

**WYOMING COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, April 9, 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, April 9, 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. Celebrating Success
  - A. Regional Social Studies Fair 1<sup>st</sup> Place Winners
  - B. All-State Band
  - C. County Young Writers Winners
  - D. Southeastern Theater Conference, Mobile Alabama
  - E. 2018 Youth Art Month County Winners
2. Individuals or Groups of the Community at Large Wishing to Address the Board
3. 2018-2019 School Calendar: Public Hearing
4. Consent Agenda
  - A. Minutes - Board of Education Meeting, March 26, 2018
  - B. Extracurricular, Special, and Bus Requests
5. School Safety and Security
6. Requests for Permission to Request Bids: 1 Floor Model Electric Boilerless Convection Steamer, Glen Fork Elementary and Middle School
7. Consideration of Adding Dual Credit Course Options
8. Consideration of Adoption of Instructional Materials for Mathematics K-12
9. ESC/SESC Update
10. Personnel List
11. 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.

**Celebrating Success: A. Regional Social Studies Fair 1<sup>st</sup> Place**

**Winners, B. All-State Band, C. County Young Writers Winners, D. Southeastern Theater Conference, Mobile, Alabama, E. 2018 Youth Art Month County Winners:**

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

Mrs. Cline said she was very pleased to be recognizing students who have gone above and beyond the normal school day to participate in extracurricular events. She said these students show a strong work ethic, and it was a pleasure to be able to celebrate their accomplishments with them. Mrs. Cline introduced the Board Members and Central Office Staff. She thanked them all for their dedication to the students of Wyoming County Schools.

Certificates were presented to Regional Social Studies Fair winners, All-State Band, County Young Writers winners, Southeastern Theater Conference winners, and 2018 Youth Art Month winners.

Mrs. Cline thanked all students and families for coming to celebrate the achievements of those recognized.

Mr. Prichard also thanked everyone for coming, and said the Board enjoys recognizing students and staff for their hard work and dedication.

**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.

**2018-2019 School Calendar: Public Hearing:** Mr. Prichard asked Mrs. Cline to present regarding the 2018-2019 School Calendar: Public Hearing.

Mrs. Cline said all West Virginia counties are given a rubric to use while

composing school calendars. She said there are certain items that have to be included in the calendar, as set by the Legislature. She said the process normally consists of coming up with three to four calendars for employees to vote on. She said the calendar with the most votes from employees is then recommended to the Board for approval. She said once the calendar is approved by the Board, it is submitted to the West Virginia Department of Education for approval. Mrs. Cline said Ms. Cooke has been working directly with the WVDE regarding the calendar, and is very mindful of all aspects which are to be included. She said the County Board is required to hold two public hearings. She said this allows citizens, parents, and students to give input and feedback regarding the calendar.

There was several people in attendance wishing to address the Board regarding the school calendar. All were heard before the Board.

Ms. Cooke said this year the County has had more leniency than in previous years to account for snow days. She said this year, every school has accumulated minutes that were used for five of the snow days, which is the limit set by the state. Ms. Cooke also said the Non-Traditional Instruction Days were also new this year, allowing students to complete snow packets of work at home, in lieu of making the day up at a later time. She said the State allows up to five of the NTID, as well. She said the Out of School Environment (OSE) days are required to be included in the calendar. She discussed the additional options for professional development, make up days, and OSE days.

There was a thorough discussion regarding the school calendar.

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

**March 26, 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 Baileysville Elementary and Middle School to take 8<sup>th</sup> grade students to tour Concord University in Athens on April 20, 2018, with funding from the school's general fund to cover the cost;

2) A bus request from Pineville Middle School to take 5<sup>th</sup> grade students to the Water Festival at R. D. Bailey Lake on May 24, 2018, with funding from County funds to cover the cost;

3) A bus request from Road Branch Elementary and Middle School to take Kindergarten - 8th grade students to the movies at Fountain Place in Logan on May 30, 2018, with funding from extracurricular funds to cover the cost;

4) A bus request from Westside High School to take 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade students on the track team to a meet at Oak Hill High School on April 3, 2018, with funding from track team funds to cover the cost;

5) A bus request from Wyoming East High School to take students to the Arts Alive! program in Charleston on April 20, 2018, with funding from Faculty Senate funds to cover the cost;

6) A bus request from Huff Consolidated Elementary and Middle School to take 5<sup>th</sup> grade students to the Water Festival at R. D. Bailey Lake on May 24, 2018, with funding from County funds to cover the cost;

7) A bus request from Oceana Middle School to take 5<sup>th</sup> grade students to the Water Festival at R. D. Bailey Lake on May 24, 2018, with funding from County funds to cover the cost;

8) A request from Brian Dillon for two professional days on April 18-19, 2018 to attend the Principal's Leadership academy for New Principals in Bridgeport;

9) A bus request from Westside High School to take 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade students on

the track team to a meet at Pikeview High School on April 9, 2018, with funding from track team funds to cover the cost;

10) A request from Sherry Younce for a professional day on April 13, 2018, to attend the WV SKILLS competition in Fairmont;

11) A request from Dan McKinney for a professional day on April 13, 2018, to attend the WV SKILLS competition in Fairmont;

12) A request from Kelly Laxton for a professional day on April 13, 2018, to attend the WV SKILLS competition in Fairmont;

13) A request from Ruth Shrewsbury for a professional day on April 13, 2018, to attend the WV SKILLS competition in Fairmont;

14) A request from Jason Fortner for a professional day on April 13, 2018, to attend the WV SKILLS competition in Fairmont;

15) A request from Leoda Francis for a professional day on April 17, 2018, to accompany the Electrical Technology class to the Beni Kedem Center in Charleston for their State Journeyman's Exam;

16) A request from Frankie Thomas for a professional day on April 17, 2018, to accompany the Electrical Technology class to the Beni Kedem Center in Charleston for their State Journeyman's Exam;

17) A request from Christopher Jennings for four professional days on April 23-26, 2018, to attend a training in Assessment in Adult/Technical Education;

18) A request from Sherry Younce for a professional day on May 21, 2018, to attend the National Interstate Council of State Boards of Cosmetology on State Board examinations in Charleston;

19) A request from Kelli Wilson for a professional day on May 21, 2018, to attend the National Interstate Council of State Boards of Cosmetology on State Board examinations in Charleston;

20) A bus request from the Wyoming County Career and Technical Center to take students from various programs to the SKILLS USA competition in Fairmont on April 13-14, 2018, with funding from vocational and extracurricular funds to cover the cost; and

21) A bus request from Wyoming East High School to take 10<sup>th</sup> grade GEAR Up students to Bluefield State College on April 12, 2018, with funding from GEAR Up funds to cover the cost.

After a thorough discussion, Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stiltner, to approve the 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 said Mr. Jeffrey Hylton, Director of Safety and Transportation, is pursuing funding for the possibility of school resource officers. She said an emergency services meeting had been held, and information was provided on the possibility of funding for such. She said the addition of school resource officers would provide schools with additional safety.

Mr. Stiltner asked if funding was secured, how would the schools receiving a school resource officer be determined.

Mr. Davis, who also attended the emergency services meeting, said from his understanding, the program wants officers placed at the high schools first, then middle schools, and so on.

Mrs. Cline said if funding is available and secured, all aspects of placement would have to be determined.

There was a thorough discussion regarding School Safety and Security.

**Request for Permission to Request Bids: 1 Floor Model Electric Boilerless**

**Convection Steamer, Glen Fork Elementary and Middle School:** Mr. Prichard asked Mrs. Cline to present regarding the Request for Permission to Request Bids: 1 Floor Model Electric Boilerless Convection Steamer, Glen Fork Elementary and Middle School.

Mrs. Cline asked Mr. Jeff Brewer, Director of Maintenance and Construction, to address the Board.

Mr. Brewer said he has helped with the bid process. He said this is the same type of oven that was purchased previously for another school.

After a brief discussion, Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lester, to approve the Request for Permission to Request Bids: 1 Floor Model Electric Boilerless Convection Steamer for Glen Fork Elementary and Middle School, as presented and recommended by Mrs. Cline, Superintendent. Passed with a 5-0 vote.

**Consideration of Adding Dual Credit Course Options:** Mr. Prichard asked Mrs. Cline to present regarding the Consideration of Adding Dual Credit Course Options.

Mrs. Cline asked Ms. Hall to present regarding the Consideration of Adding Dual Credit Course Options.

Ms. Hall provided the Board members with a handout. She said dual credit was used in the past, before colleges had stipulations on teachers providing the instruction. She said Wyoming County Schools has a dual credit policy that was approved by both the County Board and the West Virginia Department of Education in 2014. She said recently the County Board has approved to make dual credit courses weighted. Ms. Hall said the difference in AP and dual credit courses is AP courses are instructed by teachers who have been trained through the Advanced Placement Institute, and students must take a test at the end of the course to receive the credit through the college. She said dual credit courses require only the student to take the course and

have a grade of C or higher to receive the college credit. She said this move will help students receive college credits prior to graduating high school. Ms. Hall said numerous colleges were contacted to discuss having a dual credit program in Wyoming County. She said the only college that showed interest was Marshall University. She said any teacher in high school who has a Master's degree in their field could be approved to teach a dual credit course. Ms. Hall said all secondary teachers were contacted to check interest. She said several of the high school teachers submitted their transcripts to Marshall for review. She listed the teachers which have been approved so far, and the courses they could teach offering dual credit. She said the cost for the college course would be \$75. She said the students enrolled in the dual credit classes, would technically be a Marshall student as well, with all of the benefits of a full-time student.

After a thorough discussion, Mrs. England made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lester, to approve Adding Dual Credit Options, as presented and recommended by Mrs. Cline, Superintendent. Passed with a 5-0 vote.

**Consideration of Adoption of Instructional Materials for Mathematics K-12:**

Mr. Prichard asked Mrs. Cline to present information to the Board regarding the Consideration of Adoption of Instructional Materials for Mathematics K-12.

Mrs. Cline asked Mrs. Judy Bledsoe, Administrator of Curriculum and Instruction, to address the Board regarding the Consideration of Adoption of Instructional Materials for Mathematics K-12.

Mrs. Bledsoe said in January, the Board voted to approve an Instructional Materials Committee. She said the committee has done a phenomenal job. She said being a part of such a committee requires hard work and dedication, and each member has excelled. She said a large amount of collaboration has taken place between the committee, and their home schools. She said various meetings have been held to get to



the point of this recommendation. Mrs. Bledsoe said all members of the committee were in agreement when selecting the final three possibilities. She said once the final three series were determined, the companies were asked to present their curriculum to the committee over a two day span. She said this allowed the committee to have a greater understanding of each company's offerings. Mrs. Bledsoe said every teacher in Wyoming County had the opportunity to provide feedback regarding the future selection, and she provided Board members with all opinions received. She said once the committee had all information needed, a vote was taken to determine the recommended series for adoption. She said the vote was overwhelming for using the McGraw Hill mathematics instructional materials and the vote was for a seamless K-12 adoption of the series. She provided the Board with a packet of information regarding the materials that would be provided by McGraw Hill. Mrs. Bledsoe said, after careful consideration of the instructional materials for Mathematics from the Group VI Official State Multiple List of Instructional Materials, 2018, the committee recommended the following for adoption during the period of July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2024: Grades K-5, *My Math* published by McGraw-Hill School Education; Grades 6-8, *Glencoe Courses 1, 2, 3* published by McGraw-Hill School Education; and, Grades 9-12, *Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2* published by McGraw-Hill School Education.

After a thorough discussion, Mr. Lester made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stiltner, to approve the Adoption of Instructional Materials for Mathematics K-12 from McGraw Hill, as presented and recommended by Mrs. Cline, Superintendent. Passed with a 5-0 vote.

**ESC/SESC Update:** Mr. Prichard asked Mrs. Cline to provide an update to the Board regarding ESC/SESC.

Mrs. Cline said she and Mr. Davis had recently attended the Southern

Educational Service Cooperative meeting. She said there were six applicants for the Executive Director position at the SESC. She said the applicants have been narrowed to three, and she expects they will hire the successful applicant on April 18, 2018. Mrs. Cline said on May 12, 2018 an auction will be held to sell property owned by RESA, such as office furniture and vehicles. She said prices have been set for the services provided through the SESC to other counties.

There was a thorough discussion regarding the SESC.

**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. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mrs. England, to approve the Personnel List as presented and recommended by Mrs. Cline, Superintendent. Passed with a 5-0 vote.

## **PROFESSIONAL**

### **CENTRAL OFFICE**

#### **A. Recommended for Appointment:**

Donald W. Clay, from Principal, Pineville Elementary School, to Director of Operations and Facilities, Maintenance Department, effective July 1, 2018

Elizabeth A. Bailey, from Elementary Education Teacher, Mullens Middle School, to Elementary School Curriculum Coach, Itinerant, Central Office, effective July 1, 2018

LeAnn K. Biggs, from Elementary Education Teacher, Mullens Elementary School, to Elementary School Curriculum Coach, Itinerant, Central Office, effective July 1, 2018

Ashley M. Francis, from ELA Teacher, Road Branch Elementary and Middle School, to Middle School ELA Curriculum Coach, Itinerant, Central Office, effective July 1, 2018

Misty L. Lyons, from Elementary Education Teacher, Berlin McKinney

Elementary School, to Middle School Mathematics Curriculum  
Coach, Itinerant, Central Office, effective July 1, 2018

**ELEMENTARY TEACHERS**

A. Recommended for Appointment:

Jaime L. Brooks, ELA Interventionist for Grades K-8, Glen Fork  
Elementary and Middle School, Three (3) Days per Week, as school  
calendar allows, March 30, 2018 to May 31, 2018

Amanda D. Kenneda, Mathematics Interventionist for Grades K-8,  
Baileysville Elementary and Middle School, Three (3) Days per  
Week, as school calendar allows, March 30, 2018 to May 31, 2018

Deborah L. Smith, ELA and Mathematics Interventionist for Grades  
K-4, Berlin McKinney Elementary School, Two (2) Days per Week,  
as school calendar allows, March 30, 2018 through May 31, 2018

Shirley Vivian Brooks, ELA Interventionist for Grades K-8, Baileysville  
Elementary and Middle School, Three (3) Days per Week, as school  
calendar allows, March 30, 2018 through May 31, 2018

**EXTRA DUTIES**

A. Recommended for Appointment:

Leslie E. Garretson, Golf Coach, Mullens Middle School, effective  
March 30, 2018

Heather R. Cline, Softball Coach, Huff Consolidated Elementary and  
Middle School, effective March 30, 2018

Christopher D. Hatfield, Volunteer Baseball Coach, Baileysville  
Elementary and Middle School, effective March 9, 2018

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

Mrs. Debbie Hall, Director of Federal and Learning Enrichment Programs, said  
there will be a County Title I parent meeting on Friday, April 13, 2018, from 9:00 a.m. to  
12:00 p.m. She said lunch will follow. She said every school will have two parents at

the meeting, as well as their Title I teachers, and possibly the principals. She invited all Board members to attend.

Ms. Robin Hall provided Board members with a list of all trainings and activities faculty and staff were involved in the week of Spring Break. She said she also provided a list of all of the end of the year activities and events that are scheduled at the high schools.

Mr. Prichard reminded members of the next Board meeting, which is a Statutory meeting, to be held on Tuesday, April 17, 2018, at 10:00 a.m., at the Wyoming County Board of Education Central Office, Conference Room.

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