

WYOMING COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, November 4, 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, November 4, 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; and 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
2. Individuals or Groups of the Community at Large Wishing to Address the Board
3. Consent Agenda
 - A. Minutes, Board of Education Meeting: October 28, 2019
 - B. Extracurricular, Special, Fundraising, and Bus Requests
4. School Safety and Security
5. SBA Project Update
6. Enrollment/Attendance Update
7. Personnel
 - A. Ratify Employee Suspension
 - B. Personnel List
8. Superintendent's Report
9. 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 asked Mrs. Cline to address the Board regarding Celebrating Success.

Mrs. Cline welcomed all students and parents to the meeting. She said recognizing

the success of students and staff is the Board's favorite thing to do. She introduced the Board Members, Assistant Superintendents, and Central Office staff. She recognized all employees of Wyoming County Schools in attendance. She also recognized and thanked family and friends of the students being celebrated. Mrs. Cline said these students have gone above and beyond the normal school day to achieve these accomplishments.

Certificates were presented to Mrs. Amanda Hylton, Principal of Wyoming East High School, and Mr. Keith Stewart, Principal of Westside High School, for achieving over a 90% graduation rate for the 2018-2019 school year; Mrs. Brittany Bauer, teacher at Wyoming East High School, for being the Make It Shine Environmental Teacher of the Year; Westside High School Band for their accomplishments at the West Virginia Marching Band Invitational; and all First Place Winners of the County Reading Fair.

Mrs. Cline, along with the Board Members, thanked everyone for attending.

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: October 28, 2019: Mr. Prichard asked Mrs. Cline to present regarding Consent Agenda, A. Minutes, Board of Education Meeting: October 28, 2019.

Mrs. Cline recommended the Minutes from the Board of Education Meeting held October 28, 2019.

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

1) A fundraising request from Glen Fork Elementary and Middle School to sell Little Caesar's Pizza Kits to raise funds for the band;

2) A request from Victoria Chapman for her son in 2nd grade to attend school out of county, transferring from Mingo County to Huff Consolidated Elementary and Middle School, for the 2019-2020 school year;

3) A request from Victoria Chapman for her daughter in 3rd grade to attend school out of county, transferring from Mingo County to Huff Consolidated Elementary and Middle School, for the 2019-2020 school year;

4) A request from Travelene Bailey for her daughter in 4th grade to attend school out of county, transferring from Mingo County to Huff Consolidated Elementary and Middle School, for the 2019-2020 school year;

5) A fundraising request from Pineville Elementary School to sell Thanksgiving friendship grams to raise funds for the 1st and 2nd grade classes;

6) A fundraising request from Westside High School to sell fruit to raise funds for the Junior class;

7) A request from Amy Mitchell for two professional days on November 21-22, 2019, to attend the WVRA Reading Conference;

8) A fundraising request from Baileysville Elementary and Middle School to have a book fair to raise funds for school incentives and awards;

9) A request from Candice Stewart for her child in 6th 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;

10) A fundraising request from Oceana Middle School to sell Country Meat Sticks to raise funds for the History Club;

11) A fundraising request from Pineville Middle School to sell novelty items to raise funds for the school;

12) A fundraising request from Pineville Middle School to have concessions at the

County Middle School Volleyball Championship to raise funds for the National Junior Honor Society;

13) A bus request from Westside High School to take 9th - 12th grade students in the band to the football game at Oak Hill High School on November 8, 2019, with funding from band funds to cover the cost; and

14) A fundraising request from the Wyoming County Career and Technical Center to sell Little Caesar's Pizza Kits to raise funds for the Cosmetology class.

After a thorough discussion, Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stiltner, to approve the 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, wanted to let the Board Members know that the Knox Boxes in the Oceana area are ready for installation. She said Mr. Hylton is working diligently to get Westside High School's Knox Box installed by December, prior to the Active Shooter Training.

There was a thorough discussion regarding School Safety and Security.

SBA Project Update: Mr. Prichard asked Mrs. Cline to address the Board regarding the SBA Project Update.

Mrs. Cline said Wyoming County Schools currently has two School Building Authority projects. She said the roof and HVAC system at Wyoming East High School and new doors and windows at the Career and Technical Center are both SBA projects and nearing completion. She asked Mr. Donald Clay, Director of Operations and Facilities, to address the Board.

Mr. Clay said the project at the Career and Technical Center is finished. He said

due to some glue issues, painting has been done in some areas. He said once the project was complete, there was enough funding to replace all of the garage doors, as well. Mr. Clay said the Wyoming East High School roofing and HVAC project is nearing completion. He said the roofing is complete and all HVAC units are in place. He said the only thing that is not finished are the interior diffusers. He said controls are still being hooked up to a few of the units, as well. Mr. Clay said that bids are currently being received to test the balancing of the units. He said by December all work should be completely finished.

There was a brief discussion regarding the SBA Projects.

Enrollment/Attendance Update: Mr. Prichard asked Mrs. Cline to present regarding the Enrollment/Attendance Update.

Mrs. Cline said asked Mr. John Henry, Director of Attendance and Student Services, to give an overview of enrollment and excellent results the County is seeing from the new attendance push. She asked Mr. Henry to address the Board.

Mr. Henry provided the Board with a handout of enrollment and attendance charts. He reviewed the enrollment trends from 2012 to 2020, which was just submitted in October, for each school, with the Board. He said the County is down 83 students this year, as reported at a previous Board meeting.

There was a thorough discussion regarding enrollment trends.

Mr. Henry gave each Board Member an attendance yard sign, and asked them to place it where it could be seen, whether in their yard or another area. He said he is really excited about all that is going on with attendance this year. He said he is working to change the mind set of absences, from excused and unexcused, to an absence is an absence. Mr. Henry said a student with chronic absences is one that has missed more than 10% of the school days, which is 18 days for the whole year. He reviewed some of the tips and tools being used to help increase attendance. He said the communities

throughout the County have been very supportive with the attendance program. Mr. Henry showed the Board Members pictures that have been shared on the Board's Facebook page that show the perfect attendance of classes throughout the County. He said he is very excited that teachers are encouraging kids, and kids are encouraging kids, to be at school every day. He said this initiative has really taken off and is showing on the attendance reports.

There was a thorough discussion regarding attendance.

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

Mrs. Cline said a copy of the letter regarding the Suspension of Employee #998001194 was provided in the Board packet. She said the suspension has already taken place, and the employee did not request a hearing regarding the suspension.

After a brief discussion, Mr. Lester made a motion, seconded by Mrs. England, to Ratify the Suspension of Employee #998001194, in the amount of two unpaid days, as presented and recommended by Mrs. Cline, Superintendent. Passed with a 5-0 vote.

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

Mrs. Cline recommended the Personnel List as presented.

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

PROFESSIONAL:

SECONDARY TEACHERS

A. Resignation:

Terri L. Blake, Social Studies Teacher, Wyoming East High School,
effective January 2, 2020

EXTRA DUTIES

A. Recommended for Appointment:

Kelli J. Knotts, 6th - 8th Grade Cheer Coach, Glen Fork Elementary and Middle School, effective November 6, 2019

Noel D. Cogar, Jr., Junior Varsity Boys Basketball Coach, Westside High School, effective November 6, 2019

Alisha S. Brown, Assistant Varsity Girls Basketball Coach, Westside High School, effective November 6, 2019

Christopher Scott Cook, Assistant Varsity Boys and Girls Track Coach, Wyoming East High School, effective November 6, 2019

B. Resignation:

Taylor Smith, 6th - 8th Grade Junior Varsity Girls Basketball Coach, Mullens Middle School, effective October 28, 2019

SERVICE PERSONNEL:

BUS OPERATORS

A. Rescind Appointment:

Carla Osborne, Bus Operator, Extracurricular Preschool Run, AS NEEDED, Huff Area, effective October 30, 2019

B. Recommended for Appointment:

Lesley L. Walls, Bus Operator, Extracurricular Preschool Run, AS NEEDED, Huff Area, effective October 30, 2019

SUBSTITUTES:

Teachers

Ashley Pavlik, effective October 28, 2019

Recommended for Bus Operator Training

Angela A. Hatfield
Lloyd D. Tolliver

Carla King, remove for not returning to class

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

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 scheduled Board Meeting, which will be held on Thursday, November 14, 2019, at 10:00 a.m., at Oceana Middle School.

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