

## **WYOMING COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, April 1, 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, April 1, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. at the Wyoming County Career and Technical Center. Those in attendance were Michael R. Prichard, President; Allan R. Stiltner, Vice President; Betty F. England, Morgan K. "Mike" Davis, and Douglas E. Lester, Members. Deirdre A. Cline, Superintendent, was also in attendance. The agenda for the meeting was as follows:

1. Celebrating Success
  - A. County Social Studies Fair Winners
  - B. County Golden Horse Shoe Winners
  - C. Skills USA Medalists
2. Individuals or Groups of the Community at Large Wishing to Address the Board
3. Expulsion Hearing
4. Consent Agenda
  - A. Minutes, Board of Education Meetings, March 14, 2019, and March 25, 2019
  - B. Extracurricular, Special, Fundraising, and Bus Requests
  - C. Budget Supplements and Transfers
  - D. Payment of Invoices
5. Wyoming County Board of Education Financial Audit
6. School Safety and Security
7. Annual Memorandum of Agreement: WVU Extension Service, 2019-2020
8. Consideration of Energy Express Sites: Summer 2019
9. West Virginia *math4life* Update and Consideration of *math4life* Pledge
10. SAT School Day and WVGSA Testing Schedule
11. Personnel:
  - A. Ratify Employee Suspension
  - B. Personnel List
12. Superintendent's Report
13. 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.

**Celebrating Success:** Mr. Prichard said it was a privilege to have such a large audience in attendance. He asked Mrs. Cline to present regarding Celebrating Success.

Mrs. Cline introduced the Board Members and Central Office staff. She also recognized all principals, teachers, and school service personnel. Mrs. Cline thanked the parents and guardians of the students being recognized, as well. She said the Board Members enjoy Celebrating Success meetings. She said the students to be honored have a tremendous work ethic and are willing to go above and beyond a normal school curriculum to achieve such accomplishments.

The following students were recognized and presented a certificate: County Social Studies Fair Winners, County Golden Horse Shoe Winners, and Skills USA Medalists.

Mrs. Cline thanked Mrs. Debbie Hall, Director of Federal and Learning Enrichment Programs, for all of her hard work and dedication to the students of Wyoming County. She thanked everyone for attending. She said it is a joy to celebrate the great things happening in Wyoming County Schools.

Mr. Prichard congratulated the students and schools for their achievements.

**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.

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

Mrs. Cline asked the guardians of student # 980015170 if they would like an open hearing, where everyone in attendance at the Board meeting would be allowed to stay for the hearing, or a closed hearing, where everyone would be asked to leave during the

hearing processing, with the exclusion of those involved in the case, and the Board Members.

The guardians asked for an open hearing.

Mrs. Cline asked Ms. Hall and Mr. Keith Stewart, Principal of Westside High School, to address the Board.

Mr. Stewart provided a detailed account of the incidents leading to the expulsion request. He asked Mrs. Rhonda Thomas, Assistant Principal of Westside High School, to address the Board.

Mrs. Thomas provided further details of the incident.

Mr. Prichard and Mr. Davis both asked questions of the student.

The student and guardian were both allowed time to respond.

After a thorough discussion, Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mrs. England, to expel student # 980015170 from Wyoming County Schools for 365 days, with alternative education provided, as presented and recommended by Mrs. Cline, Superintendent. Passed with a 5-0 vote.

**Consent Agenda: A. Minutes, Board of Education Meetings, March 14, 2019, and March 25, 2019:** Mr. Prichard asked Mrs. Cline to present regarding Consent Agenda: A. Minutes, Board of Education Meetings, March 14, 2019, and March 25, 2019.

Mrs. Cline recommended the Minutes, March 14, 2019, as presented. She said the March 25, 2019, Minutes would be presented and recommended for approval at the next Board meeting.

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

1) A request for professional leave on April 26, 2019, to attend the annual Delegate Assembly hosted by the West Virginia Education Association in Charleston for the

following individuals: Tina Adams, Rebecca Adams, Lauren Manning, Lisa Collins, Bethany Smith, Matthew Acord, and Mallory Walker;

2) A request from Janette Lester for a professional day on April 5, 2019, to attend the West Virginia School Nutrition Association Cooks' Conference in Morgantown;

3) A request from Karen Haynes for a professional day on April 5, 2019, to attend the West Virginia School Nutrition Association Cooks' Conference in Morgantown;

4) A fundraising request from Baileysville Elementary and Middle School to sell pepperoni rolls to raise funds for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class;

5) A request from Charlotte McMillion for a professional day on April 5, 2019, to attend the West Virginia School Nutrition Association Cooks' Conference in Morgantown;

6) A bus request from Glen Fork Elementary and Middle School to take 8<sup>th</sup> grade students to the West Virginia State Capitol on April 16, 2019, with funding from County funds to cover the cost;

7) A request from Brenda Blankenship for a professional day on April 5, 2019, to attend the West Virginia School Nutrition Association Cooks' Conference in Morgantown;

8) A request from Mary Ann Stacy for a professional day on April 5, 2019, to attend the West Virginia School Nutrition Association Cooks' Conference in Morgantown;

9) A fundraising request from Glen Fork Elementary and Middle School to have bingo to raise funds for the school;

10) A fundraising request from Glen Fork Elementary and Middle School to have a Penny Wars event to raise funds for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class;

11) A fundraising request from Glen Fork Elementary and Middle School to sell Easter eggs to raise funds for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class;

12) A fundraising request from Glen Fork Elementary and Middle School to have a bake sale to raise funds for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class;

13) A fundraising request from Glen Fork Elementary and Middle School to sell hot dog lunches to raise funds for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class;

14) A request from Barbara Osborne for her daughter entering 5<sup>th</sup> grade to attend school out of district, transferring from Oceana Middle School to Glen Fork Elementary and Middle School, for the 2019-2020 school year;

15) A request from Barbara Osborne for her daughter entering 8<sup>th</sup> grade to attend school out of district, transferring from Oceana Middle School to Glen Fork Elementary and Middle School, for the 2019-2020 school year;

16) A request from Rhonda Browning for a professional day on April 5, 2019, to attend the West Virginia School Nutrition Association Cooks' Conference in Morgantown;

17) A request from Fredia Hash for a professional day on April 5, 2019, to attend the West Virginia School Nutrition Association Cooks' Conference in Morgantown;

18) A request from Ashley Pavlik for two professional days on April 10-11, 2019, to attend the Breaking the Cycle conference at Glade Springs Resort;

19) A request from Tammy McKinney for a professional day on April 5, 2019, to attend the West Virginia School Nutrition Association Cooks' Conference in Morgantown;

20) A request from Michelle McKinney for a professional day on April 5, 2019, to attend the West Virginia School Nutrition Association Cooks' Conference in Morgantown;

21) A request from Cathy Sizemore for a professional day on April 5, 2019, to attend the West Virginia School Nutrition Association Cooks' Conference in Morgantown;

22) A bus request from Pineville Middle School to take 5<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grade students who are members of SADD to Leisure Lanes to bowl on April 5, 2019, with funding from the SADD club funds to cover the cost;

23) A fundraising request from Pineville Middle School to have a Talent Show to raise funds for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade National Junior Honor Society;

24) A fundraising request from Road Branch Elementary and Middle School to sell t-shirts to raise funds for the school;

25) A request from Sonja Morgan for a professional day on April 5, 2019, to attend the West Virginia School Nutrition Cooks' Conference in Morgantown;

26) A request from Charlotte Burgess for a professional day on April 5, 2019, to attend the West Virginia School Nutrition Cooks' Conference in Morgantown;

27) A request from Yvonne King for a professional day on April 5, 2019, to attend the West Virginia School Nutrition Cooks' Conference in Morgantown;

28) A request from Tanya and Jason McKinney for their daughter in Pre-K to attend school out of district, transferring from Mullens Elementary School to Herndon Consolidated Elementary and Middle School, for the 2018-2019 school year;

29) A request from Tanya and Jason McKinney for their daughter in 4<sup>th</sup> grade to attend school out of district, transferring from Mullens Elementary School to Herndon Consolidated Elementary and Middle School, for the 2018-2019 school year;

30) A request from Bonnie Brown for a professional day on April 5, 2019, to attend the West Virginia School Nutrition Association Cooks' Conference in Morgantown;

31) A request from Adam Perdue for a professional day on April 4, 2019, to attend the Basic Rocketry professional development in Fairmont;

32) A request from Donna Madden for a professional day on April 5, 2019, to attend the West Virginia School Nutrition Association Cooks' Conference in Morgantown;

33) A request from Wilma Nichols for a professional day on April 5, 2019, to attend the West Virginia School Nutrition Association Cooks' Conference in Morgantown;

34) A bus request from Road Branch Elementary and Middle School to take preschool and Kindergarten students bowling in Beckley on May 28, 2019, with funding from extracurricular, preschool funds, and the school's general fund to cover the cost;

35) A request from Lori Blankenship for a professional day on April 11, 2019, to

attend the TABE 11 & 12 Training in Beckley;

36) A request from Sherry Younce for a professional day on April 29, 2019, to attend the Fashion Focus Hair Show in Nashville, TN (She has already been approved for April 30, 2019, for the same training); and

37) A fundraising request from Wyoming County Career and Technical Center to have a Mothers' Day Basket Raffle to raise funds for the cosmetology class.

**C. Budget Supplements and Transfers:** Mrs. Cline asked Mrs. Kim Cook, Chief School Business Official, to address the Board regarding Budget Supplements and Transfers.

Mrs. Cook provided the Board with a list of Budget Supplements and Transfers. She reviewed the transactions with the Board.

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

After a thorough discussion, Mr. Lester made a motion, seconded by Mrs. England, to approve Consent Agenda, Items A., B., C., and D. as presented and recommended by Mrs. Cline, Superintendent. Passed with a 5-0 vote.

**Wyoming County Board of Education Financial Audit:** Mr. Prichard asked Mrs. Cline to address the Board regarding Wyoming County Board of Education Financial Audit.

Mrs. Cline asked Mrs. Kim Cook to address the Board.

Mrs. Cook provided the Board Members with a copy of the audit report and explained this was the County audit, which is separate from the individual school audits. She said the financial statements were unmodified, which means there were no findings or material weaknesses. She said within the Federal programs material weaknesses were found. She said Food Services and Title II were audited this year. She said normally two Federal programs are audited per year. She said the Food Service audit report was a

qualified, which is a failing audit. She said the County has received audit findings within Federal programs before, but the auditors could always account for or explain the errors. She said with a qualified audit, that is not the case, and causes the failing status.

Mrs. Cline said this result was a lack of reporting and organization. She said she and Mrs. Cook have been working closely with the Director of Child Nutrition, Virginia Ann Martin, to make sure these issues are not a problem in the future. Mrs. Cline said procedures are now in place in Child Nutrition so that actions and lack of organization which caused the failing audit, will not occur in the future. She said perfect audits are expected within all areas of the Central Office.

After a thorough discussion, Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lester, to accept the Wyoming County Board of Education Financial Audit, 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, asked her to remind Board Members of the Tabletop Exercise regarding the Active Shooter Training for Westside High School on May 2, 2019, at 5:30 p.m., at the Wyoming County 911 Center in Pineville. She said Mr. Hylton also has a final video of the Active Shooter Training that took place at Wyoming East High School to present to the Board very soon. She said there was a tremendous amount of information learned by all involved in the training.

There was a thorough discussion regarding School Safety and Security.

**Annual Memorandum of Agreement: WVU Extension Service, 2019-2020:** Mr. Prichard asked Mrs. Cline to address the Board regarding Annual Memorandum of Agreement: WVU Extension Service, 2019-2020.



Mrs. Cline said this agreement is very similar to those in years past. She said this funding is through the Excess Levy funds. She reviewed the line items for the budgeting of those funds with the Board Members.

After a thorough discussion, Mrs. England made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stiltner, to accept and enter into the Annual Memorandum of Agreement with WVU Extension Service for the 2019-2020 School Year, as presented and recommended by Mrs. Cline, Superintendent. Passed with a 5-0 vote.

**Consideration of Energy Express Sites: Summer 2019:** Mr. Prichard asked Mrs. Cline to present regarding Consideration of Energy Express Sites: Summer 2019.

Mrs. Cline said the West Virginia Extension Service, which holds the Energy Express program, would like to move the program from Berlin McKinney Elementary School to Glen Fork Elementary and Middle School, and also remain in Mullens Elementary School and Herndon Consolidated Elementary and Middle School, as well.

After a brief discussion, Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stiltner, to approve the Energy Express Sites: Summer 2019, including Glen Fork Elementary and Middle School, Mullens Elementary School, and Herndon Elementary and Middle School, as presented and recommended by Mrs. Cline, Superintendent. Passed with a 5-0 vote.

**West Virginia *math4life* Update and Consideration of *math4life* Pledge:** Mr. Prichard asked Mrs. Cline to present regarding West Virginia *math4life* Update and Consideration of *math4life* Pledge.

Mrs. Cline said Wyoming County's *math4life* program is getting a lot of attention throughout the State. She said at a recent math conference, attended by Mrs. Kara Halsey-Mitchell, Wyoming County's video launch was showcased. She asked Mrs. Mitchell to address the Board.

Mrs. Mitchell showed the Board Members all of the videos from the schools that

have been challenged so far. She then asked the Board Members to take the *math4life* Pledge.

All Board Members signed the *math4life* Pledge and were excited to see the enthusiasm for this program in the County.

**SAT School Day and WVGSA Testing Schedule:** Mr. Prichard asked Mrs. Cline to address the Board regarding SAT School Day and WVGSA Testing Schedule.

Mrs. Cline asked Mrs. Stacey Butcher, Director of Assessment and Personnel, to address the Board.

Mrs. Butcher provided the Board Members with the schools' schedules for testing. She said the lists also provides what grade levels will take each tests. She said the PSAT will be offered for 10<sup>th</sup> grade students, although it is not mandated. She said PSAT is voluntary and allows students to have the opportunity to have an SAT experience, prior to their junior year. Mrs. Butcher said the schedules have been provided to all Central Office staff, as well.

There was a brief discussion regarding 2019 testing.

**Personnel: A. Ratify Employee Suspension:** Mr. Prichard asked Mrs. Cline to present regarding Personnel: A. Ratify Employee Suspension.

Mrs. Cline said the letter provided to the employee regarding the suspension was included at the bottom of the Board packet. She said employee # 998002125 was suspended with pay, pending investigation of the incident. She said two very contradictory statements were provided from teachers and no conclusive evidence could be found supporting the claims. She said the employee has since returned to work, following a meeting held at Central Office. She said new practices have been put into place to prevent the possibility of similar incidents in the future.

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

to Ratify the Suspension of Employee # 998002125, as presented and recommended by Mrs. Cline, Superintendent. Passed with a 5-0 vote.

**Personnel: B. 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. Davis 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.

**SUBSTITUTES:**

**Teachers**

Sandra Taylor Clark, effective March 19, 2019  
Gary "Skipper" Stewart

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

Mrs. Cline shared recent meeting agendas and dates of upcoming events with the Board.

**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 (Statutory) Board Meeting, which is to be held on Tuesday, April 16, 2019, at 10:00 a.m., at Wyoming County Board of Education, Central Office.

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