

WYOMING COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, August 6, 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, August 6, 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 and Betty F. England, Members. Douglas E. Lester, Member, joined the meeting at 6:09 p.m. 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. Consent Agenda
 - A. Minutes - Board of Education Meeting, July 30, 2018
3. School Safety and Security
4. Consideration of Accelerated Reader Grade System Repeal and Replace
5. Consideration of Memorandum of Understanding with MountainHeart Community Services for "You Care" Program
6. Personnel List
7. 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 for 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.

Consent Agenda: A. Minutes - Board of Education Meeting, July 30, 2018:

Mrs. Cline recommended the minutes as presented.

After a brief discussion, Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stiltner, to approve Consent Agenda, Item A. as presented and recommended by Mrs. Cline, Superintendent. Passed with a 4-0 vote.

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

Mrs. Cline said Mr. Jeffrey Hylton, Director of Safety and Transportation, would address the Board regarding School Safety and Security.

Mr. Hylton said he recently met with the New Tech Camera Systems representative. He said they visited the Career and Technical Center and discussed additional cameras for the back of the building. He said the representative would be providing a quote within the week for that project.

Mr. Hylton said the Active Shooter Training held at the 911 Center was very productive. He said there were representatives from all forms of emergency services. He said the meeting was a tremendous learning opportunity and he is very pleased with the turnout.

There was a thorough discussion regarding School Safety and Security.

Consideration of Accelerated Reader Grade System Repeal and Replace:

Mr. Prichard asked Mrs. Cline to present regarding the Consideration of Accelerated Reader Grade System Repeal and Replace.

Mrs. Cline said this concept was not to extinguish the Accelerated Reader program all together, but to make it more incentive based. She asked Mrs. Kara Halsey-Mitchell, Director of Academic Programs to address the Board.

Mrs. Halsey-Mitchell provided the Board Members with an updated draft of the

proposed grading scale, which includes Satisfactory, Needs improvement, and Unsatisfactory. She said since working closely with Renaissance Learning, she has realized the company does not recommend using the traditional grading scale, which includes A, B, C, D and F, for Accelerated Reader. She said the company research shows that having a grade from the traditional grading scale for Accelerated Reader actually discourages students regarding reading. She said Renaissance Learning feels the program should be encouraging reading.

Mrs. Cline said the chart provided was adaptable, as needed, depending on snow days and other possible school closures. She said the program will stay in place for all students, but she is asking for the grading scale to go from A-F, to S, N, and U. She said the emphasis will be put on incentives for reading, versus a letter grade impacting grade point average.

Mr. Prichard asked if the proposed change has been discussed with principals or teachers.

Mrs. Cline said the Accelerated Reader program is an ongoing discussion between all faculty and that the issue has been discussed in County Leadership Team meetings, as well.

Mr. Davis said he would be curious to see what the percentage of students receiving A-Fs would be for the last school year.

Mrs. Cline said she has seen straight A students receive Fs on their report card due to Accelerated Reading.

Mr. Lester said using the A-F grading scale for the Accelerated Reading program adds undue stress to students and is not an incentive to read.

Mrs. England said she agrees that it should be changed.

Mrs. Halsey-Mitchell said there will have to be new and creative incentives

provided to encourage students to read. She said it will take collaboration between the teachers and principals.

Mrs. Cline said the representatives from Accelerated Reading who had recently presented at a professional development session actually do not recommend putting a grade on the program at all. She said she feels the S, N, and U scale is a good compromise between what has been done in the past, with grading, and what is best for children, moving forward. She said it is her recommendation to repeal the current A-F grading scale for Accelerated Reader, and replace it with the S, N, U scale.

After a thorough discussion, Mr. Lester made the motion, seconded by Mr. Stiltner, to approve the Accelerated Reader Grade System Repeal and Replace, as presented and recommended by Mrs. Cline, Superintendent. Passed with a 5-0 vote.

Consideration of Memorandum of Understanding with MountainHeart

Community Services for the "You Care" Program: Mr. Prichard asked Mrs. Cline to present regarding the Consideration of Memorandum of Understanding with MountainHeart Community Services for the "You Care" Program.

Mrs. Cline said this is a brand new program through MountainHeart Community Services. She asked Ms. Hall to address the Board.

Ms. Hall said MountainHeart Community Services received a grant to help fight the opioid epidemic in Wyoming County. She said as part of the program, help will be provided to individuals who are unemployed, underemployed, or previously incarcerated. She said the program will also help those who are suffering from drug abuse and addiction. She said part of the grant requires MountainHeart to partner with a youth led organization to get students involved in helping each other with such issues. She said the program will be named C.A.R.D.I.N.A.L. She said it is an acronym for Changing Actions Regarding Daily Impacts Nationally And Locally. Ms. Hall said this

would be an organization in the school where older students will mentor younger students, and lead by example in the community. She said the organization will teach prevention, safe medicine practices, and decision making skills regarding medication. She said this is also a great leadership opportunity for students. She said she feels this program is another great resource for students.

Mr. Stiltner asked which grade levels would be involved with this program.

Ms. Hall said she could see the benefits of the program throughout all grades, but feels grades 5 through 12 would be a great start.

Mrs. Cline said this program will provide anti-drug curriculum, which will be a new requirement in the fall. She said she supports the program, and is excited to see it help students in areas of needed development.

After a thorough discussion, Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mrs. England, to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with MountainHeart Community Services for the "You Care" Program, as presented and 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.

Mrs. Cline recommended the Personnel List as presented. She asked Mrs. Stacey Lusk-Butcher, Director of Assessment and Personnel, to address the Board.

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

PROFESSIONAL

ELEMENTARY TEACHERS

A. Recommended for Appointment:

Amy M. Mitchell, from Digital Services Instructor, Wyoming East High School, to Elementary Education Teacher (½ Title I & ½ Elementary Education), Mullens Elementary School, effective 2018-2019 School Year

B. Resignation:

Peggy L. Huffman, Title I Teacher, Berlin McKinney Elementary School, effective August 3, 2018

Jacqueline D. Chambers, Kindergarten Teacher, Berlin McKinney Elementary School, effective July 19, 2018

C. Termination:

Dale Joseph Besl, Physical Education and Health Teacher, Baileysville Elementary and Middle School, effective August 7, 2018

EXTRA DUTIES

A. Resignation:

Larissa Davis, Athletic Trainer, Wyoming East High School, effective July 31, 2018

Amy M. Lambert, 3rd, 4th, and 5th Grade Cheer Coach, Berlin McKinney Elementary School, effective August 1, 2018

SERVICE PERSONNEL

AIDES

A. Recommended for Appointment:

Kathy A. Sutherland, Special Education Aide, Pineville Middle School, to Special Education Aide, Berlin McKinney Elementary School, effective 2018-2019 School Year

CUSTODIANS

A. Correction:

Phoebe D. Price, from One Half-Time Cook (9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.), Pineville Elementary School, to One Half-Time Cook (9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.), Pineville Elementary School, and One Half-Time Custodian, Evening Shift (2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.), Glen Fork Elementary and Middle School, effective 2018-2019 School Year

SUBSTITUTES

Teachers

Christine R. Salters
Teresa Jane Weaver

Secretaries

Deanna J. Riffe

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 of the next Board meeting, which is to be held
on Thursday, August 16, 2018, at 10:00 a.m., at the Wyoming County Board of
Education Central Office Conference Room.

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