

WYOMING COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, February 13, 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 Thursday, February 13, 2020, at 10:00 a.m., at the Wyoming County Board of Education Central Office Conference Room. 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. Expulsion Hearings
2. Local School Improvement Council: Westside High School
3. Individuals or Groups of the Community at Large Wishing to Address the Board
4. Consent Agenda
 - A. Board of Education Meeting Minutes: January 6, 2020, January 16, 2020, January 23, 2020, January 27, 2020, and January 29, 2020
 - B. Extracurricular, Special, Fundraising, and Bus Requests
5. School Safety and Security
6. Consideration of Wyoming County Schools Sportsmanship Pledge
7. Consideration of Curriculum Associates (iReady) for Kindergarten through 8th Grades
8. Consideration of Approval and Acknowledgment that Board Minutes Dated September 13, 2018, Were Approved September 24, 2018
9. Consideration of Transfer of Board of Education Property to the Oceana Little League
10. Personnel
 - A. Employee Hearing, if requested
 - B. Ratify Employee Suspension
 - C. 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 Ms. Robin Hall, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Schools.

Expulsion Hearings: Mr. Prichard asked Mrs. Cline to present regarding Expulsion Hearings.

Mrs. Cline introduced the Board Members, Assistant Superintendents, Mr. Keith Stewart, Principal of Westside High School, and Deputy Bill Toler, Prevention Resource Officer at Westside High School.

Mr. Prichard asked the parent of student #980015866 if they would like an open or closed hearing.

The parent requested a closed hearing.

All in attendance not related to the Expulsion Hearing exited the room.

Mrs. Cline asked Ms. Hall to address the Board regarding the Expulsion Hearing.

Ms. Hall asked Mr. Stewart to address the Board.

Mr. Stewart provided the Board with the details of the incident leading to the Expulsion recommendation.

Mr. Prichard asked student #980015866 if he was in agreement with the allegations.

The student said he did not agree.

The parent and student were allowed to address the Board.

After a thorough discussion, Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stiltner, to approve the Expulsion of student #980015866, for 365 days, as presented and recommended by Mrs. Cline, Superintendent. Passed with a 5-0 vote.

Mrs. Cline introduced the Board Members, Assistant Superintendents, Mr. Keith Stewart, Principal of Westside High School, and Deputy Bill Toler, Prevention Resource Officer at Westside High School.

Mr. Prichard asked the parent of student #540016662 if they would like an open or

closed hearing.

The parent requested an open hearing.

Mrs. Cline asked Ms. Hall to address the Board regarding the Expulsion Hearing.

Ms. Hall asked Mr. Stewart to address the Board.

Mr. Stewart provided the Board with the details of the incident leading to the Expulsion recommendation.

Mr. Prichard asked student #540016662 if he was in agreement with the allegations.

The student said he did agree.

Mr. Prichard asked student #540016662 if he was aware of the Zero Tolerance Policy for vaping.

The student said he was aware of the policy.

The parent and student were allowed to address the Board.

After a thorough discussion, Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stiltner, to approve the Expulsion of student #540016662, for 365 days, as presented and recommended by Mrs. Cline, Superintendent. Passed with a 5-0 vote.

Mrs. Cline introduced the Board Members, Assistant Superintendents, Mr. Keith Stewart, Principal of Westside High School, and Deputy Bill Toler, Prevention Resource Officer at Westside High School.

Mr. Prichard asked the parent of student #980016067 if they would like an open or closed hearing.

The parent requested a closed hearing.

All in attendance not related to the Expulsion Hearing exited the room.

Mrs. Cline asked Ms. Hall to address the Board regarding the Expulsion Hearing.

Ms. Hall asked Mr. Stewart to address the Board.

Mr. Stewart provided the Board with the details of the incident leading to the

Expulsion recommendation.

Mr. Prichard asked student #980016067 if he was in agreement with the allegations.

The student said he did agree.

The parent and student were allowed to address the Board.

After a thorough discussion, Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stiltner, to approve the Expulsion of student #980016067, for 365 days without the possibility of mitigation, as presented and recommended by Mrs. Cline, Superintendent. Passed with a 5-0 vote.

Mrs. Cline introduced the Board Members, Assistant Superintendents, Mr. Keith Stewart, Principal of Westside High School, and Deputy Bill Toler, Prevention Resource Officer at Westside High School.

Mr. Prichard asked the parent of student #980016505 if they would like an open or closed hearing.

The parent requested an open hearing.

Mrs. Cline asked Ms. Hall to address the Board regarding the Expulsion Hearing.

Ms. Hall asked Mr. Stewart to address the Board.

Mr. Stewart provided the Board with the details of the incident leading to the Expulsion recommendation.

Mr. Prichard asked student #980016505 if he was in agreement with the allegations.

The student said he did agree.

The parent and student were allowed to address the Board.

After a thorough discussion, Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stiltner, to approve the Expulsion of student #980016505, for 365 days, as presented and recommended by Mrs. Cline, Superintendent. Passed with a 5-0 vote.

Local School Improvement Council: Westside High School: Mr. Prichard asked

Mrs. Cline to present regarding Local School Improvement Council: Westside High School.

Mrs. Cline said the Local School Improvement Council: Westside High School will be rescheduled later in the school year, due to the location change of the meeting. She said the location change was necessary due to weather conditions and the possibility of delays or cancellations.

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 Mrs. Diane Smith was present and would like to address the Board.

Mrs. Smith said she would like to address the Board regarding the incidents involving the Wyoming East High School Boys' Basketball coaching staff at the Wyoming East High School versus Westside High School basketball game.

Mrs. Smith was allowed time to address the Board.

Mrs. Cline recommended to the Board that they move to Item 9, Consideration of Transfer of Board of Education Property to the Oceana Little League, as there were several in attendance regarding Item 9. Mr. Stiltner made the motion, seconded by Mrs. England, to move Item 9, before Item 4, as presented and recommended by Mrs. Cline, Superintendent. Passed with a 5-0 vote.

Consideration of Transfer of Board of Education Property to the Oceana Little

League: Mr. Prichard asked Mrs. Cline to address the Board regarding Consideration of Transfer of Board of Education Property to the Oceana Little League.

Mrs. Cline said tremendous paperwork has been completed related to the purposed transfer of property. She said an organization has to be 501C(3) complaint for the Board to transfer property in this manner. She said the Oceana Little League is a 501C(3) entity. She said a letter of request must be received from the organization and noted that letter was available in the Board packet. Mrs. Cline said a complete deed search also has been

completed. She said when the Board liquidated unused properties several years ago, this property was not known to have been owned by the Board.

After a thorough discussion, Mr. Stiltner made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lester, to approve the Transfer of Board of Education Property to the Oceana Little League, as presented and recommended by Mrs. Cline, Superintendent. Passed with a 5-0 vote.

Mrs. Cline recommended to the Board that they move to Item 7, Consideration of Curriculum Associates (iReady) for Kindergarten through 8th Grades, to allow the school employees present for the presentation to return to their respective buildings. Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stiltner, to move Item 7, as presented and recommended by Mrs. Cline, Superintendent. Passed with a 5-0 vote.

Consideration of Curriculum Associates (iReady) for Kindergarten through 8th Grades: Mr. Prichard asked Mrs. Cline to address the Board regarding the Consideration of Curriculum Associates (iReady) for Kindergarten through 8th Grades.

Mrs. Cline said iReady was used as a pilot in several locations to see if there were true benefits of the program. She said the data from this program is phenomenal, but she said she wanted to get feedback from some principals and teachers in Wyoming County. Mrs. Cline asked Mrs. Kara Halsey-Mitchell, Director of Academic Programs, to address the Board.

Mrs. Mitchell said she discussed the program with a superintendent in the State that had nothing but wonderful things to say about the iReady program. She said much research took place regarding the program and a decision was made to pilot the program in five Wyoming County schools. She said four schools agreed to try the program, which include Mullens Elementary School, Oceana Middle School, Pineville Middle School, and Road Branch Elementary and Middle School. She provided the Board with a handout of information about the program and what it includes. She asked Mrs. Green, Principal of Mullens Elementary School, and Mrs. Leah Ann Lane, teacher at Oceana Middle School,

to address the Board.

Mrs. Green said the STAR program has been used for years in Wyoming County Schools. She said it allows a good amount of data regarding student achievement. She said iReady takes that one step further. She said iReady provides lessons for students in their specific area of need. Mrs. Green said she feels iReady helps prepare students more for the General Summative Assessment than any other program. She said this program is more difficult to complete, but provides so much more for the students and teachers. She said it is her hope that the Board will approve placing iReady in all K-4, K-8, and middle schools.

Mrs. Lane said she is seeing growth in her ELA students, which are using the program only once per week. She said she loves the program and the kids are engaged when participating, as well. Mrs. Lane said she hopes that the program will continue.

Mrs. Mitchell said she has received positive feedback from those currently using the iReady program. She said she feels the program will continue to accelerate students, academically.

After a thorough discussion, Mrs. England made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lester, to approve Curriculum Associates (iReady) for Kindergarten through 8th Grades, as presented and recommended by Mrs. Cline, Superintendent. Passed with a 5-0 vote.

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mrs. England, to return to Item 4, Consent Agenda. Passed with a 5-0 vote.

Consent Agenda: A. Board of Education Meeting Minutes: January 6, 2020, January 16, 2020, January 23, 2020, January 27, 2020, and January 29, 2020: Mr. Prichard asked Mrs. Cline to address the Board regarding Consent Agenda: A. Board of Education Meeting Minutes: January 6, 2020, January 16, 2020, January 23, 2020, January 27, 2020, and January 29, 2020.

Mrs. Cline said she recommends the Minutes for the Meetings held January 6, 2020, January 16, 2020, and January 23, 2020, with the noted changes to January 6, 2020. She said the Minutes for the Meetings held January 27, 2020, and January 29, 2020, will be presented at a future Board Meeting.

B. Extracurricular, Special, Fundraising, and Bus Requests: Mr. Prichard asked Mrs. Cline to present regarding Consent Agenda, A. Extracurricular, Special, Fundraising, and Bus Requests.

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

1) A request from Christie Dameron for three professional days on March 25-27, 2020, to attend the second portion of the 2019-2020 School Leadership Network training for beginning principals in Morgantown;

2) A bus request from Berlin McKinney Elementary School to take 3rd - 4th grade students that are on the Battle of the Books team to the County competition at Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College in Saulsville on March 27, 2020, with funding from extracurricular funds to cover the cost;

3) A bus request from Glen Fork Elementary and Middle School to take 4th - 8th grade students to SkyZone in Charleston for a GSA testing reward, with funding from the school's fundraiser account to cover the cost;

4) A bus request from Glen Fork Elementary and Middle School to take 4th - 8th grade students to the Crossroads Mall in Bradley for a GSA testing reward, with funding from the school's fundraiser account to cover the cost;

5) A fundraising request from Glen Fork Elementary and Middle School to sell Krispy Kreme donuts to raise funds for the 8th grade class;

6) A bus request from Herndon Consolidated Elementary and Middle School to take

3rd - 5th grade students on the Battle of the Books team to the County competition at Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College in Saulsville on March 27, 2020, with funding from County funds to cover the cost;

7) A request from Andrew Thomas for a professional day on April 24, 2020, to attend the Oppositional, Defiant & Disruptive Children and Adolescents training in Charleston;

8) A request from Jaquetta Lester for a professional day on February 18, 2020, to participate in a Statistical Neighbor visit at Glen Fork Elementary and Middle School;

9) A request from Allison Cline for a professional day on February 18, 2020, to participate in a Statistical Neighbor visit at Glen Fork Elementary and Middle School;

10) A bus request from Pineville Middle School to take 6th - 8th grade students on the Battle of the Books team to the County competition at Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College on March 6, 2020, with funding from Title IV to cover the cost;

11) A request from Kristin Hatfield for two professional days on March 2-3, 2020, to attend the WVDE School Counselor conference in Charleston;

12) A fundraising request from Pineville Middle School to sell Double Good popcorn to raise funds for the Spring Fling dance;

13) A request from Janet Gibson for a professional day on February 26, 2020, to participate in a Statistical Neighbor visit at Glen Fork Elementary and Middle School;

14) A fundraising request from Road Branch Elementary and Middle School to sell Little Caesars' pizza kits to raise funds for the preschool class;

15) A fundraising request from Westside High School to sell cinnamon rolls to raise funds for the school;

16) A request from Debra Clay for a professional day on March 25, 2020, to attend the math4life National Speaker Series in Lewisburg;

17) A request from Shanda Lester for two professional days on April 1-2, 2020, to

attend the CSI Conference at Glade Springs;

18) A request from Katherine Cook for a professional day on March 13, 2020, to attend a math conference at Stonewall Resort;

19) A request from Renae Napier for a professional day on March 13, 2020, to attend a math conference at Stonewall Resort;

20) A request from Algie Cook for a professional day on March 13, 2020, to attend a math conference at Stonewall Resort;

21) A request from Shanda Lester for two professional days on March 23-24, 2020, to attend an educational leadership conference in Morgantown;

22) A request from Erin Brittany Besl for a professional day on March 25, 2020, to attend a training in Lewisburg;

23) A bus request from Special Services Department to take 7th - 8th grade talented and gifted students from Herndon Consolidated Elementary and Middle School, Mullens Middle School, and Pineville Middle School to the Meeting of the Minds at Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College in Saulsville on February 20, 2020, with funding from Special Services to cover the cost;

24) A bus request from Special Services Department to take 7th - 8th grade talented and gifted students from Huff Consolidated Elementary and Middle School and Oceana Middle School to the Meeting of the Minds at Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College in Saulsville on February 20, 2020, with funding from Special Services to cover the cost;

25) A bus request from Special Services Department to take 5th - 6th grade talented and gifted students from Herndon Consolidated Elementary and Middle School, Mullens Middle School, and Pineville Middle School to the Meeting of the Minds at Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College in Saulsville on February 18, 2020, with funding from Special Services to cover the cost; and,

26) A bus request from Special Services Department to take 5th - 6th grade talented and gifted students from Baileysville Elementary and Middle School, Glen Fork Elementary and Middle School, and Oceana Middle School to the Meeting of the Minds at Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College in Saulsville on February 18, 2020, with funding from Special Services to cover the cost.

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

Mrs. Cline said Mrs. Kim Cook, Chief School Business Official, will present Budget Supplements and Transfers at a future meeting.

After a thorough discussion, Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lester, to approve the 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 Mr. Jeffrey Hylton, Director of Safety and Transportation, has reported the rain has held off overnight, causing an easier morning than expected. She said work is moving forward for the mantraps at Road Branch Elementary and Middle School, Berlin McKinney Elementary School, Mullens Elementary School, Mullens Middle School, and Glen Fork Elementary and Middle School.

There was a thorough discussion regarding School Safety and Security.

Consideration of Wyoming County Schools Sportsmanship Pledge: Mr. Prichard asked Mrs. Cline to address the Board regarding Consideration of Wyoming County Schools Sportsmanship Pledge.

Mrs. Cline said in response to recent events at County rival games and the feedback from the Special Board Meeting held January 29, 2020, a small committee was formed to

create a Wyoming County Schools Sportsmanship Pledge. She asked Ms. Hall to address the Board.

Ms. Hall said Ms. Nina Tunstalle, Elementary Education Teacher at Mullens Elementary School, presented the idea in the group sessions at the Special Board Meeting. She said she asked Ms. Tunstalle to oversee the process of creating the pledge. She said the meeting was held on February 4, 2020, for creative discussion and creation of the pledge. She said five students, which included the Student Council President and each Class President from each high school, attended the meeting. She said a teacher from each high school also attended. Ms. Hall said Mr. John Henry, Director of Student Services and Attendance, also attended the meeting. She said the students worked together to list items that they felt were important to include in the Sportsmanship Pledge. Ms. Hall read the proposed pledge to the Board.

After a thorough discussion, Mr. Stiltner made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lester, to approve the Wyoming County Schools Sportsmanship Pledge, as presented and recommended by Mrs. Cline, Superintendent. Passed with a 5-0 vote.

Consideration of Approval and Acknowledgment that Board Minutes Dated September 13, 2018, Were Approved September 24, 2018: Mr. Prichard asked Mrs. Cline to address the Board regarding Consideration of Approval and Acknowledgment that Board Minutes Dated September 13, 2018, were Approved September 24, 2018.

Mrs. Cline said the Minutes dated September 24, 2018, have an error regarding the approval of the Minutes. She said it states the Minutes approved were of the same date of the meeting, September 24 2018, which is an error. She said to have proper documentation that the Board did approve the September 13, 2018, Minutes at the September 24, 2018, meeting, she asks the Board to approve the September 13, 2018, Minutes, and acknowledge the error on the Minutes dated September 24, 2018.

After a thorough discussion, Mrs. England made a motion, seconded by Mr. Davis

to approve the Minutes from the meeting held September 13, 2018, and to acknowledge the error on the Minutes from the September 24, 2018, meeting, as presented and recommended by Mrs. Cline, Superintendent. Passed with a 5-0 vote.

Personnel: A. Employee Hearing, if requested: Mr. Prichard asked Mrs. Cline to present regarding Personnel: A. Employee Hearing, if requested.

Mrs. Cline said the employee did not request a hearing.

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

Mrs. Cline said the letter sent to the employee was included in the packet.

After a brief discussion, Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mrs. England, to Ratify the Suspension of Employee #998002521, as presented and recommended by Mrs. Cline, Superintendent. Passed with a 5-0 vote.

C. 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, Mr. Lester 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:

PRINCIPALS

A. Recommended for Appointment:

Mallory L. Green, from Principal, Mullens Elementary School, to Principal, Wyoming East High School, effective 2020-2021 school year

SECONDARY TEACHERS

A. Recommended for Appointment:

Bobby R. Collins, Welding Instructor, Wyoming County Career and Technical Center, effective March 2, 2020

EXTRA DUTIES

A. Recommended for Appointment:

Joshua C. Williams, Assistant Boys and Girls Track Coach, Wyoming East High School, effective February 14, 2020

WYOMING COUNTY EXTRACURRICULAR ASSIGNMENTS:

A. Recommended for Appointment:

Robyn J. Shrewsbury, ELA and Math Interventionist - Herndon Consolidated Elementary and Middle School; Two Days per Week; February 3 - May 15, 2020

SERVICE PERSONNEL:

BUS OPERATORS

A. Recommended for Appointment:

Johnny L. Jones, from One Half-Time Bus Operator, AM ONLY, Huff/Westside Areas, and One Half-Time Bus Operator, PM Only, Oceana/Westside Areas, to Bus Operator, Special Education Run, Wyoming East/Pineville/Mullens Areas, effective February 17, 2020

Regina G. Sizemore, Extracurricular Run - AS NEEDED, AM Vocational Block Run, Career and Technical Center to Wyoming East High School, effective February 17, 2020

COOKS

A. Recommended for Appointment:

Penny Miller, from Cook III/Cafeteria Manager (This is a temporary position until the regular employee returns to work), Glen Fork Elementary and Middle School, to Cook III/Cafeteria Manager (This is a temporary position until the regular employee returns to work), Glen Fork Elementary and Middle School, and One Half-Time Cook (9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.), Pineville Middle School, effective February 17, 2020

CUSTODIANS

A. Recommended for Appointment:

Stephen J. Griffith, from One Half-Time Custodian (4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.), Pineville Elementary School, to Custodian (11:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.), Pineville Elementary School, effective February 17, 2020

B. Resignation:

Justin Brooks, One Half-Time Custodian (2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.), Herndon Consolidated Elementary and Middle School, effective February 7, 2020

SUBSTITUTES:

Teachers

Morgan C. Cline, Non-Education, effective 02/06/2020

Justin T. Cogar, Non-Education, effective 02/06/2020

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 Monday, February 24, 2020, at 10:00 a.m., at Berlin McKinney Elementary School.

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