

WYOMING COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, January 28, 2019

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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 Monday, January 28, 2019, at 10:00 a.m. at Pineville Elementary School. Those in attendance were Michael R. Prichard, President; Allan R. Stiltner, Vice President; Betty F. England, and Morgan K. "Mike" Davis, 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: Pineville Elementary School
2. Individuals or Groups of the Community at Large Wishing to Address the Board
3. Consent Agenda
 - A. Minutes, Board of Education Meeting, January 17, 2019
 - B. Extracurricular, Special, Fundraising, and Bus Requests
4. School Safety and Security
5. Special Services Update
6. Personnel List
7. 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 the Girl Scouts.

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

Mrs. Cline asked Mrs. Alisha Deskins, Principal of Pineville Elementary School to address the Board.

Mrs. Deskins welcomed the Board Members and Central Office staff. She introduced the Local School Improvement Council and asked Mrs. Rebecca Houck-Snow to address the Board.

Mrs. Houck-Snow introduced the 4th Grade Student Council. She said those students have prepared questions for the Board Members to interview them about their school. The Student Council members also showed the Board Members their data binders. The Superintendent and Board Members interviewed the student council members about their roles in the school.

Mr. Davis encouraged the students to remain active in student government throughout their school years.

Mrs. Houck-Snow said this group of students has been a joy to work with and they have done many positive things so far this year.

Mrs. Cline thanked Mrs. Houck-Snow for the work she has done with the students. She said it is wonderful to see a Student Council so involved.

Mrs. Deskins introduced Mrs. Sonja Davis, Title I teacher, and asked her to address the Board regarding school data.

Mrs. Davis provided the Board members with data from Pineville Elementary School. She demonstrated a few math problems that are currently being used in elementary school. She reviewed the most recent proficiency results from the school.

Mrs. Deskins introduced Mrs. Amy Mitchell, Title I teacher, and asked her to address the Board.

Mrs. Mitchell had students participate in a demonstration about Secret Stories. She said a parent training night for Secret Stories is upcoming. The students enjoyed a Secret Stories game with Board Members.

Mrs. Deskins asked Ms. Jody McCoy, school counselor, to address the Board

regarding attendance.

Ms. McCoy provided the Board Members with a copy of the latest statistics regarding Pineville Elementary School, comparing the school to other schools in the County. She said last year one of the only standards not met by Pineville Elementary School was attendance. She said she has been contacting parents and guardians of those who are chronically absent. She said addressing tardies is also important. She said research shows if a student misses between 2-4 days by the end of September, they are 50 percent more likely to be chronically absent. She said 1 in 10 kindergarten and 1st grade students are considered chronically absent in the nation. She said if this pattern continues into 6th grade, those students are more likely to drop out of high school, according to research. Mrs. McCoy said there are a number of reasons that keep students at home. She reviewed some of the most concerning reasons with the Board Members and how attendance incentives are helping students want to attend school.

Mrs. Deskins said she is looking forward to the outdoor classroom to be started in the spring. She said it is important to work on parent relationships and in doing so there is a plan for outdoor benches for parents to utilize while they are visiting the school or picking up their child. She said outdoor trash cans will also be installed. Mrs. Deskins reviewed the best practices of the school and additional aspects that are being incorporated.

Mrs. Cline thanked Mrs. Deskins and her staff for their hospitality. She said she appreciates all of the hard work and dedication that is taking place at Pineville Elementary School.

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, January 17, 2019:

Mr. Prichard asked Mrs. Cline to present regarding Consent Agenda: A. Minutes, Board of Education Meeting, January 17, 2019.

Mrs. Cline said the Minutes from the Board of Education Meeting January 17, 2019, were not complete at this time, due to technical issues.

B. Extracurricular, Special, and Bus Requests: Mrs. Cline, Superintendent, recommended the Extracurricular, Special, and Bus Requests as follows:

1) A fundraising request from Baileysville Elementary and Middle School to sell old uniforms to raise funds for incentives;

2) A fundraising request from Oceana Middle School to have a dance to raise funds for the school;

3) A fundraising request from Oceana Middle School to sell Krispy Kreme doughnuts to raise funds for the boys' and girls' 7th and 8th grade basketball teams;

4) A request from Amy Mitchell for two professional days on February 25-26, 2019, to attend the WVDE Mathematics Follow-up Academy in South Charleston;

5) A fundraising request from Pineville Middle School to have a bingo event to raise funds for the Spring Fling dance;

6) A request from Adoria Fruia for her daughter to attend school out of district, transferring from McDowell County Schools to Pineville Middle School;

7) A fundraising request from Wyoming County Career and Technical Center to sell Little Caesar's Pizza kits to raise funds for Cosmetology Skills;

8) A fundraising request from Wyoming County Career and Technical Center to have a raffle for a Valentine basket to raise funds for Cosmetology Skills;

9) A bus request from Wyoming East High School to take 9th - 12th grade students in the band to the Chuck Mathena Center in Princeton for the WVSSAC Band Ratings

Festival on March 28, 2019, with funding from band funds to cover the cost;

10) A request from Samuel Dobson for a professional day on March 28, 2019, to attend the WVSSAC Band Adjudicator Ratings Festival, with the Wyoming East High School Band, in Princeton;

11) A fundraising request from Wyoming East High School to hold a volleyball tournament to raise funds for YLA (Hi-Y);

12) A fundraising request from Wyoming East High School to sell Krispy Kreme doughnuts to raise funds for the YLA (Hi-Y);

13) A request from Judy Bledsoe for the following members of the County Social Studies Instructional Material Committee to have a professional day on January 31, 2019, to attend the 2019 Instructional Materials Caravan in Huntington: Christy Plumley and Mallory Walker;

14) A request from Judy Bledsoe for the following members of the County Social Studies Instructional Material Committee to have a professional day on February 1, 2019, to attend the 2019 Instructional Materials Caravan in Flatwoods: Joanna Huffman, Dewight Stafford, Lauren Manning, Rebecca D. Lester, and Billy Cook;

15) A request from LeAnn Biggs for two professional days on February 25-26, 2019, to attend the Mathematics Academy Follow-up in Charleston;

16) A request from Elizabeth Bailey for two professional days on February 25-26, 2019, to attend the Mathematics Academy Follow-up in Charleston;

17) A request from Misty Lyons for two professional days on February 25-26, 2019, to attend the Mathematics Academy Follow-up in Charleston;

18) A request from Tina C. Adams for a one and one-half professional days on February 15, 2019 and February 18, 2019, to attend Leaders for Just Schools conference hosted by the National Education Association in Raleigh, NC;

19) A fundraising request from Mullens Elementary School to have a book fair to raise funds for the school;

20) A request from Michelle Morgan for a professional day on March 22, 2019, to accompany student on the Pineville Middle School Battle of the Books team to the County competition at Southern West Virginia Community College in Saulsville;

21) A bus request from Road Branch Elementary and Middle School to take 5th grade students to the Water Festival at R. D. Bailey Lake on May 17, 2019, with funding from the County to cover the cost; and

22) A fundraising request from Road Branch Elementary and Middle School to sell yearbooks.

After a thorough discussion, Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stiltner, to approve Consent Agenda, Item 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 the active shooter training at Wyoming East High School, to be held in coordination with the Wyoming County 911 Center, is scheduled for Saturday, March 2, 2019. She said the training will begin at 8 a.m. or 9 a.m. and she will notify Board Members as soon as the time is confirmed.

There was a thorough discussion regarding School Safety and Security.

Special Services Update: Mr. Prichard asked Mrs. Cline to present regarding the Special Services Update.

Mrs. Cline asked Mr. Stephen Walls, Director of Special Services, to address the Board.

Mr. Walls said he would like to thank the employees at Special Services for their hard work and dedication to the students of Wyoming County. He said he is so thankful

to have a great working relationships with the other departments, as well. He said the Special Services Department is working hard on results driven instruction. He said good things are happening with the graduation rate of special education students. Mr. Walls said he works with the Graduation 20/20 Director, as well. He provided a very thorough review of the Special Services Department and the services they are providing. Mr. Walls said he is very pleased with the Talented and Gifted Program. He said Ms. Deweese is new to the program, and is doing a great job. He asked Mrs. Darlene Richards, Special Education Specialist and PreK Coordinator, to address the Board.

Mrs. Richards said the County preschool program has recently been trained on the Secret Stories, as well, and has begun implementing those techniques. She said those skills will better prepare students to transition to kindergarten. She said a large part of preschool is the socialization between children. She said all preschool classrooms also have learning centers to be used to help develop critical thinking among students. She said the transition phase has started for students that will be moving to kindergarten, including any IEPs that students may have.

Mrs. Cline said she would like to thank Mrs. Richards for her willingness to work with MountainHeart Community Services and their preschool headstart program. She said the communication and collaboration with MountainHeart has been great and she thanked Mrs. Richards for her role in making that connection.

Mr. Walls asked Mrs. Terri Muscari, Special Education Counselor, to address the Board regarding transitions.

Mrs. Muscari provided the Board Members with a handout of the transition of students. She said services are available to help students determine what the future beyond high school has to offer. She said she also works with students moving from elementary to middle school and middle school to high school. She said she provides a

list of agencies available to help students within the County, once they graduate high school.

There was a thorough discussion regarding Special Services.

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

Mrs. Cline recommended the Personnel List as presented.

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

PROFESSIONAL

ELEMENTARY TEACHERS

A. Recommended for Appointment:

Allison L. Adkins, from Elementary Education Teacher, Pineville Middle School, to Elementary Education Teacher, Mullens Middle School, effective 2019-2020 school year

SECONDARY TEACHERS

A. Change in Effective Date:

Larry Thompson, Art Teacher, Wyoming East High School, from effective 2019-2020 school year, to effective February 5, 2019

STUDENT TEACHERS

Emily D. Day, Bluefield State College, Elementary Education, assigned to Glen Fork Elementary and Middle School

EXTRA DUTIES

A. Resignation:

Adam Perdue, Archery Coach, Oceana Middle School, effective January 4, 2019

Sarah Patrick, Varsity Softball Coach, Westside High School, January 4, 2019

SERVICE PERSONNEL

COOKS

A. Retirement:

Patsy O. Cook, Cook, Pineville Elementary School, effective January 31, 2019

SUBSTITUTES

Teachers

Drema Harris-Sturgill, Retired, effective November 30, 2018

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

Mr. Prichard reminded members that Ethics Forms must be submitted to the West Virginia Ethics Commission by February 1, 2019. He also reminded members of the next regularly scheduled Board Meeting, which is to be held on Monday, February 4, 2019, at 6:00 p.m., at the Wyoming County Career and Technical Center.

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