

WYOMING COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, February 15, 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, February 15, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. at Westside High 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: Westside High School
3. Consent Agenda
 - A. Minutes - Board of Education Meeting, February 5, 2018
 - B. Extracurricular, Special, and Bus Requests
4. School Safety and Security
5. Consideration of Updated Secondary Program of Study
6. Consideration of Revision of Policy 5302: Grade Weighting
7. RESA 1/SESC Transition Update
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.

Representatives from the West Virginia Education Association and the American Federation of Teachers were in attendance and asked to address the Board.

Tina Adams, WVEA representative, and Sonja Davis, AFT representative, asked

Board Members to sign a Proclamation of Support for all school employees.

Mr. Prichard explained that there could be no formal discussion or vote, because the issue was not on the Board Meeting Agenda, but that any Board Member who chose to sign the document could do so.

Individually, all Board Members, the Superintendent, and Assistant Superintendents chose to sign the Proclamation of Support for all school employees.

Local School Improvement Council: Westside High School: Mr. Prichard asked Mrs. Cline to present regarding Local School Improvement Council: Westside High School.

Mrs. Cline introduced Mr. Keith Stewart, Principal of Westside High School, and asked him to present to the Board.

Mr. Stewart welcomed all Board members and Central Office staff to Westside High School, and thanked them for all of the support offered to the school. He said it was a pleasure to host the Board meeting. He introduced the students present. He asked Miss Hannah Argabright, President of the Study Body, to address the Board.

Miss Argabright said being a Renegade means having the opportunity to receive a quality education. She said the teachers and staff are hardworking, and make every effort to make assure all students are college or career ready when graduating. She said when students begin attending Westside High School as freshmen, they know it's a special place. She said it is a place to feel safe and make new friends. She said the school has something for everyone, with numerous clubs and organizations to be a part of. She said although she will be graduating this year, and moving on, she will always hold her time at Westside High School dear.

Mr. Stewart thanked Miss Argabright for her presentation. He asked Mr. Tim Kennedy, parent and teacher, to address the Board.

Mr. Kennedy said he feels honored to be a part of the Westside family. He said there is a great team effort at the school, and there is truly something for everyone at Westside High School. He said he would like to thank the Board for their recent contribution to the Theatre Troupe's trip to Alabama. He said to think that Westside High School is one of only twenty schools able to perform at the upcoming festival, is truly amazing. He said \$25,000 was needed for the trip, and only a short amount of time was available to raise funds. He said it has been fantastic to see the community come together and make this trip possible for the students.

Mr. Stewart thanked Mr. Kennedy for addressing the Board. He said Mr. Kennedy has been a part of the Westside staff since day one, and is such an asset to the school. Mr. Stewart introduced Mrs. Rhonda Thomas, Assistant Principal of Westside High School. He said she has done a phenomenal job, and has quickly become a part of the Westside family. He said he is very proud of the climate at the school. He said a positive culture has been present from the start, and measures are continually taken to make sure it continues. He said the school is maintained very well, and he thanked the Board members for making sure all county buildings were kept up. He said one area for improvement would be with student attendance. He said raising the dropout age from 17 to 18 has been a huge help with keeping students in school. Mr. Stewart said by the time they reach their eighteenth birthday, they are so close to graduating, many stick with it, that many have been a dropout risk. He said parents have really started communicating with teachers through LiveGrades. He said he feels this also has a positive impact on attendance and dropout rates. He discussed many positive areas of additional academic support, as well as the upcoming schedule change for next school year. Mr. Stewart said he is proud of the faculty, staff, and students of Westside High School.

Mr. Prichard thanked Mr. Stewart for his hard work and dedication to the school. He asked if anything was needed to help the school in anyway.

Mr. Stewart said cameras are always needed on school property. He said they do have a functioning camera system that is used daily. He said the addition of cameras can never hurt.

Mrs. Cline thanked the students for being a part of the meeting today. She said Mr. Stewart's instructional leadership is exemplary. She said she has seen and heard great things happening at Westside High School.

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

February 5, 2018: 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 request from Judy Bledsoe for a professional day on January 25, 2018, for the following employees on the mathematics instructional material committee to attend the 2018 Instructional Materials Caravan in Charleston: Allison Adkins, Katherine Cook, Randy Miller, Rebecca Lafferty, Regina Redden, Rena Argabright, Brooke Bailey, and Donald Clay;

2) A request from Judy Bledsoe for a professional day on January 26, 2018, for the following employees on the mathematics instructional material committee to attend the 2018 Instructional Materials Caravan in Charleston: Donald Clay, Cynthia Staton, LeAnn Biggs, Jaquetta Lester, Shonda Zastawniak, and Lisa Cline;

3) A request from Candice Bishop for a professional day on February 9, 2018, to attend the Regional Science Quiz Bowl in Morgantown, with students;

4) A request from Rebecca Lafferty for two professional days on February 26-27, 2018, to attend the 5th and 6th Grade Mathematics Cadre with the WVDE in Bridgeport;

5) A request from Debra Clay for two professional days on February 26-27, 2018,

to attend the 5th and 6th Grade Mathematics Cadre with the WVDE in Bridgeport;

6) A request from Amanda Mullins for a professional day on February 9, 2018, to attend the West Virginia Science Bowl in Morgantown, with two teams of students;

7) A request from Kevin Green for a professional day on February 9, 2018, to attend the West Virginia Science Bowl in Morgantown, with two teams of students;

8) A request from Daffeny Smith for her daughter to attend school out of district, transferring from Baileysville Elementary and Middle School to Pineville Middle School;

9) A bus request from the Wyoming County Career and Technical Center to take the CNA class to the CTE Day at the Legislature in Charleston on February 23, 2018;

10) A request from Kimberly Sibo-Runion for two professional days on February 15-16, 2018, to attend the CTE Directors meeting in Charleston;

11) A request from Lynda Evans for a professional day on February 23, 2018, to attend the CTE Day at the Legislature in Charleston with the CNA class;

12) A request from Leoda Francis for a professional day on February 23, 2018, to attend the CTE Day at the Legislature in Charleston with the CNA class;

13) A request from Ruth Shrewsbury for a professional day on February 23, 2018, to attend the CTE Day at the Legislature in Charleston with the CNA class; and

14) A request from Anthony Dunn for a professional day on February 21, 2018, to accompany a Westside High School student who was invited to visit the Capitol as an Honorary Secretary of State Student for the day.

After a brief discussion, Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stiltner, to approve the Consent Agenda, Items A. and B. 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 State Board of Risk and Insurance Management report has

been submitted. She said Mr. Jeffrey Hylton, Director of Safety and Transportation, reported the County's experience modification factor has decreased. She said the current year is at a 1.17, and next year will be 1.05. She said this is good news, saving the County twelve cents on the dollar. She said the school nurses and Ms. Hall have ordered the Stop the Bleed kits and cabinets. She said 18 kits were ordered. She said it is her wish that the kits never have to be used, but they will be available if the need arises. She said in the wake of the tragedy in Florida, she would like to thank the Board for standing so vigilant with student and staff safety.

There was a thorough discussion regarding School Safety and Security.

Consideration of Updated Secondary Program of Study: Mr. Prichard asked Mrs. Cline to present regarding Consideration of Updated Secondary Program of Study.

Mrs. Cline asked Ms. Hall to review the proposed Updated Secondary Program of Study. She said the time is quickly approaching for scheduling students for 2018-2019 courses at the high schools. She said the Program of Study must be up to date before scheduling begins.

Ms. Hall said the County's Program of Study must be in line with State Policy 2510. She said the recent change of the required number of credits to graduate is also reflected. She said the Class of 2022 will be the first to go by the updated credit requirements. She also discussed the possibility of additional embedded credits. She said the Program of Study is updated annually. Ms. Hall said there has been great collaboration regarding the proposed changes, including all secondary principals, counselors, Mrs. Bledsoe, Administrator of Curriculum and Instruction, Mrs. Halsey-Mitchell, Director of Academic Programs, and Mrs. Alisha Deskins, Digital Services Instructor. She reviewed all proposed changes with the Board members.

After a thorough discussion, Mrs. England made a motion, seconded by Mr.

Lester, to Update the Secondary Program of Study, as presented and as recommended by the 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 asked Ms. Hall to present information regarding the Consideration of Revision of Policy 5302: Grade Weighting to the Board.

Ms. Hall said the proposed changes will no longer allow freshmen and sophomores to take weighted classes. She said it is in the best interest of students to wait until their junior and senior years to take weighted classes.

Mrs. Cline said freshmen often have a difficult time transitioning into high school.

Ms. Hall said incoming students need to get a good foundation of high school courses the first two years, and then begin taking weighted courses during their junior and senior years.

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

RESA 1/SESC Transition Update: Mr. Prichard asked Mrs. Cline to present regarding the RESA 1/SESC Transition Update.

Mrs. Cline said she and Mr. Davis attended the recent SESC meeting. She said the meeting was very productive. She said the goal is to have a seamless transition moving from RESA 1 to SESC. She said the official date of transition is July 1, 2018. She said the bylaws established by the SESC were approved, and a job posting has been constructed for an Executive Director of the SESC. Mrs. Cline said a hiring committee will be established at the next meeting. She said a budget committee has

also been formed, and she is serving on that committee. She said she feels the SESC will serve Wyoming County well.

Mr. Davis said the Executive Director position being filled is very important to the success of the SESC.

There was a thorough discussion regarding the SESC transition, and services it will provide.

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

Mrs. Cline recommended the Personnel List as presented.

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

PROFESSIONAL

PRINCIPALS

A. Recommended for Appointment:

Darlene G. Osborne, from Principal, Baileysville Elementary and Middle School, to Principal, Road Branch Elementary and Middle School, effective 2018-2019 school year

ELEMENTARY TEACHERS

A. Recommended for Appointment:

Kelly Boggs, ELA Interventionist for Grades K-8, Baileysville Elementary and Middle School, Two (2) Days per Week, as school calendar allows, February 16, 2018 to April 20, 2018

Robyn J. Shrewsbury, ELA Interventionist for Grades K-8, Herndon Consolidated Elementary and Middle School, Two (2) Days per Week, as school calendar allows, February 16, 2018 to April 20, 2018

Merry M. Browning, ELA Interventionist for Grades K-8, Huff Consolidated Elementary and Middle School, Two (2) Days per Week, as school calendar allows, February 16, 2018 to April 20, 2018

Karolyn N. Stump, ELA Interventionist for Grades 5-8, Mullens Middle School, Three (3) Days per Week, as school calendar allows, February 16, 2018 to April 20, 2018

Jima L. Dunigan, ELA Interventionist for Grades 5-8, Oceana Middle School, Three (3) Days per Week, as school calendar allows, February 16, 2018 to April 20, 2018

Kelly Boggs, ELA Interventionist for Grades K-8, Road Branch Elementary and Middle School, Two (2) Days per Week, as school calendar allows, February 16, 2018 to April 20, 2018

Loretta O. Lafferty, ELA and Mathematics Interventionist for Grades K-4, Berlin McKinney Elementary School, Two (2) Days per Week, as school calendar allows, February 16, 2018 to April 20, 2018

Cynthia R. Stewart, ELA and Mathematics Interventionist for Grades K-4, Berlin McKinney Elementary School, Three (3) Days per Week, as school calendar allows, February 16, 2018 to April 20, 2018

Susan K. Bowling, ELA and Mathematics Interventionist for Grades K-4, Mullens Elementary School, Four (4) Days per Week, as school calendar allows, February 16, 2018 to April 20, 2018

Karen L. Short, ELA and Mathematics Interventionist for Grades K-4, Pineville Elementary School, Three (3) Days per Week, as school calendar allows, February 16, 2018 to April 20, 2018

Ginny M. Shirley, ELA and Mathematics Interventionist for Grades K-4, Pineville Elementary School, Four (4) Days per Week, as school calendar allows, February 16, 2018 to April 20, 2018

Teresa K. Maynard, ELA and Mathematics Interventionist for Grades K-12, All Schools, Four (4) Days per Week, as school calendar allows, February 16, 2018 to April 20, 2018

Karolyn N. Stump, Mathematics Interventionist for Grades K-8, Herndon Consolidated Elementary and Middle School, Two (2) Days per Week, as school calendar allows, February 16, 2018 to April 20, 2018

Amanda D. Kenneda, Mathematics Interventionist for Grades K-8, Huff Consolidated Elementary and Middle School, Two (2) Days per Week, as school calendar allows, February 16, 2018 to April 20, 2018

Elizabeth P. Powell, Mathematics Interventionist for Grades 5-8, Oceana Middle School, Two (2) Days per Week, as school calendar allows, February 16, 2018 to April 20, 2018

Teresa Jane Weaver, Mathematics Interventionist for Grades 5-8, Pineville Middle School, Three (3) Days per Week, as school calendar allows, February 16, 2018 to April 20, 2018

Brenda Proffit Samples, Mathematics Interventionist for Grades K-8, Road Branch Elementary and Middle School, Two (2) Days per Week, as school calendar allows, February 16, 2018 to April 20, 2018

SECONDARY TEACHERS

A. Recommended for Appointment:

Merry M. Browning, ELA Interventionist for Grades 9-12, Westside High School, Two (2) Days per Week, as school calendar allows, February 16, 2018 to April 20, 2018

Donna L. Bradford, ELA Interventionist for Grades 9-12, Wyoming East High School, Two (2) Days per Week, as school calendar allows, February 16, 2018 to April 20, 2018

Amy L. Powell, Mathematics Interventionist for Grades 9-12, Westside High School, Two (2) Days per Week, as school calendar allows, February 16, 2018 to April 20, 2018

Donna L. Bradford, Mathematics Interventionist for Grades 9-12, Wyoming East High School, Two (2) Days per Week, as school calendar allows, February 16, 2018 to April 20, 2018

B. Resignation:

Connie L. Walls, GEAR Up Math Tutor, Westside High School, effective February 8, 2018

C. Retirement:

Timothy B. Green, Special Education Teacher, Wyoming East High School, effective June 30, 2018

SPECIAL SERVICES

A. Recommended for Appointment:

Joseph M. Quesenberry, Special Education Interventionist, Pineville Elementary School, February 19, 2018 to March 22, 2018

B. Retirement:

J. Christine Snuffer, Special Education Diagnostic Specialist, effective June 30, 2018

EXTRA DUTIES

A. Recommended for Appointment:

Jeremy N. Warrix, Varsity Baseball Coach, Westside High School, effective February 16, 2018

Jeffrey P. Hylton, Volunteer Softball Coach, Wyoming East Middle School team, Pineville Middle School, effective February 16, 2018

B. Resignation:

Jeremy N. Warrix, 7th & 8th Grade Softball Coach, Baileysville Elementary and Middle School, effective February 16, 2018

Brittany R. Cook, 6th, 7th, & 8th Grade Girls Basketball Coach, Oceana Middle School, effective February 14, 2018

Brittany R. Cook, 6th, 7th, & 8th Grade Junior Varsity Basketball Coach, Oceana Middle School, effective February 14, 2018

SERVICE PERSONNEL

AIDES

A. Retirement:

Doris S. England, Kindergarten Aide/ECCAT, Mullens Elementary School, effective June 30, 2018

BUS OPERATORS

A. Recommended for Appointment:

Mary C. Wilcox, from Bus Operator, Wyoming East/Pineville Area, to Bus Operator, Wyoming East/Herndon Area, effective February 16, 2018

Johnny L. Jones, One-Half Time Bus Operator, PM ONLY, Westside/Oceana Area, effective February 16, 2018

Mary Dawson, Bus Operator, Extracurricular Run, AS NEEDED, Evening Block Run, Westside to Career & Technical Center and return to Westside, effective February 16, 2018

Kyle D. Toler, Bus Operator, Extracurricular Run, AS NEEDED, Morning Vocational Run, Westside to Career & Technical Center and return to Westside, effective February 16, 2018

COOKS

A. Recommended for Appointment:

Mary A. Stacy, from One Half-Time Cook (9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.), Pineville Middle School, to One Half-Time Cook (9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.), Mullens Elementary School, effective February 16, 2018

CUSTODIANS

A. Recommended for Appointment:

Nicole M. Vest, from One Half-Time Cook (7:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.), Baileysville Elementary and Middle School, to One Half-Time Cook (7:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.) Baileysville Elementary and Middle School, and One Half-Time Custodian (2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.), Glen Fork Elementary and Middle School, effective February 16, 2018

SUBSTITUTES

Bus Operators

Kyle D. Toler, effective February 6, 2018

Custodians

Justin S. Brooks
Kerri L. Stull

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

Mr. Stiltner stated he was pleased to see School Safety and Security on the Agenda for every meeting, and recommended the practice continue.

Mrs. Cline said she has provided a list of all current Legislators and Senators, along with their office room numbers and telephone numbers. She said she has also included a copy of legislative issues discussed at a previous meeting.

Mr. Prichard reminded members the next regular Board meeting will be held on Monday, February 26, 2018, at 10:00 a.m., at Berlin McKinney Elementary School.

Mr. Stiltner said a Special Board Meeting Work Session will be held on Tuesday,

February 27, 2018, at 9:30 a.m., at the Wyoming County Board of Education, Conference Room. The purpose of this meeting is to draft Board Policies with the Neola program.

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