

## WYOMING COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, April 21, 2020

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

COUNTY OF WYOMING, TO-WIT:

A call for a special meeting of the Wyoming County Board of Education was held on Tuesday, April 21, 2020, at 12:05 p.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. Consent Agenda
  - A. Minutes, Board of Education Meeting: April 16, 2020
  - B. Budget Supplements and Transfers
3. School Safety and Security
4. Consideration of Mobile Health Clinics: Tug River Health Association
5. Wyoming County Schools COVID-19/Coronavirus Plan of Action/Update
6. Superintendent's Report
7. 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.

**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.

Mrs. Cline said Mr. Ronald Reed was present on the phone conference, but did not wish to address the Board.

**Consent Agenda: A. Minutes, Board of Education Meeting: April 16, 2020:** Mr. Prichard asked Mrs. Cline to present regarding Consent Agenda, A. Minutes, Board of Education Meeting: April 16, 2020.

Mrs. Cline recommended the Minutes from the Board of Education Meeting held April 16, 2020.

**Budget Supplements and Transfers:** Mr. Prichard asked Mrs. Cline to present regarding Budget Supplements and Transfers.

Mrs. Cline asked Mrs. Kim Cook, Chief School Business Official, to address the Board.

Mrs. Cook reviewed the proposed Budget Supplements and Transfers with the Board.

After a brief discussion, Mrs. England made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lester, 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 there are no major items to address as the closure continues. She said each principal has been instructed to make a "to-do" list for custodians and cooks for deep cleaning and sanitizing. She said cooks and custodians are considered essential, so this schedule would be appropriate. She said each cook and custodian has been asked to work three days each. Mrs. Cline said no custodians or cooks will be working together. She said each should be working alone, to continue to encourage social distancing. She

said this cleaning will be helpful regardless if school resumes or if it is preparation for closing for summer.

There was a thorough discussion regarding School Safety and Security.

**Consideration of Mobile Health Clinics: Tug River Health Association: Mr.**

Prichard asked Mrs. Cline to address the Board regarding Consideration of Mobile Health Clinics: Tug River Health Association.

Mrs. Cline said Mr. John Henry, Director of Student Services and Attendance, has been working closely with Tug River Health Association on the possibility of Mobile Health Clinics. She asked Mr. Henry to address the Board.

Mr. Henry said school-based health is a growing topic in West Virginia Schools. He said Tug River was awarded a grant to purchase a Mobile Health Clinic. He said they are already working with McDowell County Schools and have funds available to possibly place clinics in Wyoming County Schools. Mr. Henry said if approved, the clinics would be placed in some of the most outlying schools. He said along with having the clinic in several schools, to provide basic healthcare needs to students, they would also provide anti-vaping resources for our students. He said every year, there are certain students that can not start school due to lack of required vaccines. He said these clinics would keep children from missing large amounts of days due to not being able to get to the doctor. Mr. Henry said the options are unlimited with school-based health. He provided the Board with several scenarios of when the Mobile Health Clinics would be critical for Wyoming County families. He said representatives from Tug River Health Association have met with the school nurses regarding the proposed model. He said the school nurses are very excited at the possibility of having these services available for students.

Mrs. Cline said she cannot see any negatives with the Mobile Health Clinics. She said she thinks this is a wonderful resource for students and families.

After a thorough discussion, Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mrs. England, to approve the Mobile Health Clinics with Tug River Health Association, 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 asked Mr. Henry to address the Board.

Mr. Henry said he is still in daily contact with the County Health Department. He said there remains only one positive case of COVID-19 in the County. He said that person has recovered and returned to work. He said the employees of the Wyoming County Health Department continue to be wonderful to work with. He said they are very open and transparent. Mr. Henry said according to the Health Department 42 people have been tested through the drive-through clinic and 30 through area hospitals, for a total of 72 Wyoming County residents being tested. He said the Health Department is continuing the limitation of 2 people per 1,000 square feet in each building.

Mrs. Cline said Mr. Henry has continued his hard work for Wyoming County Schools and students. She thanked him for his dedication.

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

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

Mrs. Cline said Ms. Robin Hall, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Schools, has coordinated stakeholders from both high schools regarding graduation. She said this committee will continue to meet as new developments are available from the Governor and the West Virginia Department of Education. Mrs. Cline said the Department of Education

is continuing to a wonderful job in communicating and guiding County Boards during this time. She said communication has continued between Central Office Staff, Principals, teachers, and other employees. Mrs. Cline said Super Wednesday food distribution will take place again tomorrow. She said the process has evolved throughout the school closure and it is being facilitated much more efficiently each week. Mrs. Cline said all calls coming into the switchboard are being answered or a return call is made. She said it is important for families to be able to reach us during this time. She said job postings will continue during this time and new postings will be coming out soon.

**Items for Future Agendas and Announcements:** Mr. Prichard asked for any Items for Future Agendas and Announcements.

Mrs. Cline said she would like to thank the Central Office Staff and Board Members for their dedication to the students of Wyoming County. She said all five Board Members always have the best interest of children in mind and for that she is grateful.

Mr. Prichard reminded members of the next scheduled Board Meeting, which will be held on Monday, April 27, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. He said this meeting will also be held by phone conference.

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