

## WYOMING COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, April 16, 2020

### 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 Thursday, April 16, 2020, at 10:00 a.m., by telephone conference, due to the current Executive Order of the Governor of West Virginia regarding the COVID-19 pandemic. Those participating via conference call originated at the Wyoming County Board of Education Central Office 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 at the Central Office. The agenda for the meeting was as follows:

1. Individuals or Groups of the Community at Large Wishing to Address the Board: This meeting will be held on conference call, as previously stated. If you wish to address the Board, **please call 304-732-6262, ext. 1101, to participate by phone.**
2. Distance Learning and Enrichment
3. Consent Agenda
  - A. Minutes, Board of Education Meetings: March 12, 2020, and April 2, 2020
4. School Safety and Security
5. Consideration of Bids Received: Flooring for the New Central Office Building
6. Consideration of 2020-2021 School Calendar
7. Consideration of 2020-2021 Board Meeting Dates
8. Wyoming County Schools COVID-19/Coronavirus Plan of Action/Update
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 Mrs. Cline, Superintendent.

**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, in person or by telephone.

**Distance Learning and Enrichment:** Mr. Prichard asked Mrs. Cline to present regarding Distance Learning and Enrichment.

Mrs. Cline said our distance learning programs are providing enrichment opportunities for children. She asked Mrs. Kara Halsey-Mitchell, Director of Academic Programs, to address the Board.

Mrs. Mitchell said each County was asked to develop a remote learning frame work that addresses continuing education throughout the closure. She said the WVDE had put out some suggestions, but the guidance was very loose, as they wanted each County to develop what would work best for their system. She said there was a committee established to make this plan. She said several schools and Central Office Staff were involved. Mrs. Mitchell said all feedback was taken into consideration. She said the Remote Learning Framework addresses what the 3<sup>rd</sup> Nine Weeks grading will look like. She said the 3<sup>rd</sup> grading period has been extended until April 23, 2020. She said the grades received during this closure will only help a students grade. She said 3<sup>rd</sup> Nine Weeks Report Cards will be sent the week of May 4, 2020. She discussed the process for students that are at risk of retention. Mrs. Mitchell said the 4<sup>th</sup> Grading Period will start on May 1, 2020, and end on June 4, 2020. She said it was determined that it is in the best interest of students to not allow students to have a lower grade during the 4<sup>th</sup> Grading Period than that which they had on March 12, 2020. She said Credit Recovery efforts will continue throughout the school closure, as well.

Mrs. Cline thanked Mrs. Mitchell for her hard work and dedication to the students of Wyoming County during this time. She said Mrs. Mitchell's leadership has been

invaluable during this time.

There was a thorough discussion regarding Distance Learning and Enrichment.

**Consent Agenda: A. Minutes, Board of Education Meetings: March 12, 2020, and April 2, 2020:** Mr. Prichard asked Mrs. Cline to present regarding Consent Agenda, A. Minutes, Board of Education Meetings: March 12, 2020, and April 2, 2020.

Mrs. Cline recommended the Minutes from the Board of Education Meeting held March 12, 2020, and April 2, 2020, with the noted change on March 12, 2020.

**Payment of Invoices:** Mr. Prichard asked Mrs. Cline to present regarding Payment of Invoices.

Mrs. Cline recommended the Payment of Invoices as presented.

After a brief discussion, Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stiltner, to approve Consent Agenda, Item 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 the new intercom system at Oceana Middle School will be installed shortly. She said the new system will be very beneficial to the school.

There was a thorough discussion regarding School Safety and Security.

**Consideration of Bids Received: Flooring for the New Central Office Building:** Mr. Prichard asked Mrs. Cline to address the Board regarding Consideration of Bids Received: Flooring for the New Central Office Building.

Mrs. Cline said there is funding set aside for this project at the new Central Office. She said this bid includes new flooring for the entire top floor. She said it is in the best interest of the Board to have new flooring put down over the existing tiles, to prevent having to replace the flooring, causing much more cost and disturbance, once moved.

After a brief discussion, Mrs. England made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lester, to approve the Bid received from Mills Floor Covering, LLC, as presented and recommended by Mrs. Cline, Superintendent. Passed with a 5-0 vote.

**Consideration of 2020-2021 School Calendar:** Mr. Prichard asked Mrs. Cline to address the Board regarding the Consideration of 2020-2021 School Calendar.

Mrs. Cline said all employees had an opportunity to vote on the school calendar. She reviewed the votes received with the Board, along with the proposed calendar.

After a brief discussion, Mr. Stiltner made a motion, seconded by Mrs. England, to approve the proposed 2020-2021 School Calendar, as presented and recommended by Mrs. Cline, Superintendent. Passed with a 5-0 vote.

**Consideration of 2020-2021 Board Meeting Dates:** Mr. Prichard asked Mrs. Cline to address the Board regarding the Consideration of 2020-2021 Board Meeting Dates.

Mrs. Cline reviewed the proposed Board Meeting Dates with the Board. She said the Local School Improvement Council Meetings will continue on the rotation where it has been left off with the school closure.

After a thorough discussion, Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stiltner, to approve the proposed 2020-2021 Board Meeting Dates, as presented and recommended by Mrs. Cline, Superintendent. Passed with a 5-0 vote.

**Wyoming County Schools COVID-19/Coronavirus Plan of Action/Update:** Mr. Prichard asked Mrs. Cline to address the Board regarding Wyoming County Schools COVID-19/Coronavirus Plan of Action/Update.

Mrs. Cline said teamwork has continued in Wyoming County. She asked Mr. John Henry, Director of Student Services and Attendance, to address the Board.

Mr. Henry said he is still in daily contact with the County Health Department. He said he is thankful for the employees there, and their willingness to work together through

this pandemic. He said the Health Department has made a switch to a lab in testing for all COVID-19. He said the new lab is providing results within 48 hours, which is a huge improvement. Mr. Henry said a total of 41 COVID-19 tests have been conducted, with 40 of those being negative. He said the one positive is considered to be recovered at this time. He said extra precautions have been put in place with the feeding sites, including personal protective equipment and only allowing school employees to volunteer, to reduce the number of those on site.

Mrs. Cline thanked Mr. Henry for his hard work and dedication to Wyoming County Schools and students during this time.

There was a thorough discussion regarding the Wyoming County Schools COVID-19/Coronavirus Plan of Action/Update.

**Personnel List:** Mr. Prichard asked Mrs. Cline to address the Board regarding Personnel List.

Mrs. Cline recommended the Personnel List as presented.

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

## **PROFESSIONAL:**

### **PRINCIPALS**

A. Recommended for Appointment:

Timothy P. Kennedy, Assistant Principal, Westside High School, effective July 1, 2020

### **ELEMENTARY TEACHERS**

A. Recommended for Appointment:

Erika M. Furman, from Elementary Education Teacher, Mullens

Elementary School, to Elementary Education Teacher, Mullens  
Elementary School, effective 2020-2021 School Year

## **SECONDARY TEACHERS**

### **A. Change in Effective Date:**

Bobby R. Collins, Welding Instructor, Wyoming County Career and  
Technical Center, effective April 6, 2020

## **SPECIAL SERVICES**

### **A. Recommended for Special Education Supplemental Pay:**

Sara J. Winfrey, Preschool Special Needs Teacher, Herndon  
Consolidated Elementary and Middle School, effective February 24,  
2020

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

Mrs. Cline provided several social media posts that have been made regarding the current pandemic. She said yesterday during food distribution, 42,268 meals were served. She said the collaboration with Twin Falls State Park is going very well. She said it has made the food distribution process much more efficient. Mrs. Cline said the West Virginia Department of Education has developed a Graduation Taskforce and she has been asked to be on the Taskforce. She said the first meeting was held by phone conference on Wednesday. She said conference calls with Central Office Staff and Principals continue at least 3 days per week. She said custodians will deep clean the buildings over the next few weeks. She said cooks will also be going into deep clean the kitchens. She said no employees will be working together during this time. Mrs. Cline said the West Virginia Department of Education is doing a wonderful job keeping things flowing during the closure. She said work on the new Central Office is moving very quickly. She said the Print Shop will move in by May 1, 2020, and the other departments, excluding the Business Office, is expected to be in by May 15, 2020. Mrs. Cline reminded Board Members of the upcoming School Board Association webinar.

**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 the Statutory Meeting, is scheduled Tuesday, April 21, 2020, at 12:00 p.m. He said this meeting will also be held by phone conference. He said a Special Meeting will also be held immediately following the Statutory Meeting.

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