

**WYOMING COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, November 27, 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 Tuesday, November 27, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. at Huff Consolidated Elementary and Middle 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. Local School Improvement Council: Huff Consolidated Elementary and Middle School
2. Individuals or Groups of the Community at Large Wishing to Address the Board
3. Consent Agenda
  - A. Minutes, Board of Education Meeting, November 5, 2018
  - B. Extracurricular, Special, and Bus Requests
  - C. Budget Supplements and Transfers
  - D. Payment of Invoices
4. School Safety and Security
  - A. Consideration of Quotes on Camera System for New Buses
5. Discussion and/or Consideration of Contributing to Drug Dog Purchase
6. Comprehensive Educational Facilities Plan Update
7. Excess Levy Sample Ballot and Flyer
8. Consideration of Legislative Agenda Items
9. Personnel List
10. 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.

**Local School Improvement Council: Huff Consolidated Elementary and Middle School:** Mr. Prichard asked Mrs. Cline to address the Board.

Mrs. Cline introduced Mrs. Carolyn Hatfield, Principal of Huff Consolidated Elementary and Middle School and asked her to address the Board.

Mrs. Hatfield introduced the Local School Improvement Council (LSIC) members. She said she would like to review the General Summative Assessment scores. She said the English Language Arts scores have remained pretty steady throughout the past several years. She said math proficiency needs to increase; however, the faculty and staff are working very hard to see student growth. She said many different teaching techniques are used for instruction in all areas, including math. She said tutoring is being offered to students in ELA and math and the activity buses are very beneficial to students attending. Mrs. Hatfield said a new schedule for 2<sup>nd</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> grade students allowing them to switch classes and have a different teacher for different subjects has been established. She said school attendance has remained very high. She said the school uses several incentives to encourage students to attend school all day, every day. Mrs. Hatfield said the school has an active Student Government which helps with events throughout the year. She said the academic coaches have been in the school several times this year. She said having the coaches come in and work with teachers on new instructional strategies has been very successful. Mrs. Hatfield said parent involvement at the school was very good, if the activities take place during the school day. She said it is difficult to get parents to attend after-school activities. Mrs. Hatfield discussed the recent improvements to the playground. She reviewed student achievements, such as Reading Fair winners. She discussed current sports and extracurricular activities.

Mrs. Cline said she would like to thank Mrs. Hatfield and her staff for their hard work and dedication. She said there is a great sense of pride in the school and is a wonderful place for students.

**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.

Mrs. Cline asked the Board members to consider moving Agenda Item 5, Discussion and/or Consideration of Contributing to Drug Dog Purchase, to allow Mr. Drew Cook, Deputy with the Wyoming County Sheriff's Department, to address the Board, and return to his duties.

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mrs. England, to move Agenda Item 5 up to Item 3, to allow Deputy Cook to address the Board, as presented and recommended by Mrs. Cline, Superintendent. Passed with a 5-0 vote.

**Discussion and/or Consideration of Contributing to Drug Dog Purchase:** Mr. Prichard asked Mrs. Cline to address the Board.

Mrs. Cline introduced Deputy Drew Cook to the Board.

Deputy Cook said he has been in law enforcement for several years, starting his career in Raleigh County. He said he is a lifelong resident of Wyoming County and returned to work in the area when the opportunity was available. Deputy Cook said Wyoming County does not currently have a K-9 unit. He said the dog that served most recently has been retired, due to his age. He said having a K-9 unit would be very beneficial to Wyoming County. He said if a K-9 was purchased for the County, visits to both area high schools would be routine, yet remaining spontaneous. He said the dog could also be used in the middle schools for random locker searches, from time to time. Deputy Cook said in the elementary and middle schools, he would like to visit and do presentations regarding drug prevention to the students. He said the drug issues in the County have increased and having a trained K-9 would help the fight against drugs. He said having the dog available in the County would help prevent drugs from getting into the hands of children, as well. Deputy Cook said he has researched all information about

obtaining a K-9 and has formally requested the assistance and support of both the Sheriff and the Chief of Police. He said due to funding constraints within the department, support for the K-9 was given, yet funding was not available. He said he was granted permission to move forward with the project if he could secure donations to fund the K-9 and necessary training for him, as the handler. Deputy Cook asked Board Members for their support and partial funding of the project.

Mr. Stiltner asked about the full cost of the dog would be.

Deputy Cook said the total cost for the K-9, handler training, and supplies is \$8,500.

Mr. Davis asked about the working life expectancy for a K-9 in the field.

Deputy Cook said the dog he is currently interested in is one and a half years old. He said the life span of the dog is 12-13 years, with the working life being between 6-8 years.

Mr. Davis asked if the K-9 unit would be allowed to work with city police within the County.

Deputy Cook said he would be on-call with the K-9 and be available to all city police in the County, as well as some other departments in surrounding counties.

Mr. Davis said he admires Deputy Cook for his ambition and willingness to help fight the drug issues in the County.

Mr. Prichard asked if the dog would be trained in anything other than drug detection.

Deputy Cook said the dog would be trained in 3 areas, which include apprehension and tracking, in addition to drug detection. He said when a missing persons complaint is received in the area it can take upwards of 3 hours for a search and rescue dog to arrive. He said every minutes counts when it comes to these type of cases and having a K-9 available would make a huge difference.

There was a thorough discussion regarding possible funding sources for the K-9.

Mrs. Cline said every time the dog is used for detecting drugs, whether in a school or otherwise, it is helping the children of Wyoming County. She said her recommendation would be to provide 50 percent of the funding needed to make the purchase.

After a thorough discussion, Mrs. England made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stiltner, to provide \$4,250 to the Wyoming County Sheriff's Department to be used towards the purchase of the K-9, and given when the balance is raised, as presented and recommended by Mrs. Cline, Superintendent. Passed with a 5-0 vote.

Deputy Cook thanked the Board Members for their support.

Mr. Stiltner made a motion to return to agenda item 3. The motion was seconded by Mrs. England. Passed with a 5-0 vote.

**Consent Agenda: A. Minutes, Board of Education Meeting, November 5, 2018:**

Mr. Prichard asked Mrs. Cline to present regarding Consent Agenda: A. Minutes, Board of Education Meeting, November 5, 2018.

Mrs. Cline recommended the Minutes as presented.

**B. Extracurricular, Special, and Bus Requests:** Mrs. Cline recommended 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 the West Virginia State Capitol and Cultural Center in Charleston on December 11, 2018, with funding from County funds to cover the cost;

2) A request from Rebecca Adams for three professional days on November 27-29, 2018, to attend the WVGSA ELA Content Review Committee Meeting in Charleston;

3) A bus request from Berlin McKinney Elementary School to take Kindergarten students to watch "The Grinch" at Marquee Cinemas in Beckley on December 13, 2018, with funding from extracurricular funds to cover the cost;

4) A request from Debra Laxton for two professional days on November 15-16,

2018, to attend the West Virginia Reading Conference at the Greenbrier;

5) A request from Brenda Shumate for two professional days on November 15-16, 2018, to attend the West Virginia Reading Conference at the Greenbrier;

6) A request from Miranda Lafferty for her 7<sup>th</sup> grade son to attend school out of district, transferring from Pineville Middle School to Glen Fork Elementary and Middle School for the 2018-2019 school year;

7) A request from Michelle Snuffer for her 3<sup>rd</sup> grade son to attend school out of district, transferring from Pineville Elementary School to Glen Fork Elementary and Middle School for the 2018-2019 school year;

8) A fundraising request from Glen Fork Elementary and Middle School to have a Popcornopolis sale to raise funds for the 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade boys' and girls' basketball teams shoes, socks, and shirts;

9) A bus request from Mullens Elementary School to take Kindergarten through 4<sup>th</sup> grade students to watch a movie at Marquee Cinemas in Beckley on December 19, 2018, with funding from extracurricular funds to cover the cost;

10) A request from Billy Cook for one half professional day on November 26, 2018, to attend Oceana Middle School's diagnostic review at Central Office;

11) A request from Brittany Kelly for a professional day on November 26, 2018, to attend Oceana Middle School's diagnostic review at Central Office;

12) A request from Katherine Cook for one half professional day on November 26, 2018, to attend Oceana Middle School's diagnostic review at Central Office;

13) A fundraiser request from Oceana Middle School to collect dimes for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class trip;

14) A bus request from Road Branch Elementary and Middle School to take Pre-school through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students to watch "The Grinch" at Fountain Place Cinema in

Logan on December 12, 2018, with funding from extracurricular funds to cover the cost;

15) A fundraising request from Road Branch Elementary and Middle School to raise funds for half of the 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade boys' and girls' basketball team shoes;

16) A fundraising request from Road Branch Elementary and Middle School to raise funds for half of the 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade cheerleading bows and shoes;

17) A fundraising request from Road Branch Elementary and Middle School to sell Yankee Candles for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class trip;

18) A bus request from Westside High School to take 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students on the boys' basketball team to the following away games: December 4, 2018, at Shady Spring High School; December 14, 2018, at Oak Hill High School; December 29, 2018, at Mingo Central High School; January 2, 2019 at the Beckley Armory; January 8, 2019, at Liberty High School; January 11, 2019, at Williamson Field House; January 12, 2019, at Williamson Field House; January 15, 2019, Pikeview High School; February 15, 2019, at the Beckley Armory; and February 16, 2019, at Tug Valley High School;

19) A request from Richard Morgan for a professional day on November 15, 2018, to attend the 2018 West Virginia Coding and Cyber Summit;

20) A fundraising request from Wyoming County Career and Technical Center to hold a wreath raffle to raise funds for the LPN Class of 2019 graduation;

21) A fundraising request from Wyoming County Career and Technical Center to sell tacos in a bag for the LPN Class of 2019 graduation;

22) A request from Elizabeth Bailey for three professional days on November 27-29, 2018, to attend the West Virginia General Summative Assessment ELA Content Review Committee;

23) A bus request from Robin Hall, Assistant Superintendent, to take Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade students invited to participate in Shop with a Cop to Wal-Mart in

MacArthur on December 15, 2018, with funding from County funds to cover the cost;

24) A bus request from Debbie Hall, Director of Federal and Learning Enrichment Programs, to take 4<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade students participating in Wyoming County Math Field Day at Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College in Saulsville on November 30, 2018, with funding from County funds to cover the cost;

25) A fundraiser request from Baileysville Elementary and Middle School to have the Penguin Patch Christmas Shoppe to raise funds for student rewards;

26) A bus request from Berlin McKinney Elementary School to take 1<sup>st</sup> - 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students to watch "The Grinch" at Marquee Cinemas in Logan on December 17, 2018, with funding from extracurricular funds to cover the cost;

27) A request from Terri Woods for three professional days on November 27-29, 2018, to attend the ELA Content Workshop for General Summative Assessment;

28) A request from Taylor Paynter for three professional days on November 27-29, 2018, to attend the West Virginia General Summative Assessment ELA Content Review Committee meeting;

29) A fundraising request from Glen Fork Elementary and Middle School to sell suckers for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class trip;

30) A fundraising request from Oceana Middle School to sell Lil' Caesar Pizza Kits for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class trip;

31) A request from Rebecca Houck-Snow for three professional days November 27-29, 2018, to attend the West Virginia General Summative Assessment ELA Standard Setting in Charleston;

32) A fundraising request from Pineville Elementary School to sell pictures with Santa to raise funds for positive behavior rewards;

33) A request from Pineville Middle School to reschedule taking 8<sup>th</sup> grade students



to the West Virginia State Capitol and Cultural Center in Charleston on December 12, 2018, with funding from County funds to cover the cost;

34) A fundraising request from Road Branch Elementary and Middle School to raise funds to take Kindergarten through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students to the movies in Logan;

35) A fundraising request from Road Branch Elementary and Middle School to raise funds to take Preschool student to the movies and purchase Christmas shirts; and

36) A request from John Vance for his 9<sup>th</sup> grade son to attend school out of district, transferring from Westside High School to Wyoming East High School for the 2018-2019 school year.

Ms. Cooke said there are requests for students to transfer into the County, while still living in Raleigh County. She said she has had numerous conversations with the person making the request regarding this matter. She said these specific requests are not recommended for approval.

Mrs. Cline said these students were originally enrolled into Wyoming County Schools with the understanding that they were currently living in Wyoming County, which they were not. She said she does not recommend the requests for those students for approval.

**C. Budget Supplements and Transfers:** Mrs. Cline said Mrs. Kim Cook, Chief School Business Official, was unable to attend the meeting and would be presenting the Budget Supplements and Transfers at the next Board Meeting.

**D. Payment of Invoices:** Mrs. Cline recommended the Payment of Invoices as presented.

After a thorough discussion, Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lester, to approve Consent Agenda, Items A., B. (with the exclusion of requests 42f-42j), 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 asked Mr. Jeffrey Hylton, Director of Safety and Transportation, to address the Board.

Mr. Hylton said the new school buses will be in the County by the end of the week. He provided the Board Members with a quote from AngelTrax Camera Systems for cameras on the new buses. He said the cameras on all of the current buses are AngelTrax. He said the camera systems would be in place prior to the buses going on the road with students.

Mr. Stiltner asked if bids would have to be received for this project.

Mrs. Cline said the quote could not be approved without obtaining a total of at least 3 quotes, due to the amount of the project. She said she recommends the Board table the camera system topic until additional quotes are received.

There was a thorough discussion regarding School Safety and Security.

**Comprehensive Educational Facilities Plan Update:** Mr. Prichard asked Mrs. Cline to present regarding the Comprehensive Educational Facilities Plan Update.

Mrs. Cline said this is an annual update of the educational facilities within Wyoming County Schools. She said next year the State Department and School Building Authority will require a new 10 year plan. She said the plan is completed every ten years, with changes being made annually to specific projects, as needed. She said what she is recommending is the annual update of the Comprehensive Educational Facilities Plan. Mrs. Cline said Mr. Donald Clay, Director of Operations and Facilities, along with Ms. Hall, have worked on the update. She asked Ms. Hall to address the Board.

Ms. Hall provided the Board Members with a copy of the Comprehensive Educational Facilities Plan annual update. She reviewed the changes in the plan. She said enrollment totals are updated on all schools each year. She said it also includes

attendance rates. She reviewed all of the current projects which are ongoing in the schools, as well as the energy usage per school.

After a thorough discussion, Mrs. England made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lester, to approve the Comprehensive Educational Facilities Plan Annual Update, as presented and recommended by Mrs. Cline, Superintendent. Passed with a 5-0 vote.

**Excess Levy Sample Ballot and Flyer:** Mr. Prichard asked Mrs. Cline to address the Board.

Mrs. Cline said the Excess Levy has passed in Wyoming County for the past 91 years, since 1927. She said it is important to vocalize the benefits of the Levy. She said the amount of projects and activities the Levy provides is wonderful and vital. She provided the Board Members with a copy of a flyer that has been created to distribute to families leading up to the election date. Mrs. Cline said she will be visiting all town councils in the County to express appreciation for Levy support.

There was a thorough discussion regarding the upcoming Excess Levy election.

**Consideration of Legislative Agenda Items:** Mr. Prichard asked Mrs. Cline to address the Board regarding the Consideration of Legislative Agenda Items.

Mrs. Cline provided Board Members with a draft of Legislative Items. She said the needs of school aged children are more varied and numerous than they have ever been. She said class-sizes, school aide formula, and homeschooling are all issues which need much discussion with the Legislators.

There was a thorough discussion regarding the Legislative Agenda Items.

Mr. Mike Davis left the meeting at 12:45 p.m.

**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. Stiltner made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lester,

to approve the Personnel List, as presented and recommended by Mrs. Cline, Superintendent. Passed with a 4-0 vote.

## **PROFESSIONAL**

### **COUNSELORS**

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

Jodie L. McCoy, Counselor, Itinerant, After School to Serve Alternative Education, AS NEEDED, Maximum of 10 Hours per Week, effective November 28, 2018

Jodie L. McCoy, Elementary/Middle Guidance Counselor - Itinerant, Wyoming County Elementary/Middle Schools, School Based, effective November 28, 2018

### **SECONDARY TEACHERS**

#### **A. Resignation:**

Ashley N. Elliott, Art Teacher, Wyoming East High School, effective December 19, 2018

#### **B. Family Leave:**

Kamie L. Allen, English Teacher, Westside High School, through June 7, 2018

### **EXTRA DUTIES**

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

Robert L. Bailey, Jr., Volunteer 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Basketball Coach, Herndon Consolidated Elementary and Middle School, effective November 7, 2018

Raymond D. Workman, 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Junior Varsity Girls Basketball Coach, Oceana Middle School, effective November 13, 2018

Tara N. Boothe, Volunteer Cheer Coach, Oceana Middle School, effective November 28, 2018

Timothy P. Kennedy, Volunteer Boys Basketball Coach, Oceana Middle School, effective November 28, 2018

Kirby G. Pruett, Junior Varsity Girls Basketball Coach, Westside High School, effective November 14, 2018

#### **B. Resignation:**

Noel Cogar, Junior Varsity 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Basketball Coach, Oceana Middle School, effective November 1, 2018

**WYOMING COUNTY EXTRACURRICULAR ASSIGNMENTS:**

**A. Recommended for Appointment:**

Robyn L. Stone, Special Education Interventionist, Berlin McKinney Elementary School, 3 Days per Week, Not to Exceed 75 Days from November 13, 2018 through April 30, 2019

Betsy A. Queen, Special Education Interventionist, Huff Consolidated Elementary and Middle School, 3 Days per Week, Not to Exceed 75 Days from November 13, 2018 through April 30, 2019

Tina D. Adams, Special Education Interventionist, Pineville Elementary School, 3 Days per Week, Not to Exceed 75 Days from November 13, 2018 through April 30, 2019

**Tutoring Teacher**

**A. Rescind GEAR Up Tutors:**

Michelle R. Argabright, GEAR Up Math Tutor, Westside High School, effective November 26, 2018

Caleb B. Whisenant, GEAR Up English Tutor, Westside High School, effective November 26, 2018

**SERVICE PERSONNEL**

**AIDES**

**A. Recommended for Appointment:**

Alissa G. Browning, from Special Education Aide, Itinerant (Current Assignment: Pineville Elementary School), to Kindergarten Aide/ECCAT, Road Branch Elementary and Middle School, effective November 28, 2018

**SUBSTITUTES**

**Teachers**

Jon Caleb Cooper, effective November 8, 2018

Brenda L. Lyons, effective November 13, 2018

**Aides**

Carol Milam, remove from list as per her request, effective November 10, 2018

### **Bus Operators**

Billy J. Acord, effective November 15, 2018  
Heather M. Rocchi, effective November 15, 2018

### **Cooks**

Carol Milam, remove from list as per her request, effective November 10, 2018

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

Mr. Prichard reminded members of the next regularly scheduled Board Meeting, which is to be held on Monday, December 3, 2018, at 6:00 p.m., at the Wyoming County Career and Technical Center.

Mr. Stiltner made a motion, seconded by Mrs. England, to adjourn. Passed with a 4-0 vote.