

**WYOMING COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, February 25, 2019**

**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, February 25, 2019, at 10:00 a.m. at Berlin McKinney 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: Berlin McKinney 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: February 14, 2019
  - B. Extracurricular, Special, Fundraising, and Bus Requests
4. School Safety and Security
5. Progress Update Regarding the Continuous Support and Improvement (CSI) School: Oceana Middle School
6. Superintendent's Report
7. Personnel
  - A. Ratify Employee Suspension
  - B. 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 Ms. Robin Hall, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Schools.

**Local School Improvement Council: Berlin McKinney Elementary School:** Mr. Prichard asked Mrs. Cline to present regarding the Local School Improvement Council: Berlin McKinney Elementary School.

Mrs. Cline asked Dr. Robert Lyons, Principal at Berlin McKinney Elementary School, to address the Board.

Dr. Lyons provided the Board Members with a copy of the Agenda for the Local School Improvement Council. He asked Miss Brielle Lyons, student of Berlin McKinney Elementary School, to address the Board regarding the school from a student's perspective.

Miss Lyons said she loves Berlin McKinney Elementary School and her teachers.

Dr. Lyons introduced the school's Local School Improvement Council Members. He reviewed the student successes so far this year and the test scores from last school year. He said he has been comparing the data to previous years and asking students for feedback regarding the test. He said Berlin McKinney Elementary School has an attendance incentive program. He said the school has the lowest attendance rate of any of the elementary schools in the County. He said Oceana Middle School and Westside High School are also experiencing low attendance rates. He said he has been working on a solution for the area to increase attendance. Dr. Lyons said the school is currently using two types of discipline in the school. He said the card systems and ClassDojo are both being utilized. He reviewed the clubs and organizations available to the students of Berlin McKinney Elementary School. Dr. Lyons thanked the Board Members for their support in the recent paving project at the school. He said he is also very pleased to have a working camera system in the school.

There was a thorough discussion regarding Berlin McKinney Elementary School.

Mrs. Cline said Dr. Lyons has been a tremendous instructional leader for the school. She thanked him for his hard work and dedication.

Mr. Prichard thanked Dr. Lyons for his presentation and his hospitality.

**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: February 14, 2019:**

Mr. Prichard asked Mrs. Cline to present regarding Consent Agenda: A. Minutes, Board of Education Meeting: February 14, 2019.

Mrs. Cline recommended the Minutes, Board of Education Meeting: February 14, 2019, as presented.

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

1) A bus request from Glen Fork Elementary and Middle School to take students to Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College in Saulsville and West Virginia University Tech in Beckley for college visits on March 6, 2019, with funding from a grant and the school's general fund to cover the cost;

2) A bus request from Glen Fork Elementary and Middle School to take 8<sup>th</sup> grade students to Wyoming East High School for the Wyoming County Career and Technical Center Career Fair on March 5, 2019, with funding from County funds to cover the cost;

3) A bus request from Herndon Consolidated Elementary and Middle School to take 8<sup>th</sup> grade students to Wyoming East High School for the Wyoming County Career and Technical Center Career Fair on March 5, 2019, with funding from County funds to cover the cost;

4) A bus request from Huff Consolidated Elementary and Middle School to take 8<sup>th</sup> grade students to Westside High School for the Wyoming County Career and Technical Center Career Fair on February 27, 2019, with funding from Title IV funds to cover the cost;

5) A bus request from Mullens Middle School to take 8<sup>th</sup> grade students to Wyoming East High School for the Wyoming County Career and Technical Center Career Fair on March 5, 2019, with funding from County funds to cover the cost;

6) A bus request from Mullens Middle School to take 5<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grade students on the Battle of the Books team to the County competition at Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College on March 22, 2019, with funding from County funds to cover the cost;

7) A bus request from Oceana Middle School to take 5<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grade students on the Battle of the Books team to the County Competition at Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College on March 22, 2019, with funding from County funds to cover the cost;

8) A bus request from Oceana Middle School to take 8<sup>th</sup> grade students to Westside High School for the Wyoming County Career and Technical Center Career Fair on February 27, 2019, with funding from County funds to cover the cost;

9) A request from Kayla Maynor for her child to attend school out of district, transferring from Berlin McKinney Elementary School to Road Branch Elementary and Middle School, for the 2018-2019 school year;

10) A fundraising request from Westside High School for the Baseball Team to have a t-shirt sale;

11) A fundraising request from Westside High School for the Baseball Team to sell sponsor banners for the field;

12) A fundraising request from Westside High School for the Baseball Team to have a bingo on March 23, 2019;

13) A request from Clisty Hill for a professional day on March 1, 2019, to judge the Young Writers' contest at Marshall University in Huntington;

14) A fundraising request from Berlin McKinney Elementary School to hold an Online Reading Education event to raise funds for the school's general fund;

15) A fundraising request from Berlin McKinney Elementary School to sell yearbooks;

16) A bus request from Glen Fork Elementary and Middle School to take 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grade students on the Battle of the Books team to Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College in Saulsville for the County competition on March 22, 2019, with funding from Title IV funds to cover the cost;

17) A bus request from Pineville Middle School to take 8<sup>th</sup> grade students to Wyoming East High School for the Wyoming County Career and Technical Center Career Fair on March 5, 2019, with funding from Title IV funds to cover the cost;

18) A bus request from Road Branch Elementary and Middle School to take Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade students to a West Virginia Power Baseball game in Charleston on May 13, 2019, with funding from extracurricular funds and the school's general fund to cover the cost;

19) A bus request from Westside High School for two buses to take 12<sup>th</sup> grade students to Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College in Saulsville and West Virginia University Tech in Beckley on March 25, 2019, with funding from GEAR Up funds to cover the cost;

20) A bus request from Wyoming East High School to take 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade students to the Sectional Basketball Tournaments on February 25, 2019, with funding from Pep Club funds to cover the cost; and

21) A fundraising request from Wyoming East High School to have a t-shirt sale to raise funds for the Boys' Basketball Team shoes.

After a thorough discussion, Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mrs. England,

to approve 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, would like to address the Board regarding School Safety and Security.

Mr. Hylton reminded Board Members of the Active Shooter Training scheduled at Wyoming East High School. He said the training will start promptly at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 2, 2019. He said police, fire departments, EMS, and Homeland Security will all be present to participate. He said a viewing area would be available for Board Members to view the scenario live on televisions. He said a tremendous amount of planning that has gone into this training.

There was a thorough discussion regarding School Safety and Security.

**Progress Update Regarding the Continuous Support and Improvement (CSI)**

**School: Oceana Middle School:** Mr. Prichard asked Mrs. Cline to present regarding the Progress Update Regarding the Continuous Support and Improvement (CSI) School: Oceana Middle School.

Mrs. Cline said Oceana Middle School has been identified as a Continuous Support and Improvement school through the West Virginia Department of Education. She said this is part of the Every Child Succeeds Act. Mrs. Cline said being a CSI school means Oceana Middle School is targeted for a 3 year time frame, providing a liaison to help address standing issues. She asked Mrs. Shanda Lester, Principal of Oceana Middle School, to address the Board.

Mrs. Lester thanked the Board Members for the opportunity to speak to them regarding the process taking place at Oceana Middle School. She provided the Board Members with a handout highlighting all actions taken thus far. She said since being

identified as a CSI school, they have continued the effective practices that were already in place. She said Drexel Sammons has been assisting her at the school with walkthroughs and in other areas, as well. She said she holds two 10 minute meetings a month that are documented and scheduled.

Mr. Stiltner asked Mrs. Lester for more information about the walkthroughs.

Mrs. Lester said she uses the eWalk program on her iPad to complete the walkthroughs. She said it does take several days to complete all classrooms, with all of the other things going on in the school. She said she visits each classroom every 2 weeks. Mrs. Lester said the school has had a Leadership Team for quite some time; however, she said they have changed the format and vision for the Leadership Team and it has been very successful. She said she has also started a principal's achievement wall to encourage students in all area. She said she has also started a positive phone call and note card to parents policy. Mrs. Lester reviewed other new policies and techniques that have been implemented.

There was a thorough discussion regarding all areas of improvement at Oceana Middle School.

**Superintendent's Report:** Mr. Prichard asked Mrs. Cline to present regarding the Superintendent's Report.

Mrs. Cline said the Math4Life training will be held on Wednesday and Thursday of this week in Flatwoods. She invited the Board Members to attend, although it is not mandatory. Mrs. Cline said she has a Communities In Schools meeting in Charleston on Wednesday in Charleston. She said Mrs. Kathy Brunty, Communities In Schools Coordinator, is working on starting a ROTC program in the County. She said diagnostic reviews in schools continue; however, they will be unable to visit Baileysville Elementary and Middle School today due to a power outage. Mrs. Cline said the diagnostic team will

also be meeting with the faculty and staff of Westside High School on Tuesday, February 26, 2019. She said she will begin providing the Board Members with a copy of the County Leadership Team and Staff meeting agendas.

**Personnel: A. Ratify Employee Suspension:** Mr. Prichard asked Mrs. Cline to address the Board regarding consideration to Ratify Employee Suspension.

Mrs. Cline asked Mr. Hylton to address the Board.

Mr. Hylton said during a recent random drug testing held with bus operators as required through State policy, employee #998002311 failed the random drug screen.

After a thorough discussion, Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stiltner, to Ratify the Suspension of Employee #998002311, without pay, as presented and recommended by Mrs. Cline, Superintendent. Passed with a 5-0 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, 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. Retirement:**

Jo Browning, Teacher, Pineville Middle School, effective July 1, 2019

### **EXTRA DUTIES**

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

James E. Hopkins, Golf Coach, Road Branch Elementary and Middle School, effective February 26, 2019

Brandon T. Fleenor, Assistant Varsity Softball Coach, Westside High



School, effective February 26, 2019

Christian B. Hedinger, Volunteer Baseball Coach, Wyoming East High School, effective February 26, 2019

**SERVICE PERSONNEL:**

**AIDES**

A. Resignation:

Donna J. Bishop, Aide/ECCAT, Kindergarten, Herndon Consolidated Elementary and Middle School, effective March 1, 2019

**SECRETARIES**

A. Retirement:

Kathy L. Cook, Secretary, Oceana Middle School, effective June 30, 2019

**SUBSTITUTES:**

**Teachers**

Barbara K. Houck, Retired, effective February 18, 2019

**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, March 4, 2019, at 6:00 p.m., at the Wyoming County Career and Technical Center. He also reminded members of the Active Shooter Training to be held Saturday, March 2, 2019, at Wyoming East High School.

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