

WYOMING COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, January 6, 2020

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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 6, 2020, 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
 - A. County Math Field Day 1st Place Winners
 - B. Governor's Art Exhibition Postcard Design Winners
 - C. Attendance Matters Poster Contest
2. Individuals or Groups of the Community at Large Wishing to Address the Board
3. Consent Agenda
 - A. Minutes, Board of Education Meeting: December 12, 2019, and December 16, 2019
 - B. Extracurricular, Special, Fundraising, and Bus Requests
4. School Safety and Security
5. Gifted Program Presentations
6. Special Education Update
7. Consideration of Utilization of Dinsmore and Shohl, LLP, for Board of Education Legal Counsel
8. Consideration of Updated Memorandum of Understanding between Wyoming County Board of Education and Southern Highlands Community Mental Health Center, Inc.
9. Technology Department Update
10. Personnel List
11. Superintendent's Report
12. 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 Mrs. Deirdre A. Cline, Superintendent.

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 Superintendent, and Central Office staff. She recognized all employees of Wyoming County Schools in attendance. She also recognized and thanked the families 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: County Math Field Day 1st Place Winners, Governor's Art Exhibition Postcard Design Winners, and Attendance Matters Poster Contest Winners.

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 Ms. Candy Fournier, parent, would like to address the Board.

Ms. Fournier said she had several issues she would like to discuss. She said she is concerned about student safety in the schools. She told the Board of an accident involving her child.

Mr. Davis explained that the Board could not respond, or engage in discussion, about the incident without it being an Agenda Item, and all parties involved notified of the discussion; however, the Board would listen to her concerns and place the issue on a future agenda, if needed.

Ms. Fournier was allowed to express her concerns to the Board.

Consent Agenda: A. Minutes, Board of Education Meetings: December 12,

2019, and December 16, 2019: Mr. Prichard asked Mrs. Cline to present regarding Consent Agenda, A. Minutes, Board of Education Meetings: December 12, 2019, and December 16, 2019.

Mrs. Cline recommended the Minutes from the Board of Education Meetings held December 12, 2019, and December 16, 2019, with the noted change.

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 Little Miss Rough Rider to raise funds for the 6th - 8th Grade Cheer;

2) A fundraising request from Pineville Elementary School to collect funds for a 3rd grade movie field trip;

3) A fundraising request from Pineville Elementary School to collect funds for a 4th grade movie field trip;

4) A request from Anthony Foltz for three professional days January 13 - 15, 2020, to attend Youth and Government as a chaperone;

5) A request from Lauren Manning for three professional days January 13 - 15, 2020, to attend Youth and Government as a chaperone;

6) A fundraising request from Road Branch Elementary and Middle School to sell doughnuts to raise funds for the 8th Grade Class;

7) A fundraising request from Road Branch Elementary and Middle School to sell old basketball uniforms to raise funds for student incentives;

8) A bus request from Westside High School to take 9th - 12th grade students attend Youth and Government to Charleston on April 23, 2020, and return on April 25, 2020, with funding from Youth and Government and extracurricular funds to cover the cost;

9) A request from Anthony Dunn for two professional days on April 23 - 24, 2020,

to attend Youth and Government as a chaperone;

10) A request from Lauren Manning for three professional days January 13 -15, 2020, to attend Youth and Government as a chaperone;

11) A fundraising request from Baileysville Elementary and Middle School to collect donations from parents for the 6th - 8th Grade Boys Basketball team;

12) A fundraising request from Baileysville Elementary and Middle School to collect donations from parents for the 6th - 8th Grade Cheerleaders;

13) A fundraising request from Oceana Middle School to sell yearbooks to raise funds for the yearbook club;

14) A fundraising request from Pineville Middle School to sell shirts to raise funds for the Spring Fling;

15) A fundraising request from Road Branch Elementary and Middle School to have a dance to raise funds for the 8th grade class;

16) A fundraising request from Wyoming East High School to have a 50/50 raffle to raise funds for the Boys Basketball Team;

17) A fundraising request from Wyoming East High School to have a purse raffle to raise funds for the Boys Basketball Team;

18) A bus request from Wyoming County Career and Technical Center to take 11th - 12th grade Raze members to Tobacco Free Day at the Capitol in Charleston on February 3, 2020, with funding from the American Lung Association to cover the cost;

19) A request from Donna Wikel for a professional day on February 3, 2020, to attend Tobacco Free Day at the Capitol with the Career Center Raze Crew;

20) A request from Leoda Francis for a professional day on February 3, 2020, to attend Tobacco Free Day at the Capitol with the Career Center Raze Crew;

21) A request from Kendra Frye for a professional day on February 3, 2020, to

attend Tobacco Free Day at the Capitol with the Career Center Raze Crew;

22) A request from Lynda Evans for a professional day on January 15, 2020, to attend the Mental Health Technology Transfer Center Network Seminar in South Charleston;

23) A fundraising request from the Wyoming County Career and Technical Center to sell RADA to raise funds for SKILLS participation for the LPN students;

24) A fundraising request from the Wyoming County Career and Technical Center to have a Valentine's Day Special in the Cosmetology Department to raise funds for Cosmetology;

25) A fundraising request from Wyoming County Career and Technical Center to sell items from the Old Fashion Candy Co. to raise funds for the Cosmetology Department;

26) A bus request from Central Office, Debbie Hall, to take 8th grade students attending Youth and Government to Charleston on January 13, 2020, and return on January 16, 2020, with funding from the County's general fund and school extracurricular funds;

27) A request from Kayla Gunnels for three professional days January 27 - 29, 2020, to attend a statistical neighbor observation at Bradley Elementary School in Raleigh County; and,

28) A request from Elizabeth Bailey for three professional days January 27-29, 2020, to attend a statistical neighbor observation at Bradley Elementary School in Raleigh County.

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, said the Shoes for Crews will be ordered this month. She said the Active Shooter training at Westside High School will possibly be held March 2, 2020. She said the camera systems are still not in at the last two schools.

There was a thorough discussion regarding School Safety and Security.

Gifted Program Presentations: Mr. Prichard asked Mrs. Cline to address the Board regarding Gifted Program Presentations.

Mrs. Cline said the Gifted Program Presentations had to be rescheduled for a later date. She said the presentations will likely take place at the Board Meeting scheduled Monday, February 3, 2020.

Special Education Update: Mr. Prichard asked Mrs. Cline to address the Board regarding the Special Education Update.

Mrs. Cline said Mrs. Christine Snuffer has been working as the acting Director of Special Services due to Mr. Stephen Walls' illness. She said Mr. Walls has now retired and the job will be posted very soon. She said Mrs. Snuffer has done a phenomenal job in the position. Mrs. Cline asked Mrs. Snuffer to address the Board.

Mrs. Snuffer thanked the Board and Mrs. Cline for the opportunity to work as acting Director in Mr. Walls' absence. She said the Special Education Department has experienced much transition in recent years. She said this year there are thirteen new teachers that are new to the system or new to the program. She said there are currently five open positions in Special Education. Mrs. Snuffer said there are also several Special Education teachers that are eligible to retire. She said the new Talented and Gifted teacher, Mrs. Brooke Bailey, is doing a terrific job. She said there are four specialist in Special Education, including preschool. She said all of the specialists are new to their positions, having started in the last few years. Mrs. Snuffer said the psychologist is also

new to the County. She said the Special Education team is working very hard and she appreciates their dedication. Mrs. Snuffer said five interventionists have been hard at work at different schools to work on basic math skills. She discussed a new program that has been implemented to help students with mental health issues in the high schools.

There was a thorough discussion regarding Special Education.

Consideration of Utilization of Dinsmore and Shohl, LLP, for Board of Education Legal Counsel: Mr. Prichard asked Mrs. Cline to address the Board regarding the Consideration of Utilization of Dinsmore and Shohl, LLP, for Board of Education Legal Counsel.

Mrs. Cline said Rebecca Tinder from Bowles Rice has retired. She said since she has retired, a new lawyer has not been assigned to Wyoming County. She said various lawyers from Bowles Rice have helped with issues since Mrs. Tinder's retirement. Mrs. Cline said she feels that it is in the best interest of the Board to have latitude to use Dinsmore and Shohl, LLP, as needed. She said Bowles Rice will continue to be used, as well, but, it would be beneficial to have the ability to use this additional firm. She said the Board is not bound to use only one or the other.

After a thorough discussion, Mrs. England made a motion, seconded by Mr Lester, to approve Utilizing Dinsmore and Shohl, LLP, for Board of Education Legal Counsel, as presented and recommended by Mrs. Cline, Superintendent. Passed with a 5-0 vote.

Consideration of Updated Memorandum of Understanding between Wyoming County Board of Education and Southern Highlands Community Mental Health Center, Inc.: Mr. Prichard asked Mrs. Cline to address the Board regarding the Consideration of Updated Memorandum of Understanding between Wyoming County Board of Education and Southern Highlands Community Mental Health Center, Inc.

Mrs. Cline asked Mr. John Henry, Director of Student Services and Attendance, to

address the Board.

Mr. Henry said the Board currently has a Memorandum of Understanding with Southern Highlands for mental health services at Baileysville Elementary and Middle School and Huff Consolidated Elementary and Middle School. He said an updated MOU is presented to add additional services at Westside High School. Mr. Henry said Southern Highlands has received additional funding to add additional services. He said he has met with Mr. Keith Stewart, Principal of Westside High School, regarding the services Southern Highlands has to offer. Mr. Henry said Mr. Stewart was excited for these services to be available to the students of Westside High School.

After a brief discussion, Mr. Lester made a motion, seconded by Mrs. England, to approve the Updated Memorandum of Understanding between Wyoming County Board of Education and Southern Highlands Community Mental Health Center, Inc., as presented and recommended by Mrs. Cline, Superintendent. Passed with 5-0 vote.

Technology Department Update: Mr. Prichard asked Mrs. Cline to present regarding the Technology Department Update.

Mrs. Cline asked Mr. Terry Shumate, Director of Technology and Information Systems, to address the Board.

Mr. Shumate said the Technology Department works closely with the Maintenance Department and Mr. Hylton, as well. He reviewed a list of new devices that have been placed in the County, so far, this school year. He said the Proximity program has gone really well. Mr. Shumate said he tries to get as much training for the technicians and himself, to better serve the schools. He reviewed upcoming plans for replacement of technology that is nearly outdated.

Mrs. Cline said Mr. Shumate was doing a great job and his hard work is appreciated.

There was a thorough discussion regarding the Technology Department.

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

Mrs. Cline recommended the Personnel List as presented.

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stiltner, to go into Executive Session, §6-9A-4, to discuss a personnel matter, at 7:24 p.m. Passed with a 5-0 vote.

Mr. Prichard made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stiltner, to return to Regular Session at 8:02 p.m. Passed with a 5-0 vote.

After a brief discussion, Mr. Stiltner 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:

ELEMENTARY TEACHERS

A. Recommended for Appointment:

Amanda B. Sesco, Teacher-In-Residence, Special Education Teacher,
Herndon Consolidated Elementary and Middle School, effective
January 8, 2020

SECONDARY TEACHERS

A. Resignation:

Larry C. Thompson, Health Teacher, Wyoming East High School,
effective January 2, 2020

SPECIAL SERVICES

A. Retirement:

Pamela J. Bailey, Preschool Special Needs Teacher, Herndon
Consolidated Elementary and Middle School, effective December 31,
2019

Stephen Walls, Director of Special Education and Special Services,
effective December 30, 2019

B. Recommended for Educational Leave of Absence:

Tara Boothe, Special Education Teacher, Berlin McKinney Elementary School, effective January 4, 2020 - May 4, 2020

EXTRA DUTIES

A. Resignation:

Sampy D. Hall, 6th - 8th Grade Softball Coach, Pineville Middle School, effective December 16, 2019

Krista D. Warrix, 6th - 8th Grade Cheer Coach, Baileysville Elementary and Middle School, effective December 29, 2019

Tina C. Adams, 6th - 8th Grade Baseball Coach, Baileysville Elementary and Middle School, effective January 2, 2020

Larry C. Thompson, Head Football Coach, Wyoming East High School, effective January 2, 2020

B. Recommended for Appointment:

Justin T. Cogar, Volunteer Boys Basketball Coach, Westside High School, effective January 8, 2020

Jeffrey P. Hylton, Volunteer Softball Coach, Wyoming East High School, effective January 8, 2020

Travis D. McKinney, Volunteer Softball Coach, Wyoming East High School, effective January 8, 2020

Eric L. Bane, Volunteer Softball Coach, Wyoming East High School, effective January 8, 2020

SERVICE PERSONNEL:

AIDES

A. Change in Current Assignment:

Preston E. Brooks, Special Education Aide - Itinerant, from Current Assignment: Pineville Elementary School, to Current Assignment: Wyoming East High School, effective January 13, 2020

BUS OPERATORS

A. Resignation:

Mary Dawson, Bus Operator, Extracurricular Run, AS NEEDED, Huff to Westside, Mornings Only, effective December 20, 2019

B. Retirement:

Yvonne C. Raye, Bus Operator, Wyoming East/Pineville Area, effective December 31, 2019

CUSTODIANS

A. Retirement:

Ronnie L. Browning, Custodian, Pineville Elementary School, effective December 31, 2019

SUBSTITUTES:

Teachers

Tina D. Adams, Retired

Cooks

Elizabeth J. Blankenship
Brea Chelsea Cozort
Mary V. Dunn
Sandra Gore
Ashley N. Hall
Lillian "Leigh" E. Hall
Tonya S. Paynter
Amanda L. Rutten
Amber L. Walker

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, January 16, 2020, at 10:00 a.m., at Herndon Consolidated Elementary and Middle School.

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