

## **WYOMING COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, December 2, 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, December 2, 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 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. Celebrating Success
  - A. Lions Club Peace Poster Contest Winner
  - B. Fire Safety Poster Contest, State Winner
  - C. West Virginia Theatre Association High School One-Act Play Festival:  
Wyoming East High School Theatre Troupe–Platinum Rating,  
Professionalism On and Off Stage, All-Festival Cast, Best Actor
2. Individuals or Groups of the Community at Large Wishing to Address the Board
3. Consent Agenda
  - A. Minutes, Board of Education Meeting: November 18, 2019
  - B. Extracurricular, Special, Fundraising, and Bus Requests
  - C. Budget Supplements and Transfers
  - D. Payment of Invoices
4. School Safety and Security
5. Consideration of NEOLA Policy Updates:
  - A. Policy 2111: Parent and Family Involvement
  - B. Policy 2114: Meeting State Accountability Measures
  - C. Policy 2230.03: Hunter Safety Orientation Program
  - D. Policy 2260: Nondiscrimination and Access to Equal Educational Opportunity
  - E. Policy 2260.01: Section 504/ADA Prohibition Against Discrimination Based on Disability
  - F. Policy 2261: Title I Services
  - G. Policy 2261.01: Part Participation in Title I Programs
  - H. Policy 2261.01: Title I - Parent's Right to Know
  - I. Policy 2280: Preschool Program
  - J. Policy 2451: Alternative School Programs
  - K. Policy 2700: School Report Card
  - L. Policy 3120: Employment of Professional Personnel

- M. Policy 4162: Drug and Alcohol Testing of CDL License Holders
- N. Policy 5113.02: School Choice Options Provided by the No Child Left Behind Act
- O. Policy 5335: Care of Students with Chronic Health Conditions
- P. Policy 5341: Emergency Medical Authorization
- Q. Policy 5500: Student Code of Conduct
- R. Policy 5511: Dress and Grooming
- S. Policy 5531: Student Assistance Programs
- T. Policy 5540: The Schools and Community Agencies
- U. Policy 5600: Student Discipline
- V. Policy 5605: Discipline for Special Education Students
- W. Policy 5610: Exclusion from Classroom or School Bus, Suspension, and Expulsion of Students
- X. Policy 5630.01: Use of Restraint and Seclusion with Students
- Y. Policy 6510: Payroll Authorization
- Z. Policy 6605: Crowdfunding
  - Z.1. Policy 6630: Cash Handling and Deposits
  - Z.2. Policy 7100: Facilities Planning
  - Z.3. Policy 7300: Disposition of Real Property
  - Z.4. Policy 7310: Disposition of Surplus Property
  - Z.5. Policy 7440.01: Video Surveillance and Electronic Monitoring
  - Z.6. Policy 7455: Accounting System for Fixed Assets
  - Z.7. Policy 7540.02: Web Content, Services and Apps
  - Z.8. Policy 8330: Student Records
  - Z.9. Policy 8400: School Safety
  - Z.10. Policy 8660: Transportation of Students by Private Vehicle
- 6. School Digger Ranking Update
- 7. Consideration of Opioid Litigation
- 8. Consideration of Funding for Wyoming East High School Theatre Troupe Trip to the Southeastern Theatre Conference in Louisville, KY
- 9. Personnel List
- 10. Superintendent's Report
- 11. 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 the 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 the following: Lions Club Peace Poster Contest Winner, Fire Safety Poster Contest State Winner, and, the West Virginia Theatre Association High School One-Act Play Festival: Wyoming East High School Theatre Troupe—Platinum Rating, Professionalism On and Off Stage, All-Festival Cast, and Best Actor.

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.

Mrs. Cline said Mr. Brandon Tinney, Staff Representative for AFT-WV, and Mrs. Jaquetta Lester, Wyoming County President of AFT-WV, were present and would like to address the Board.

Mr. Tinney said he appreciated the support of the Board and the Superintendent in Wyoming County. He said Wyoming County was one of the counties recognized with the Pride of the Union award from AFT-WV. He said there are approximately 100 AFT-WV members in Wyoming County. He asked Mrs. Lester to address the Board regarding the funding for students in classrooms provided by AFT-WV.

Mrs. Lester said she wanted to share with the Board what AFT-WV has done for the students of Wyoming County. She said AFT-WV recently received a grant through First Book, which is a non-profit organization that provides new books and learning materials at reduced rates. She said Wyoming County was one of four counties chosen by AFT-WV to receive these funds. Mrs. Lester said the amount received was \$2,625 to help establish

and grow classroom libraries. She said it was up to each county to decide how those funds would be spent. She said Wyoming County AFT-WV members decided to allot the funds to the 22 teachers who have less than 2 years seniority. She said they each received \$119 to purchase books for their classroom. Mrs. Lester said another grant was received in the same amount, and was divided evenly between the 14 schools in the County.

There was a thorough discussion regarding the work of AFT-WV in Wyoming County.

The Board thanked Mr. Tinney and Mrs. Lester for coming to the meeting.

**Consent Agenda: A. Minutes, Board of Education Meeting: November 18,**

**2019:** Mr. Prichard asked Mrs. Cline to present regarding Consent Agenda, A. Minutes, Board of Education Meeting: November 18, 2019.

Mrs. Cline recommended the Minutes from the Board of Education Meeting held November 18, 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 Baileysville Elementary and Middle School to have a raffle for a Baileysville throw to raise funds for the 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grade Cheerleaders;

2) A bus request from Glen Fork Elementary and Middle School to take Kindergarten - 8<sup>th</sup> grade students to Westside High School to watch *The Addams Family* on November 22, 2019, with funding from extracurricular funds to cover the cost;

3) A fundraising request from Glen Fork Elementary and Middle School to have bingo to raise funds for the school's general fund;

4) A bus request from Herndon Consolidated Elementary and Middle School to take 4<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grade students participating in County Math Field Day to Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College in Saulsville on December 6, 2019, with funding from

County funds to cover the cost;

5) A bus request from Huff Consolidated Elementary and Middle School to take 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grade students to Westside High School to watch *The Addams Family* on November 22, 2019, with funding from extracurricular 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 to Woodrow Wilson High School to watch *The Nutcracker* on December 5, 2019, with funding from the school's general fund to cover the cost;

7) A request from Pamela M. Bailey for two professional days on March 6-7, 2020, to attend the West Virginia All-State Children's Chorus with a student;

8) A fundraising request from Road Branch Elementary and Middle School to sell yearbooks and yearbook ads to raise funds for the school improvement;

9) A fundraising request from Road Branch Elementary and Middle School to sell t-shirts to raise funds for student incentives;

10) A bus request from Westside High School to take 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade student on the Boys Basketball Team to the following away games: January 2, 2020, at Raleigh County Convention Center; January 3, 2020, at Raleigh County Convention Center; January 7, 2020, at Pikeview; January 21, 2020, at Shady Spring; January 31, 2020, at Liberty; February 4, 2020, at Oak Hill; February 18, 2020, at Mingo Central; and February 25, 2020, at Tug Valley, with funding from Boys Basketball funds to cover the cost;

11) A request from Christopher Baber for a professional day on December 6, 2019, to chaperone students participating in the All-State Band auditions in Charleston;

12) A request from Chrystal Thomas for a professional day on November 22, 2019, to attend the College Board Training for SSD Coordinators;

13) A fundraising request from Westside High School to have Cheerfest to raise funds for the Junior Varsity Cheerleaders;

14) A bus request from Wyoming East High School and Westside High School to take 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade students participating in the Humanities Challenge to Bluefield State College on December 6, 2019, with funding from extracurricular funds to cover the cost;

15) A bus request from Wyoming East High School to take 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade students on the Boys Basketball Team to an away game in Weston on November 30, 2019, with funding from Boys Basketball funds to cover the cost;

16) A bus request from Wyoming East High School to take 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade students on the Boys Basketball Team to the following away games: December 16, 2019, at Brushfork Armory; December 21, 2019, at Chapmanville; January 2, 2020 at Raleigh County Convention Center; and, January 4, 2020, at Raleigh County Convention Center, with funding from Boys Basketball funds to cover the cost;

17) A bus request from Wyoming East High School to take 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade students on the Boys Basketball Team to the following away games: January 7, 2020, at Liberty; January 10, 2020, at Williamson Field House; January 11, 2020, at Williamson Field House; and, January 14, 2020, at Independence, with funding from Boys Basketball funds to cover the cost;

18) A bus request from Wyoming East High School to take 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade students on the Boys Basketball Team to the following away games: January 20, 2020, at Greater Beckley Christian Academy; January 22, 2020, at Oak Hill; February 7, 2020, at Westside High School; and, February 11, 2020, at WV State University, with funding from Boys Basketball funds to cover the cost;

19) A bus request from Wyoming East High School to take 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade students on the Boys Basketball Team to the following away games: November 30, 2019, at Princeton and December 3, 2019, at Lewis County High School, with funding from Boys Basketball funds to cover the cost;

20) A request from Herbert E. Eanes for a professional day on December 3, 2019,

to chaperone students on a GEAR UP trip to West Virginia University Institute of Technology;

21) A request from Tanya McKinney for a professional day on December 3, 2019, to chaperone students on a GEAR UP trip to West Virginia University Institute of Technology;

22) A request from Samuel Dobson for a professional day on December 6, 2019, to chaperone students participating in the All-State Band auditions in Charleston;

23) A request from Cynthia Boyce for a professional day on November 22, 2019, to attend the Fall SAT Implementation Workshop in Charleston;

24) A request from Amanda Hylton for a professional day on November 22, 2019, to attend the Fall SAT Implementation Workshop in Charleston;

25) A fundraising request from Wyoming East High School to sell Thirty-One to raise funds for the Theatre Troupe;

26) A fundraising request from Wyoming East High School to sell spaghetti dinners to raise funds for the Theatre Troupe;

27) A request from Richard Morgan for a professional day on December 3, 2019, to attend the 2019 West Virginia Coding and Cyber Summit;

28) A fundraising request from the Wyoming County Career and Technical Center to sell Country Meats to raise funds for the Robotics and Electronics shops for SkillsUSA;

29) A fundraising request from the Wyoming County Career and Technical Center to sell items from Freedom Fundraisers to raise funds for the Automotive and Diesel shops for SkillsUSA;

30) A bus request from Central Office, Robin Hall, to take Kindergarten - 8<sup>th</sup> grade students participating in Shop with a Cop to Wal-Mart in MacArthur on December 7, 2019, with funding from County funds to cover the cost;

31) A bus request from Central Office, Debbie Hall, to take 4<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade students from Baileysville Elementary and Middle School, Berlin McKinney Elementary School, Herndon Consolidated Elementary and Middle School, Huff Consolidated Elementary and Middle School, Mullens Elementary School, Mullens Middle School, Oceana Middle School, Road Branch Elementary and Middle School, Pineville Elementary School, Pineville Middle School, Wyoming East High School, and Westside High School participating in County Math Field Day to Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College in Saulsville on December 6, 2019, with funding from County funds to cover the cost;

32) A bus request from Central Office, John Henry, to take 4<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade students from Huff Consolidated Elementary and Middle School, Baileysville Elementary and Middle School, Westside High School, and Berlin McKinney Elementary School, that are on the Superintendent's Student Council, to a meeting at the Wyoming County Career and Technical Center on December 10, 2019, with funding from County funds to cover the cost; and

33) A bus request from Central Office, John Henry, to take 4<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade students from Herndon Consolidated Elementary and Middle School, Mullens Elementary School, Mullens Middle School, Pineville Elementary School, and Pineville Middle School, that are on the Superintendent's Student Council, to a meeting at the Wyoming County Career and Technical Center on December 10, 2019, with funding from County funds to cover the cost.

**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 Members with a handout of all proposed Budget Supplements and Transfers. She reviewed each with the Board.



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

After a thorough discussion, Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stiltner, to approve the Consent Agenda, Items A., B., C., and D., 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 read an email from Robbie Bailey, Officer at the Pineville Fire Department, regarding KnoxBoxes. She said the fire departments have made great progress on this project. Mrs. Cline said Mr. Jeffrey Hylton, Director of Safety and Transportation, reported to her the new buses will be on the road in the next week. She said Angel Trax is currently installing the camera systems on the new buses.

There was a thorough discussion regarding School Safety and Security.

**Consideration of NEOLA Policy Updates:** Mr. Prichard asked Mrs. Cline to address the Board regarding NEOLA Policy Updates.

Mrs. Cline thanked Ms. Cooke, Assistant Superintendent of Elementary and Middle Schools, for her hard work and dedication to the Policies of Wyoming County Schools. She asked Ms. Cooke to address the Board.

Ms. Cooke reviewed all of the proposed changes to the following policies with the Board: Policy 2111: Parent and Family Involvement; Policy 2114: Meeting State Accountability Measures; Policy 2230.03: Hunter Safety Orientation Program; Policy 2260: Nondiscrimination and Access to Equal Educational Opportunity; Policy 2260.01: Section 504/ADA Prohibition Against Discrimination Based on Disability; Policy 2261: Title I Services; Policy 2261.01: Part Participation in Title I Programs; Policy 2261.01: Title I - Parent's Right to Know; Policy 2280: Preschool Program; Policy 2451: Alternative School Programs; Policy 2700: School Report Card; Policy 3120: Employment of Professional

Personnel; Policy 4162: Drug and Alcohol Testing of CDL License Holders; Policy 5113.02: School Choice Options Provided by the No Child Left Behind Act; Policy 5335: Care of Students with Chronic Health Conditions; Policy 5341: Emergency Medical Authorization; Policy 5500: Student Code of Conduct; Policy 5511: Dress and Grooming; Policy 5531: Student Assistance Programs; Policy 5540: The Schools and Community Agencies; Policy 5600: Student Discipline; Policy 5605: Discipline for Special Education Students; Policy 5610: Exclusion from Classroom or School Bus, Suspension, and Expulsion of Students; Policy 5630.01: Use of Restraint and Seclusion with Students; Policy 6510: Payroll Authorization; Policy 6605: Crowdfunding; Policy 6630: Cash Handling and Deposits; Policy 7100: Facilities Planning; Policy 7300: Disposition of Real Property; Policy 7310: Disposition of Surplus Property; Policy 7440.01: Video Surveillance and Electronic Monitoring; Policy 7455: Accounting System for Fixed Assets; Policy 7540.02: Web Content, Services and Apps; Policy 8330: Student Records; Policy 8400: School Safety; and Policy 8660: Transportation of Students by Private Vehicle.

There was a thorough discussion regarding the proposed changes to policy.

Mr. Stiltner made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lester, to approve the proposed changes to the NEOLA policies, as presented and recommended by Mrs. Cline, Superintendent. Passed with 5-0 vote.

**School Digger Ranking Update:** Mr. Prichard asked Mrs. Cline to address the Board regarding the School Digger Ranking Update.

Mrs. Cline said School Digger is an online ranking system that is not affiliated with State or local Boards of Education. She said the only factors in their rankings are ELA and math proficiency. She said growth, attendance, and behavior are not addressed.

Mr. Prichard asked how accurate the rankings were.

Mrs. Cline said they are very accurate, since the data used is pulled from ZoomWV. She said Wyoming County's 5<sup>th</sup> grade is not included in this data, as 5<sup>th</sup> grade is not

considered middle school in the programmatic level, yet they attend middle school in Wyoming County. She asked Mrs. Kara Halsey-Mitchell, Director of Academic Programs, to address the Board.

Mrs. Mitchell provided the Board with a handout of information regarding School Digger data. She said this system tells you where each school ranks based on the total number of schools in West Virginia in each programmatic level. She reviewed the data with the Board Members. She noted that Wyoming County Schools, as a whole, has went up 5 spots in the rankings.

Mrs. Cline said although there is still work to be done, she is encouraged by Wyoming County ranking higher, as a whole, than it did last year. She said although she is not comfortable where Wyoming County is, she is comfortable with the progress.

Mrs. Mitchell reminded the Board that this is based off of ELA and math proficiency only.

There was a thorough discussion regarding the School Digger rankings.

**Consideration of Opioid Litigation:** Mr. Prichard asked Mrs. Cline to address the Board regarding the Consideration of Opioid Litigation.

Mrs. Cline said Howard O'Cull, President of the School Board Association, has provided a lot of information regarding this litigation.

Mr. Prichard asked if there was a cost to the Board if the case was not won.

Mrs. Cline said none of the lawyers working on these cases will charge unless the case is won.

Mr. Davis said he is hesitant, considering the last case that was set up this way.

Mrs. Cline said she has been involved in conference calls regarding this, as well. She said if the Board decides to move forward, her recommendation would be to go with Lane & Young as the lawyers. She said Mr. Gordon Lane was very up-front about the fact

that this may not be a winnable case, but he is willing to work hard with county Boards regarding this issue. Mrs. Cline said there is currently no deadline to get involved in this case. She said it is her recommendation to wait until more information is available regarding these cases to make a decision.

Mr. Prichard, along with the other Board Members, agreed to revisit this item on a future agenda.

There was a thorough discussion regarding the Consideration of Opioid Litigation.

**Consideration of Funding for Wyoming East High School Theatre Troupe Trip to the Southeastern Theatre Conference in Louisville, KY:** Mr. Prichard asked Mrs. Cline to address the Board regarding the Consideration of Funding for Wyoming East High School Theatre Troupe Trip to the Southeastern Theatre Conference in Louisville, KY.

Mrs. Cline asked Ms. Robin Hall, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Schools, to address the Board.

Ms. Hall said she had Mrs. Willingham, Assistant Principal of Wyoming East High School, and Mr. Curtis Lovejoy, Theatre Coach of Wyoming East High School, to compile an estimate of the cost of the trip to Louisville. She said the Theatre Troupe will be at the conference for three days. She said 12 students will be going to this conference, and parents will be providing transportation and chaperoning. Ms. Hall said the estimated cost is \$10,000, and provided a break-down of those charges.

Mr. Stiltner asked the amount given to Westside High School for their competition in Alabama.

Ms. Hall said the Board had voted to give Westside High School's Theatre Troupe \$3,000 for their trip in March 2018.

After a brief discussion, Mr. Stiltner made a motion, seconded by Mrs. England, to approve the Funding for Wyoming East High School Theatre Troupe Trip to the Southeastern Theatre Conference in Louisville, KY, in the amount of \$3,000, as presented

and recommended by Mrs. Cline, Superintendent. Passed with 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:**

### **EXTRA DUTIES**

#### A. Recommended for Appointment:

Tommy J. Blankenship, 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Junior Varsity Girls Basketball Coach, Mullens Middle School, effective November 21, 2019

Shayla Hatfield, Volunteer 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Basketball Coach, Baileysville Elementary and Middle School, effective December 4, 2019

#### B. Resignation:

Larry C. Thompson, Head Track Coach, Wyoming East High School, effective November 21, 2019

Alisha S. Brown, 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Junior Varsity Girls Basketball Coach, Baileysville Elementary and Middle School, effective November 22, 2019

## **SUBSTITUTES:**

### **Secretaries**

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### **General Maintenance**

Jackie E. Lane  
Steven T. Lovins  
John Morgan

**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, December 12, 2019, at 10:00 a.m., at Baileysville Elementary and Middle School.

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