

WYOMING COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, September 13, 2018

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COUNTY OF WYOMING, TO-WIT:

A call for a regular meeting of the Wyoming County Board of Education was held on Thursday, September 13, 2018, at 10:00 a.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, attended 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. Consent Agenda
 - A. Minutes, Board of Education Meeting, August 27, 2018 and September 4, 2018
 - B. Extracurricular, Special, and Bus Requests
3. School Safety and Security
4. NEOLA, First Reading: Consideration of Repeal of all Wyoming County Board of Education Policies and Replacement with NEOLA Generated Policies for Wyoming County Board of Education
5. West Virginia General Summative Assessment Data Presentation
6. Curriculum Coaches Update
7. Collaborative Agreement for Pre-K Services between MountainHeart Community Services and the Wyoming County Board of Education
8. Personnel
 - A. Personnel List
 - B. School Bus Operator Training Class
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 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, August 27, 2018, and September 4, 2018: Mr. Prichard asked Mrs. Cline to present regarding Consent Agenda: A. Minutes, Board of Education Meetings, August 27, 2018, and September 4, 2018.

Mrs. Cline recommended the Minutes for August 27, and September 4, 2018, as presented with the noted change on September 4, 2018.

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

1) A request from Sheila Lester for her 3rd grade son to attend school out of district, transferring from Huff Consolidated Elementary and Middle School to Baileysville Elementary and Middle School, for the 2018-2019 school year;

2) A request from Sheila Lester for her 1st grade daughter to attend school out of district, transferring from Huff Consolidated Elementary and Middle School to Baileysville Elementary and Middle School, for the 2018-2019 school year;

3) A request from Sheila Lester for her 3rd grade daughter to attend school out of district, transferring from Huff Consolidated Elementary and Middle School to Baileysville Elementary and Middle School, for the 2018-2019 school year;

4) A bus request from Baileysville Elementary and Middle School to take Kindergarten and 1st grade student to Okes Farm in Cool Ridge on October 5, 2018, with funding from the school's general fund to cover the cost;

5) A request from Senetha Clay for two professional days on September 6-7, 2018, to attend the Autism Across the Lifespan Conference in Huntington;

6) A bus request from Pineville Elementary School to take 1st grade students to

Okes Farm in Cool Ridge on October 18, 2018, with funding from the school's 1st grade funds to cover the cost;

7) A bus request from Pineville Elementary School to take 2nd grade students to Okes Farm in Cool Ridge on September 26, 2018, with funding from extracurricular funds to cover the cost;

8) A request from Erika Lusk for two professional days on September 6-7, 2018, to attend the Autism Across the Lifespan conference in Huntington;

9) A request from Brenda Smith for a professional day on September 11, 2018, to attend a Graduation 20/20 meeting;

10) A request from Keisha Stewart for two professional days on September 6, 2018, and October 3, 2018, to attend the monthly GEAR UP Site Coordinator meetings;

11) A request from Brenda Smith for two professional days on September 6, 2018, and October 3, 2018, to attend the monthly GEAR UP Site Coordinator meetings;

12) A request from Linda Davis for two professional days on September 6-7, 2018, to attend the Autism Across the Lifespan conference in Huntington;

13) A request from Rhonda Thomas for three professional days on November 7-9, 2018, to attend the School Leadership Network for beginning administrators at Glade Springs;

14) A request from Keith Stewart for a professional day on October 4, 2018, to attend the GEAR UP Student Success Society Sponsor Training in Charleston;

15) A request from Christy Plumley for a professional day on October 4, 2018, to attend the GEAR UP Student Success Society Sponsor Training in Charleston;

16) A request from Rena Argabright for a professional day on October 4, 2018, to attend the GEAR UP Student Success Society Sponsor Training in Charleston;

17) A request from Kimberly Sibo-Runion for two professional days on September

21-22, 2018, to attend the Fall Administrators Conference in Morgantown;

18) A bus request from Wyoming East High School to take 9th - 12th grade students on the soccer team to the following games: James Monroe on September 12, 2018, Pikeview on September 15, 2018, Logan on September 18, 2018, and Sherman on September 25, 2018, with funding from the soccer team fund to cover the cost;

19) A bus request from Wyoming East High School to take 9th - 12th grade students on the soccer team to the following games: Chapmanville on October 9, 2018 and Mingo Central on October 11, 2018, with funding from the soccer team fund to cover the cost;

20) A request from Lori Blankenship for four professional days on October 9-12, 2018, to attend the WVAEA, Inc. Conference at Camp Dawson;

21) A request from Ashley Francis for two professional days on October 2-3, 2018, to attend the WVGSA English Language Arts Item Writing Workshop in Charleston;

22) A request from Mary Wykle for a professional day on September 28, 2018, to attend the WVSSPA Fall Conference;

23) A request from Lana Toler for a professional day on September 28, 2018, to attend the WVSSPA Fall Conference;

24) A request from Josh Belcher for a professional day on September 28, 2018, to attend the WVSSPA Fall Conference; and

25) A request from Sarah Stewart for a professional day on September 28, 2018, to attend the WVSSPA Fall Conference.

After a brief discussion, Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mrs. England, to approve Consent Agenda, Items A. and B., as presented and 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 asked Mr. Jeffrey Hylton, Director of Safety and Transportation, to address the Board.

Mr. Hylton said the start of the school year has been very busy. He said he has visited most schools and custodians to review the requirements from the State Board of Risk. He said he has also completed checks of the safety backpacks, ensuring one was in the principal's office, and the other was held by the principal's designee. Mr. Hylton said he has been attending the weather briefings with the Wyoming County Emergency Services.

Mrs. Cline also provided the Board members a brief review of the recent events involving Mullens Middle School. She said the possible threats were not intended towards Mullens Middle School once the investigation was complete; however, she is very pleased with how everyone worked together and made the right choices regarding student safety.

There was a thorough discussion regarding School Safety and Security.

NEOLA, First Reading: Consideration of Repeal of all Wyoming County Board of Education Policies and Replacement with NEOLA Generated Policies for Wyoming County Board of Education: Mr. Prichard asked Mrs. Cline to address the Board.

Mrs. Cline said a large amount of work has gone into the revisions of the policies. She said the repeal and replace of the policies must be on the Board meeting agendas for three times before a vote is held. She thanked Ms. Cooke for all of her hard work and dedication to this project and asked her to address the Board.

Ms. Cooke provided the Board members a copy of the instructions to review the policies online. She asked Ms. Hall to help Board members log on to NEOLA to view the policies. She reviewed all steps to view the policies online with the members. She asked Board members to review the policies and make notes with suggestions or questions

Mrs. Cline said by using NEOLA to update the policies, all will be current. She said

NEOLA will keep the County up to date on any additional changes to State and Federal policy, as well. She said all policies, included through NEOLA, have been reviewed and approved by NEOLA's attorneys. She said having the policies available online will be a tremendous help to all stakeholders. Mrs. Cline said two yearly updates are included in the cost of this service. She said this subject will be listed on all agendas until the third reading is held and a vote is taken.

There was a thorough discussion regarding policy, and the proposed repeal and replace process.

West Virginia General Summative Assessment Data Presentation: Mr. Prichard asked Mrs. Cline to present regarding West Virginia General Summative Assessment Data Presentation.

Mrs. Cline said the West Virginia Board of Education is releasing an accountability dashboard with school test results. She said that information is still embargoed, but General Summative Assessment Data is visible to superintendents. She said a full presentation of the Dashboard will be presented at the next Board meeting. Mrs. Cline asked Mrs. Stacey Butcher, Director of Assessment and Personnel, to address the Board.

Mrs. Butcher said the information she is providing in the handouts was still embargoed at the time of the packet. She said the information is an overview of the test results, compared to last years results. She said it also includes the State's overall scores, as well. She said the science scores have not yet been released.

Mrs. Cline said there is still work to be done on improving math scores. She said with the new math series, along with the curriculum coaches, she is hopeful those scores will improve, quickly.

Mrs. Kara Halsey-Mitchell, Director of Academic Programs, added the biggest areas of needed improvement appear to be when a student is entering 5th grade and a building

change is in play. She said moving from 4th to 5th grade is a big change for students.

Mrs. Butcher reviewed all data with the Board members.

There was a thorough discussion regarding the West Virginia General Summative Assessment Data.

Curriculum Coaches Update: Mr. Prichard asked Mrs. Cline to present the Curriculum Coaches Update.

Mrs. Cline asked Mrs. Halsey-Mitchell, Director of Academic Programs, to address the Board.

Mrs. Halsey-Mitchell said flexibility and prioritizing have been key to the start of the school year with coaches. She provided the Board members with a copy of brochures used to highlight the summer professional development and focused on curriculum resources for teachers. She said the brochures have been provided to teachers and contain areas of resources available. She said teachers have come to the coaching team regarding a number of topics. She said those topics are what the coaches have been addressing the first two weeks of school. Mrs. Mitchell said getting back to the basics, while providing instruction, is key. She said teachers must be covering the standards required through the County's adopted curriculum. She reviewed the weekly schedule for coaches with the Board members. Mrs. Mitchell also reviewed the county-wide writing plan that is being implemented. She said the feedback she has received concerning the coaches has been very positive.

There was a thorough discussion regarding Curriculum Coaches.

Collaborative Agreement for Pre-K Services between MountainHeart Community Services and the Wyoming County Board of Education: Mr. Prichard asked Mrs. Cline to present regarding the Collaborative Agreement for Pre-K Services between MountainHeart Community Services and the Wyoming County Board of

Education.

Mrs. Cline said strides have been made in the working relationship with MountainHeart Community Services. She said Mr. Stephen Walls and the Special Services team have been an integral part of the process with this collaborative agreement. She said the proposed agreement is very similar to last year's, with no major changes. Mrs. Cline reviewed the Agreement with the Board.

After a thorough discussion, Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lester, to approve the Collaborative Agreement for Pre-K Services between MountainHeart Community Services and the Wyoming County Board of Education, 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.

After a thorough discussion, Mrs. England 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:

Reba Morgan, Preschool Special Education Teacher, Huff Consolidated Elementary and Middle School, effective September 13, 2018

Harold D. Worley, Jr., from Special Education Teacher, Mullens Elementary School, to Elementary Education Teacher (½ Title I and ½ Elementary Education), Mullens Elementary School, effective 2019-2020 School Year

SECONDARY TEACHERS

A. Resignation:

William R. Thomas, Math Teacher, Westside High School, effective September 6, 2018

EXTRA DUTIES

A. Recommended for Appointment:

Raymond Workman, Volunteer Basketball Coach, Berlin McKinney Elementary School, effective September 14, 2018

Justin Tilley, Volunteer Football Coach, Oceana Middle School, effective September 14, 2018

Randall Peterson, Volunteer Volleyball Coach, Oceana Middle School, effective September 11, 2018

Krista Warrix, Junior Varsity Cheer Coach, Westside High School, effective September 14, 2018

Heather St. Clair, Volunteer Cheer Coach, Westside High School, effective September 14, 2018

Douglas R. Thorn, Junior Varsity Football Coach, Wyoming East High School, effective September 14, 2018

Andrew S. E. Thomas, Assistant Volleyball Coach, Wyoming East High School, effective September 11, 2018

B. Resignation:

Jillian R. Davis, 3rd - 5th Grade Cheer Coach, Glen Fork Elementary and Middle School, effective September 10, 2018

SERVICE PERSONNEL

AIDES

A. Recommended for Appointment:

Amy L. Price, from Special Education Aide, Mullens Elementary School, to Aide/ECCAT, Berlin McKinney Elementary School, effective September 5, 2018

BUS OPERATORS

A. Resignation:

**Robert L. Hylton, Jr., Bus Operator, Huff/Westside Area, effective
September 4, 2018**

B. Recommended for Appointment:

**Will M. Peterson, Bus Operator, Huff/Westside Area, effective
September 14, 2018**

**Lana K. Toler, Bus Operator, Extracurricular Run, AS NEEDED, Morning
Run, Westside to Career & Technical Center and return to Westside,
effective September 5, 2018**

**Lesley L. Walls, Bus Operator, Extracurricular Run, AS NEEDED, Morning
Run, Westside to Career & Technical Center and return to Westside,
effective September 14, 2018**

CUSTODIANS

A. Recommended for Appointment:

**Myra L. Griffith, Custodian (6:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.), Wyoming East High
School, effective September 14, 2018**

SUBSTITUTES

Teachers

**Larry D. Cooper
D. Jeannie Graham, effective September 4, 2018
Kathy L. Manning
Charisma West**

Athletic Trainers

**Samuell N. Brown
Jason Robert Downing**

Cooks

Angela Lusk, remove from list as per her request, effective September 10, 2018

B. School Bus Operator Training Class: Mr. Prichard asked Mrs. Cline to present regarding School Bus Operator Training Class.

Mrs. Cline said the people listed have shown interest in becoming a substitute bus driver and are starting the process to become certified to do so. She said at this time, several counties in the State are in a bus operator shortage; however, Wyoming County still has drivers available to substitute, and to fill positions as they arise. She said she appreciates Mr. Hylton's work in maintaining a fair number of substitutes.

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

Mrs. Cline said the weather reports are looking much better, in regards to Hurricane Florence. She said Mr. Hylton has been attending weather briefing meetings with Wyoming County Emergency Services and has also been in communication with the National Weather Service.

Mrs. Cline said she had attended the Teacher of the Year Gala with Mrs. Jaquetta Lester and her mother-in-law. She said the event was wonderful.

She said Board members would be contacted as soon as the new date for the WWSBA Fall Conference was scheduled. She said reservations would be completed, as well.

Mrs. Cline said high school football games in the County have been rescheduled to be played tonight, instead of Friday, September 14, 2018, due to the possibility of inclement weather.

She said she would like to schedule a work session with Board members regarding the Excess Levy in the near future. She said she appreciates feedback from all stakeholders.

Mrs. Cline said the Communities in Schools program is getting ready for their program kickoff at Westside High School. She said the kickoff is scheduled to be held at 10:00 a.m., Friday, September 21, 2018. She said this is going to be a very exciting time. She said First Lady Justice, Dr. Steven Paine, Don Nelan, Bob Pruet, and State Board members are among those planning to attend.

Mr. Prichard reminded members of the next Board meeting, which is to be held on Monday, September 24, 2018, at 6:00 p.m., at the Wyoming County Career and Technical Center.

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