medical Leave:

Katie Williamson, Counselor, Itinerant, Pineville Elementary School/Pineville Middle School, extended through May 1, 2018

SUBSTITUTES

Teachers

Jessica D. Hicks, Non-education

Aides

Michelle Y. Cook

Cooks

Rebecca Kirk, Remove from list as per her request, effective January 17, 2018

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 Monday, February 5, 2018, at 6:00 p.m., at the Wyoming County Career and Technical Center.

Mrs. Cline added it would be a Celebrating Success meeting.

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