

WYOMING COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, December 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, December 13, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. at Baileysville 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, was absent. Deirdre A. Cline, Superintendent, was also in attendance. The agenda for the meeting was as follows:

1. Local School Improvement Council: Baileysville 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, December 3, 2018
 - B. Extracurricular, Special, and Bus Requests
4. School Safety and Security
5. Consideration of Tools for School Plan
6. Technology Department Update and Overview of County and School Websites
7. Personnel List
8. 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 students from Baileysville Elementary and Middle School.

Local School Improvement Council: Baileysville Elementary and Middle School: Mr. Prichard asked Mrs. Cline to present regarding Local School Improvement Council: Baileysville Elementary and Middle School.

Mrs. Cline introduced Mrs. Christie Dameron, Principal of Baileysville Elementary

and Middle School, and asked her to address the Board.

Mrs. Dameron welcomed all Board Members and Central Office Staff. She introduced the school's LSIC Members. She asked Mrs. Rebecca Adams, Teacher and LSIC Member, to address the Board.

Mrs. Rebecca Adams said she teaches English/Language Arts. She said this school year has provided a common planning period between herself and the other English/Language Arts teacher. She said it is very important to have that time for collaboration. She said several new ideas have been put into place this year to help increase student achievement.

Mrs. Tina Adams, Teacher and LSIC Member, said each child has a data notebook to record benchmark and assessment data, as well as resources for student use, attendance records, and the student's mission statement. She said on the first day of school each student is responsible to create their own mission statement, including what they wish to accomplish during the year. She said a study hall has been established for students and students are taking full advantage of that time. She reviewed several teaching techniques used. She said students are enjoying the new Aleks math program, as well as the programs still used from previous years. She said working in centers, small groups, and one on one instruction, have all been beneficial. There was a thorough discussion regarding math instruction.

Mrs. Rebecca Morgan, Teacher and LSIC Member, provided the Board Members a copy of the school's Attendance Incentive Program and reviewed the plan with the Board. She said the first step in student success in school is making sure they attend. She said most of the younger students have to depend on a parent or adult to make sure they get to school, so it takes everyone involved with the student to encourage regular attendance. There was a thorough discussion regarding the incentives for student attendance.

Mrs. Morgan, also provided the Board Members a copy of the school's discipline plan. She said if a student receives 4 detention referrals, the student will have one day of in-school suspension. She said 4 additional detention referrals will result in 2 after-school detention days. She said a total of 12 detention referrals will result in the student attending after-school detention 4 days. She said the activities bus, which runs on Tuesdays and Thursdays, allows the school to have after-school detention, while still having transportation for students. She said when a student received 16 detention referrals, alternative placement is sought. Mrs. Dameron then asked Miss Katelyn Lester, Student Member of the LSIC, to address the Board.

Miss Lester said she is representing the Baileysville Elementary and Middle School Student Government. She said she would like to thank all of the teachers for all they do for the students. She said the students are now allowed to vote on the lunch menu one day a month, which the students are enjoying. She said the school's mission statement and the Pledge of Allegiance are recited every morning, prior to the start of instruction. She reviewed many other activities that are in place at Baileysville Elementary and Middle School.

Mrs. Dameron said tremendous work has been accomplished around the school grounds. She said new carpet has been installed in some areas and fresh landscaping around the outside of the building has enhanced the school environment. She said they are currently experiencing some technical issues with the LED sign outside and Mr. Stephen Fortner, Electrician for Wyoming County Schools, is working for a solution.

Mrs. Dameron introduced Mrs. Katie Williamson, Director of Expanded School Mental Health for Southern Highlands. She asked Mrs. Williamson to address the Board regarding the services being provided by Southern Highlands.

Mrs. Williamson said she serves Mercer, McDowell, and Wyoming Counties. She

said there are currently 13 schools that Southern Highland serves within those 3 counties. She said 2 of those schools are in Wyoming County and are grant funded through a school mental health grant through Marshall University. Mrs. Williamson said they have staff that works with Baileysville Elementary and Middle School and Huff Consolidated Elementary and Middle School. There was a thorough discussion regarding the mental health programs and the services provided.

Mrs. Cline said the working relationship that has been established between Wyoming County Schools and Southern Highlands comes from a request from school counselors asking for more resources for students. She said KVC is also working in a few schools to help provide additional services beyond what the school counselor can provide.

Ms. Cooke said she was very pleased with the work Mrs. Dameron is doing at the school. She said her positive leadership is showing through with her staff.

Mrs. Cline thanked Mrs. Dameron 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.

Consent Agenda: A. Minutes, Board of Education Meeting, December 3, 2018:

Mr. Prichard asked Mrs. Cline to present regarding Consent Agenda: A. Minutes, Board of Education Meeting, December 3, 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 3rd - 4th grade students to watch The Nutcracker at the Clay Center in Charleston on December 13, 2018, with funding from extracurricular funds to cover the cost;

2) A request from Tammy Toler for a professional day on December 7, 2018, to accompany students auditioning for the West Virginia All-State Band;

3) A request from Rebecca Johnson for her son to attend school out of district, transferring from Mullens Middle School to Baileysville Elementary and Middle School for the 2018-2019 school year;

4) A fundraising request from Baileysville Elementary and Middle School to accept donations for the purchase of shoes and apparel for the 6th - 8th grade boys basketball team;

5) A fundraising request from Baileysville Elementary and Middle School to accept parent payment for shoes and apparel for the 6th - 8th grade boys basketball team;

6) A fundraising request from Herndon Consolidated Elementary and Middle School to sell t-shirts and toboggans for the 6th - 8th grade basketball team;

7) A bus request from Oceana Middle School to take 5th - 8th grade students, who have zero discipline referrals, to Crossroads Mall in Mt. Hope on December 19, 2018, with funding from the school's general fund to cover the cost;

8) A bus request from Oceana Middle School to take 5th - 8th grade students, who have faithful or perfect attendance, to Marquee Cinemas in Welch on December 11, 2018, with funding from the school's general fund to cover the cost;

9) A request from Randall Peterson for a professional day on December 11, 2018, to attend a meeting at the Special Services Department, Resource Center, in Pineville;

10) A request from Senetha Clay for a professional day on December 11, 2018, to attend a meeting at the Special Services Department, Resource Center, in Pineville;

11) A request from John Eric Smith for a professional day on December 11, 2018, to attend a meeting at the Special Services Department, Resource Center, in Pineville;

12) A bus request from Pineville Elementary School to take 2nd grade students to

watch *The Grinch* at Marquee Cinemas in Welch on December 19, 2018, with funding from 2nd grade funds to cover the cost;

13) A bus request from Pineville Elementary School to take 4th grade students to watch *Mary Poppins* at Marquee Cinemas in Welch on December 20, 2018, with funding from 4th grade funds to cover the cost;

14) A bus request from Pineville Middle School to take 5th grade students, who were winners of the First Lady's Ornament Contest, to the West Virginia State Capitol for the Tree Lighting Ceremony on December 4, 2018, with funding from County funds to cover the cost;

15) A bus request from Westside High School and Wyoming East High School to take 9th - 12th grade students participating in All-State Band to Charleston on December 7, 2018, with funding from extracurricular funds to cover the cost;

16) A request from Chris Baber for a professional day on December 7, 2018 to accompany students from Westside High School to auditions for All-State Band in Charleston;

17) A bus request from Wyoming East High School to take 9th - 12th grade students on the boys basketball team to the following away games: Winfield High School on January 19, 2019; Greater Beckley High School on January 21, 2019; West Virginia State University on February 5, 2019; and Oak Hill High School on February 12, 2019; with funding from the boys basketball fund to cover the cost;

18) A bus request from Wyoming East High School to take 9th - 12th grade students on the boys basketball team to the following away games: Westside High School on January 4, 2019; Shady Spring High School on January 8, 2019; Williamson Field House on January 11, 2019; and Williamson Field House on January 12, 2019; with funding from the boys basketball fund to cover the cost;

19) A bus request from Wyoming East High School to take 9th - 12th grade students

on the boys basketball team to the following away games: Fairmont Senior on December 7, 2018 and returning on December 8, 2018; Independence High School on December 21, 2018; Raleigh County Armory on December 28, 2018; and Raleigh County Armory on December 29, 2018; with funding from the boys basketball fund to cover the cost;

20) A request from Ashley Elliott for a professional day on December 7, 2018, to accompany students from Wyoming East High School auditioning for All-State Band in Charleston;

21) A fundraising request from Pineville Middle School to charge admission to the Christmas Dance to be held on December 19, 2018;

22) A fundraising request from Pineville Middle School to sell school apparel to raise funds for the girls basketball team; and

23) A fundraising request from Wyoming East High School to accept donations from the Samsung Solve for Tomorrow contest for the Friends of the Earth Club.

After a thorough discussion, Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stiltner, to approve Consent Agenda, Items A. and B., as presented and recommended by Mrs. Cline, Superintendent. Passed with a 4-0 vote.

School Safety and Security: Mr. Prichard asked Mrs. Cline to present regarding School Safety and Security.

Mrs. Cline said the drivers' education cars have been picked up and the special foot brakes are being installed. She said the State Fire Marshal has completed visits to most County schools and facilities and will be completing those visits in the near future. She said Mr. Jeffrey Hylton, Director of Safety and Transportation, has been completing visits to the schools, as well, checking the logs for lock down drills and fire drills.

There was a thorough discussion regarding School Safety and Security.

Consideration of Tools for Schools Plan: Mr. Prichard asked Mrs. Cline to

present regarding the Consideration of Tools for Schools Plan.

Mrs. Cline said a listing of the plan was included in the packet and she reviewed the Tools for Schools Plan with the Board Members. She said these funds are a blend of State and Federal money to be used for technology. She said Wyoming County received \$126,431.06 for this school year. She said Mr. Shumate, Director of Technology and Information Systems, has allocated the funding as listed. She said the purchases came from discussions held at Leadership Team meetings. She said it was a collaborative effort. She said the technology purchases come with much forethought and intent.

After a thorough discussion, Mr. Stiltner made a motion, seconded by Mrs. England, to approve the Tools for Schools Plan, as presented and recommended by Mrs. Cline, Superintendent. Passed with a 4-0 vote.

Technology Department Update and Overview of County and School Websites:

Mr. Prichard asked Mrs. Cline if she would recommend tabling the topic until the January 3, 2019, meeting.

Mrs. Cline said it is her recommendation to move the item to a future agenda, January 3, 2019, as Mr. Shumate was unable to attend the meeting, due to internet issues throughout the County.

After a brief discussion, Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stiltner, to move Technology Department Update and Overview of County and School Websites, as recommended and presented by Mrs. Cline, Superintendent. Passed with a 4-0 vote.

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

PROFESSIONAL

ELEMENTARY TEACHERS

A. Recommended for Appointment:

Lillian Kay Plumley, Kindergarten Teacher, Berlin McKinney Elementary School,
effective January 2, 2019

EXTRA DUTIES

A. Resignation:

Donald H. Jewell, Varsity Football Coach, Wyoming East High School, effective
December 7, 2018

WYOMING COUNTY EXTRACURRICULAR ASSIGNMENTS:

Tutoring Teacher

Allison Mitchell, Substitute After School Tutoring Teacher

SERVICE PERSONNEL

BUS OPERATORS

A. Resignation:

J. Starr Dalton, Bus Operator, Extracurricular Run, Preschool Run, AS NEEDED,
Herndon Area, effective December 6, 2018

SUBSTITUTES

Teachers

Anthony Jacob Foltz

Maintenance Department

Alva E. Sizemore, effective January 2, 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 17, 2018, at 10:00 a.m., at Road Branch Elementary and Middle School.

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