

WYOMING COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, March 26, 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, March 26, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. at Wyoming East 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. Expulsion Hearing
2. Local School Improvement Council: Wyoming East High School
3. Individuals or Groups of the Community at Large Wishing to Address the Board
4. Consent Agenda
 - A. Minutes - Board of Education Meeting, March 15, 2018
 - B. Extracurricular, Special, and Bus Requests
 - C. Budget Supplements and Transfers
 - D. Payment of Invoices
5. Levy Rates
6. Budgetary Update
7. School Safety and Security
8. Technology Update
9. Permission to Consider Obtaining Waiver from the West Virginia Department of Education to Use Financial Algebra to Fulfill the Requirement for the Fourth High School Mathematics Credit
10. Personnel List
11. Items for Future Agendas and Announcements

Mr. Prichard called the meeting to order. Ms. Rebecca Cooke, Assistant Superintendent for Elementary and Middle Schools, gave 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.

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stiltner, to move Agenda item

number 1, until after items 2 and 3 were complete. Passed with a 5-0 vote.

Local School Improvement Council: Wyoming East High School: Mr.

Prichard thanked Wyoming East High School for hosting the Board meeting. He asked Mrs. Cline to present regarding Local School Improvement Council: Wyoming East High School.

Mrs. Cline asked Mrs. Amanda Hylton, Principal, to address the Board.

Mrs. Hylton welcomed everyone to Wyoming East High School, and introduced the LSIC members present. She asked Mr. Cameron Cook, student, to address the Board.

Mr. Cook said he was a senior at Wyoming East High School. He said he feels he has received a good education from Wyoming County Schools. He said he feels prepared for the next chapter of his life. Mr. Cook said the faculty and staff have always made him and his classmates feel safe. He said they are all very caring and supportive. He said he knows their support will continue for a lifetime.

Mrs. Hylton introduced Ms. Brittany Bauer. She said she is very involved with finding new methods for students to learn. She said she will also address the recycling program at the school.

Ms. Bauer said the recycling program started off small, just trying to help the earth, while making a little money for trips or other school needs. She said it has grown from there. She said Wyoming East High School is now ranked number 9 in the nation for amount of recycled items. She said to date the school has recycled 89,781 items. She said the students have been working very hard after hours to make this program successful. She reviewed all of the projects and benefits of the recycling program.

Ms. Bauer said another exciting thing was the virtual reality system. She said it has been rented by the school from the West Virginia Department of Education. She

said it has an anatomy lab, art program, among others. She said she feels as if this is the future of education. Ms. Bauer said this has been a positive learning tool for all students. She said she has seen an increase in the grades of students that were having difficulties in anatomy. She reviewed all of the benefits of the virtual reality system.

Mrs. Cline said she was very impressed with this type of system, and hopes to see some in the County in the near future.

Mrs. Hylton asked Mr. Herbert Eanes, teacher, to address the Board regarding academics.

Mr. Eanes said teachers are currently looking at the progress that has come from the STAR reading program. He said all data is being collected and reviewed. He said Wyoming East High School has the same ten percent growth goal as the County, as a whole. He said the teachers have also begun to use Khan Academy, which has been very beneficial. Mr. Eanes said the interventionist has also been a great help to students. He said the addition of smartboards has been great. He said the students get more involved with instruction, and class time, with these boards. He reviewed the measures taken to improve instruction and achieve growth.

Mr. Davis asked about the dual credit classes being offered.

Mr. Eanes said the dual credit classes do provide students with high school credits, as well as college credits.

Mrs. Hylton asked Mrs. Brenda Willingham, Assistant Principal, to address the Board regarding tutoring and credit recovery process.

Mrs. Willingham said Wyoming East High School has been recognized by the WVDE twice in recent years, due to having a 90 percent, or above, graduation rate. She said the credit recovery process is very beneficial to students. She said at the start

of this school year there were 18 seniors that needed to recover credits to graduate. She said at this point, the number was down to 7 seniors needing additional credits. Mrs. Willingham said several of those students, should be able to complete all credits required for graduation. She reviewed the credit recovery process and the tutoring program with the Board.

Mrs. Hylton asked Mr. Mike Kodak, teacher, to address the Board regarding the facility and grounds, as well as technology.

Mr. Kodak said it was hard to believe the school is now 20 years old. He said the maintenance department has arranged for a new roof, as well as new heating and cooling units, to be installed. He said there are plans to update the main office with new carpet and paint. He said work was being done to improve the outside grounds, as well. Mr. Kodak said funds had recently become available to purchase 8 additional smartboards for classrooms that do not have one. He said a lot of improvements were planned for the beautification of the schools and grounds.

Mrs. Hylton reviewed all of the achievements of the students, including athletics and academics. She said in celebration of the school's 20th year, the staff is currently working on a Hall of Fame. She provided the Board with a review of ways they recognize student achievement, and additional plans for the future.

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.

Mrs. Cline said she would like to recognize the Superintendent's Student Council members that are present. She said the Superintendent's Student Council has been a great program to have started. She said it is an effort to shape student leaders, while gaining students' perspective and ideas. She introduced all of the students to the Board and provided them with a certificate.

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lester, to move Agenda item

numbers 5 and 6 before item number 1. Passed with a 5-0 vote.

Levy Rates and Budgetary Update: Mr. Prichard asked Mrs. Cline to present regarding the Levy Rates and Budgetary Update.

Mrs. Cline said Mrs. Kim Cook, Chief School Business Official, and Mr. Mike Cook, Wyoming County Assessor, would provide information regarding the Levy Rates and Budgetary Update to the Board.

Mrs. Cook presented the proposed Levy Rates for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2019. Mrs. Cook explained that the assessed valuation of 2018-2019 were \$47,034,119 less than the prior year. This decrease was the result of gas, coal reserves, and values of mining equipment decreasing in the county. She said this will result in a decrease of \$786,816 in taxes being levied. Mrs. Cook stated the schedule of proposed levy rates must be published in the local newspapers and made available in the central office for public comment. She said this meeting should be recessed until April 17, 2018, when the meeting will be reconvened and the levy rates would be set by the Board.

After a thorough discussion, Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mrs. England, to approve the proposed levy rates to be advertised in the local newspapers and make available for public comment until the April 17, 2018, meeting, as presented and as recommended by the Superintendent. Passed with a 5-0 vote.

Expulsion Hearing: Mr. Prichard asked Mrs. Cline to present information regarding the Expulsion Hearing.

Mr. Stiltner made a motion, seconded by Mrs. England, to enter executive session, WV Code §6-9A-4, regarding a student. Passed with a 5-0 vote at 12:02 p.m. Phone connection with Mr. Lester was disconnected.

After a thorough discussion, Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stiltner, to approve the student's expulsion. Passed with a 4-0 vote.

Mr. Stiltner made a motion, seconded by Mrs. England, to return to regular session, WV Code §6-9A-4, at 12:21 p.m. Passed with a 4-0 vote. Phone connection with Mr. Lester was reestablished at 12:22 p.m.

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

March 26, 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 bus request from Mullens Middle school to take 5th grade students to R. D. Bailey Lake for the Water Festival on May 25, 2018, with funding from County funds to cover the cost;

2) A request from Cynthia Staton for a professional day on May 11, 2018, to attend the WV Young Writers Day at the University of Charleston, with one of her students who was a County winner;

3) A bus request from Pineville Middle School to take 5th - 8th grade students to the Larry Joe Harless Center in Gilbert on June 4, 2018, with funding from extracurricular funds to cover the cost;

4) A bus request from Pineville Middle School to take 5th - 8th grade students to Marquee Cinemas in Beckley on May 23, 2018, as an Accelerated Reader rewards trip, with funding from Accelerated Reader funds to cover the cost;

5) A bus request from Pineville Middle School to take 8th grade students to Carowinds in Charlotte, NC, on May 30, 2018, with funding from 8th grade fundraiser funds to cover the cost;

6) A request from Betty Sue Griffin for two professional days on March 22-23, 2018, to attend the State Theater Competition in Parkersburg, with Westside High

School's Theatre Troupe;

7) A request from Angela Steffey for two professional days on March 22-23, 2018, to attend the State Theater Competition in Parkersburg, with Westside High

School's Theatre Troupe;

8) A request from Timothy Paynter for a professional day on March 20, 2018, to accompany students on a field trip to the Osteopathic School in Lewisburg;

9) A request from Frankie Thomas for a professional day on March 21, 2018, to attend the West Virginia Construction and Design Exposition at the Charleston Civic Center;

10) A request from Clacey Lambert for a professional day on March 21, 2018, to attend the West Virginia Construction and Design Exposition at the Charleston Civic Center;

11) A request from Brittany Bauer for a professional day on March 20, 2018, to accompany students on a field trip to the Osteopathic School in Lewisburg;

12) A request from Samuel Dobson for three professional days on March 27-29, 2018, to attend All-County Band at Westside High School;

13) A request from Samuel Dobson for a professional day on April 27, 2018, for the Region VI Ratings Festival in Princeton;

14) A bus request from Baileysville Elementary and Middle School to take 8th grade students to Dollywood in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee, on May 29, 2018, with funding from fundraising to cover the cost;

15) A request from Crystal Adkins for her daughter in 4th grade to attend school out of district, from Road Branch Elementary and Middle School, to Berlin McKinney Elementary School;

16) A request from Crystal Adkins for her daughter in 8th grade to attend school

out of district, from Road Branch Elementary and Middle School, to Oceana Middle School;

17) A request from Crystal Adkins for her son in 6th grade to attend school out of district, from Road Branch Elementary and Middle School, to Oceana Middle School;

18) A bus request from Westside High School to take 9th - 12th grade students part in Youth in Government to Charleston April 27-29, 2018, with funding from extracurricular and Hi-Y Funds; and

19) A bus request from Westside High School to take 9th - 12th grade students on the track team to a meet at Independence High School.

Budget Supplements and Transfers: Mr. Prichard asked Mrs. Cline to present regarding Budget Supplements and Transfers.

Mrs. Cline asked Mrs. Cook to present the Budget Supplements and Transfers.

Mrs. Cook reviewed the Budget Supplements and Transfers with the Board.

Payment of Invoices: Mr. Prichard asked Mrs. Cline to present regarding Payment of Invoices.

Mrs. Cline recommended the Payment of Invoices as presented, with the addition of one.

After a thorough discussion, Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stiltner, to approve the Consent Agenda, Items A., B., C., and D. 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, wanted to invite the Board members to the Local Emergency Planning Committee meeting, at Wyoming East High School, at 9:00 a.m., on Tuesday, April 3, 2018. Mrs. Cline said on

Monday, April 2, 2018, First Aid, CPR, Medication Dispensing, and Stop the Bleed, trainings will be held at Wyoming East High School and Westside High School. She said all employees were encouraged to attend. She said she felt this training was a great way to spend the day during spring break.

Technology Update: Mr. Prichard asked Mrs. Cline to present regarding Technology Update.

Mrs. Cline said she was pleased to have Mr. Terry Shumate, Director of Technology and Information Systems, to present a Technology Update to the Board.

Mr. Shumate said he would like to provide a brief overview of the Technology Department, and what has been accomplished within the last year, and those items that are still in process. He said one of the greatest achievements has been the new County website. He said Ms. Hall was an integral part of the new website, and the company has been very helpful with this transition. He said the next step is to have all of the school create new website, and the links will be available on the County site. He also reviewed the new app with Board members. He said he is excited about the use of the view boards throughout the county. He said students and teachers alike were loving the benefits of the boards. He provided a review of all aspects of the Technology Department.

Mr. Stiltner asked about the use of the virtual reality technology, and what the possibility of purchasing such items would be.

There was a thorough discussion regarding the Technology Update, including the possible purchase of virtual reality technology in the future, among others.

Permission to Consider Obtaining Waiver from the West Virginia Department of Education to Use Financial Algebra to Fulfill the Requirement for the Fourth High School Mathematics Credit: Mr. Prichard asked Mrs. Cline to present regarding Permission to Consider Obtaining Waiver from the West Virginia Department of Education

to Use Financial Algebra to Fulfill the Requirement for the Fourth High School Mathematics Credit.

Mrs. Cline said Ms. Hall and Mrs. Kara Halsey-Mitchell, Director of Academic Programs, will be presenting information to the Board.

Ms. Hall said traditionally in high schools, mathematics consists of Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra 2, and a fourth math class. She said all students are currently required to take Algebra 2 to graduate. She said Algebra 2 was a great class to offer student; however, not all students will need Algebra 2. She said those choosing to start a career right away, and those not planning to go to college, should have a choice. She said she has seen students not be able to graduate because of the Algebra 2 requirement. She asked Mrs. Halsey-Mitchell to provide information regarding the waiver.

Mrs. Halsey-Mitchell said the waiver would allow all high schools in Wyoming County to award mathematics credits to students who successful complete the financial algebra. She agreed not every student needs Algebra 2, and there are also students that can not meet the requirements to pass the course. She said this waiver will provide another option for students to achieve their fourth mathematics requirements.

Ms. Hall said they were asking for permission to submit the plan to the West Virginia Department of Education to obtain a waiver.

After a brief discussion, Mrs. England made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lester, to approve the request to Obtain a Waiver from the West Virginia Department of Education to Use Financial Algebra to Fulfill the Requirement for the Fourth High School Mathematics Credit, as presented and recommended by Deirdre A. 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 brief discussion, Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mrs. England, to approve the A. Personnel List as presented and recommended by Mrs. Cline, Superintendent. Passed with a 5-0 vote.

PROFESSIONAL

PRINCIPALS

A. Recommended for Appointment:

Christie R. Dameron, from Elementary Education Teacher, Road Branch Elementary and Middle School, to Principal, Baileysville Elementary and Middle School, effective 2018-2019 school year

ELEMENTARY TEACHERS

A. Recommended for Appointment:

Jima L. Dunigan, ELA Interventionist for Grades 5-8, Pineville Middle School, Two (2) Days per Week, as school calendar allows, March 19, 2018 to May 25, 2018

Byron D. Stump, Mathematics Interventionist for Grades 5-8, Mullens Middle School, Three (3) Days per Week, as school calendar allows, March 19, 2018 to May 25, 2018

B. Resignation:

Loretta O. Lafferty, ELA and Mathematics Interventionist for Grades K-4, Berlin McKinney Elementary school, Two (2) Days per Week, effective March 16, 2018

SECONDARY TEACHERS

A. Recommended for Appointment:

Amy M. Lambert, GEAR UP Math Coach, Maximum of 40 Day, effective March 27, 2018

EXTRA DUTIES

A. Recommended for Appointment:

Travis D. McKinney, Volunteer Softball Coach, Wyoming East High School, effective March 15, 2018

Jeffrey Prichard, Volunteer Softball Coach, Westside High School, effective March 26, 2018

B. Resignation:

Mike R. Sandy, Junior Varsity Girls Basketball Coach, Wyoming East High School, effective March 22, 2018

Steven G. Bailey, Junior Varsity Baseball Coach, Westside High School, effective March 22, 2018

SERVICE PERSONNEL

BUS OPERATORS

A. Recommended for Appointment:

Bernard F. Brooks, from Bus Operator, Westside/Huff Area, to Bus Operator, Wyoming East/Pineville Area, Transportation Department, effective March 27, 2018

Mary Dawson, Bus Operator, Preschool Extracurricular Run, AS NEEDED, Oceana Area, March 27, 2018

COOKS

A. Recommended for Appointment:

Linda A. Huffman, One Half-Time Cook (9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.), Pineville Middle School effective March 27, 2018

B. Medical Leave of Absence:

Peggy L. Cook, Cook, Wyoming East High School, effective through May 21, 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 Monday, April 9, 2018, at 6:00 p.m., at the Wyoming County Career and Technical Center.

Mr. Lester said he would like for the Board to discuss at a future meeting the possibility of having work done on the road behind Berlin McKinney Elementary School. He

said the road is in bad shape and is traveled daily by County buses and employees. He said the Town of Oceana would also be involved in the project, and provide half of the funds, if approved at a later Board meeting.

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stiltner, to recess the meeting until April 17, 2018. Passed with a 5-0 vote.