

## WYOMING COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, August 3, 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, August 3, 2020, at 6:00 p.m., at the Wyoming County Board of Education Central Office, 155 Park Street, Pineville, West Virginia. Those in attendance were Michael R. Prichard, President; Allan R. Stiltner, Vice President; and Morgan K. "Mike" Davis and Richard A. "Richie" Walker, 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. Individuals or Groups of the Community at Large Wishing to Address the Board
2. Consent Agenda
  - A. Minutes, Board of Education Meeting: July 27, 2020
  - B. Extracurricular, Special, Fundraising, and Bus Requests
3. School Safety and Security
4. Wyoming County Title I FY21 Program Details
5. Immunization Flyer for Mobile Health Unit
6. Consideration of Request for Bids: Two (2) Temperature Screening Systems
7. Wyoming County Schools COVID-19/Coronavirus Plan of Action/Update
8. Update on Re-entry for Fall 2020
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.

Mrs. Cline introduced the members of the media that were in attendance.

#### **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.

**Consent Agenda: A. Minutes, Board of Education Meeting: July 27, 2020:** Mr.

Prichard asked Mrs. Cline to present regarding Consent Agenda.

Mrs. Cline said the Minutes from the Board Meeting held July 27, 2020, will be presented at the next Board Meeting.

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

1) A request from Teresa Ferguson for her son entering 3<sup>rd</sup> grade to attend school out of county, transferring from Mingo County to Huff Consolidated Elementary and Middle School, for the 2020-2021 school year;

2) A request from Adoria Fruia for her son to entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade to attend school out of county, transferring from McDowell County to Pineville Middle School, for the 2020-2021 school year;

3) A request from Savannah Lambert for her son entering Kindergarten to attend school out of district, transferring from Berlin McKinney Elementary School to Baileysville Elementary and Middle School, for the 2020-2021 school year; and,

4) A fundraising request from Westside High School to sell masks to raise funds for the school's general fund.

After a brief discussion, Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stiltner, to approve Consent Agenda, Item 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 asked Mr. Jeffrey Hylton, Director of Safety and Transportation, to

address the Board.

Mr. Hylton said he had reviewed the supplies coming to the schools with the principals at today's Principals' Meeting.

Mr. Prichard asked if there would be a plexiglass shield on teachers' desks.

Mrs. Cline said there would not be a plexiglass shield on teachers' desks, as it was not recommended in the Re-entry Toolkit provided by the West Virginia Department of Education. She said face shields would be provided to every teacher and staff member. She said face masks would also be available to all faculty, staff, and students. Mrs. Cline said although masks will be provided, employees and students may also wear their own.

There was a thorough discussion regarding School Safety and Security.

**Wyoming County Title I FY21 Program Details:** Mr. Prichard asked Mrs. Cline to present regarding the Wyoming County Title I FY21 Program Details.

Mrs. Cline said Mr. Keith Stewart, Director of Federal and Learning Enrichment Programs, is doing a phenomenal job in his new role. She asked Mr. Stewart to present the Title I FY21 Program Details to the Board.

Mr. Stewart said the Title I program provides vital assistance to the students in Wyoming County in the areas of ELA and math. He said total Title I budget for 2020-2021 is \$1,383,014, which is \$86,486 less than last year. He said the funds are divided between the schools based on the percent of poverty. Mr. Stewart reviewed the 2020-2021 Title I budget and services provided by the program with the Board.

There was a thorough discussion regarding the Wyoming County Title I FY21 Program Details.

**Immunization Flyer of Mobile Health Unit:** Mr. Prichard asked Mrs. Cline to address the Board regarding the Immunization Flyer of Mobile Health Unit.

Mrs. Cline said Mr. John Henry, Director of Student Services and Attendance, has

been working towards getting students immunized. She said the State Department of Education is not providing any waivers regarding immunizations. She said there have been concerns expressed regarding taking students into doctor's offices for immunizations during the pandemic. She asked Mr. Henry to address the Board.

Mr. Henry said this collaboration is part of the mobile health unit agreement between the Wyoming County Board of Education and Tug River Health Association. He said Tug River will have all immunizations needed to start school available at these mobile sites, as well as a few other services, including sports physicals.

There was a brief discussion regarding the Immunization Flyer of the Mobile Health Unit.

**Consideration of Request for Bids: Two (2) Temperature Screening Systems:**

Mr. Prichard asked Mrs. Cline to present regarding the Consideration of Request for Bids: Two (2) Temperature Screening Systems.

Mrs. Cline said every effort to provide the students and staff with the best equipment for returning to school is being made. She said this Request for Bids is an example of those efforts. She asked Mr. Henry to address the Board.

Mr. Henry provided the Board with a handout of the components of the temperature screening systems. He said the proposed system can screen the temperatures of 30 people per second. He said these systems would be used at the high schools, due to their larger populations.

Mrs. Cline said the temperature screening systems will be used at the high schools because students must be unloaded quickly so buses can proceed to their next runs. She said elementary and middle schools will have temperature screening stations, as well, but it will be with contactless thermometers. She said elementary and middle schools have the ability to unload slower and distance students, as needed.

After a brief discussion, Mr. Stiltner made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lester, to approve the Request for Bids: Two (2) Temperature Screening Systems, 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 Mr. Henry continues to do a great job in navigating the COVID-19 pandemic, as related to the Board of Education issues. She said she and Mr. Henry are going to the Health Department twice per month for meetings. She asked Mr. Henry to address the Board.

Mr. Henry said he continues to work collaboratively with the Wyoming County Health Department to deal with school issues as related to the pandemic. He said currently 27 positive cases have been detected in Wyoming County, with 8 of those cases recovered, and 15 active.

Mr. Walker asked if fall sports were still taking place.

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

Ms. Hall said that there have been no changes to fall sports since the last update. She said as of today, fall sports are still scheduled to take place. She said there are some details about crowd size, concessions, and other issues that have yet to be worked out at this time.

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

**Update on Re-entry for Fall 2020:** Mr. Prichard asked Mrs. Cline to address the Board regarding the Update on Re-entry for Fall 2020.

Mrs. Cline said there is tremendous effort and planning taking place regarding the Re-entry this fall. She said Central Office staff and principals had a wonderful meeting today. She provided the Board with a copy of the agenda from the meeting. Mrs. Cline reviewed the agenda items with the Board Members. She said there is still much work to be done for re-entry. She said this year's start is very different for principals and staff, but everyone is working diligently.

There was a very thorough discussion regarding the Update on Re-entry for Fall 2020.

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

Mrs. Cline recommended the Personnel List as presented.

After a brief discussion, Mr. Lester made a motion, seconded by Mr. Walker, 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:**

Kyra A. Hurley, Elementary Education Teacher, Pineville Elementary School, effective August 25, 2020

Debra L. Laxton, from Title I Teacher, Glen Fork Elementary and Middle School to Physical Education and Health Teacher, Glen Fork Elementary and Middle School, effective August 25, 2020

### **SECONDARY TEACHERS**

#### **A. Recommended for Appointment:**

Angel R. McCoy, Social Studies Teacher, Westside High School, effective August 25, 2020

## **STUDENT TEACHERS**

Kristen Clay, Bluefield State College, Special Education, Pineville Elementary School

Kyra Mullins Hurley, Bluefield State College, Elementary Education, Pineville Elementary School

Emily Marshall, Bluefield State College, Elementary Education, Mullens Middle School

## **EXTRA DUTIES**

### **A. Resignation:**

Brandon French, 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Varsity Boys Basketball Coach,  
Baileysville Elementary and Middle School, effective July 27, 2020

Chelsea Thompson, 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Varsity Basketball Coach, Glen  
Fork Elementary and Middle School, effective July 30, 2020

### **B. Addition of Effective Date:**

Britanie N. Morgan, 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Cheer Coach, Huff Consolidated  
Elementary and Middle School, effective August 1, 2020

## **SERVICE PERSONNEL:**

### **MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT**

#### **A. Recommended for Appointment:**

Daniel J. England, from Bus Operator, Wyoming East/Mullens Area,  
Transportation Department to Mail Clerk/General Maintenance,  
Maintenance Department, effective August 5, 2020

## **SUBSTITUTES:**

### **Aides**

Heather N. Browning  
Delilah Cameron  
Tabitha L. Cline  
Jessica L. Cook

### **Custodians**

Charles A. McKinney - Remove per his request  
Rebecca A. Repass - Remove per her request

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

Mrs. Cline said the Comprehensive Educational Facilities Plan (CEFP) ZOOM meeting occurred on July 20, 2020. She said Mr. Donald Clay, Director of Operations and Facilities, and Mr. Mike Pickens facilitated the meeting. She said it was very positive and productive. She said the next CEFP meeting is scheduled for August 24, 2020. Mrs. Cline said she has submitted application for a competitive grant through the West Virginia Department of Education. She said the amount requested was \$601,497. She said if the funds are granted, they would be used for wifi hotspots for students during virtual or remote learning. She said additional chargers for all devices would also be purchased, allowing one to remain at school and one at the child's home. Mrs. Cline said there are still two schools without a Communities in Schools worker, and if the requested amount is received, those schools will receive a CIS worker for two years. She said the third part of funding requested was for special education. She said it would provide intensive training for teachers working with students with Autism. Mrs. Cline said Mullens Middle and Oceana Middle Schools have both received music instruments from the VH1 Save the Music program. She said she is pleased to announce that Mr. Randall Reed Smith has confirmed that Pineville Middle School will be receiving instruments this year. She said it is a wonderful program that has provided needed equipment to Wyoming County students.

**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, August 20, 2020, at 10:00 a.m., at the Wyoming County Central Office Board Meeting Room, at 155 Park Street, in Pineville.

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