

WYOMING COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, November 12, 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, November 12, 2020, at 10:00 a.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, Richard A. "Richie" Walker, Member. Douglas E. Lester and Morgan K. "Mike" Davis, Members, 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. Local School Improvement Council: Herndon Consolidated Elementary and Middle School
3. Consent Agenda
 - A. Minutes, Board of Education Meeting: November 2, 2020
 - B. Extracurricular, Special, Fundraising and Bus Requests
 - C. Budget Supplements and Transfers
 - D. Payment of Invoices
4. School Safety and Security
5. Status Update of Old Board of Education Central Office Building
6. Consideration of Bids Received: Heating and Air Conditioning Filter Maintenance Service
7. Consideration of Bids Received: Replacement of Roof on Gymnasium at Oceana Middle School
8. Consideration of Memorandum of Understanding with Children's Home Society of West Virginia
9. Wyoming County Schools COVID-19/Coronavirus Update
10. Personnel List
11. Items for Future Agendas and Announcements

Mr. Prichard called the meeting to order and asked Ms. 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.

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 on the telephone.

Local School Improvement Council: Herndon Consolidated Elementary and

Middle School: Mr. Prichard asked Mrs. Cline to present regarding the Local School Improvement Council: Herndon Consolidated Elementary and Middle School.

Mrs. Cline said this is the first ZOOM Local School Improvement Council presentation. She asked Mrs. Janet McKinney, Principal of Herndon Consolidated Elementary and Middle School, to address the Board.

Mrs. McKinney said the LSIC Members are the same as last year. She reviewed the successes that have been taking place at Herndon Consolidated. She said one of the biggest successes is the hard work and dedication of the faculty and staff at the school. She said they have gone above and beyond during these trying times to help students, and each other. Mrs. McKinney reviewed the school's best practices with the Board. She said each grade, 1st - 8th, has a student representative. She said those students will be doing a variety of things to help the school, once school is back in session. She reviewed what they have been doing at the school to help with air flow and distancing during the COVID-19 pandemic. Mrs. McKinney thanked the Board Members and Central Office Staff for all of the support they provide Herndon Consolidated Elementary and Middle School.

Mrs. Cline thanked Mrs. McKinney for her hard work and dedication to the students and staff at Herndon Consolidated Elementary and Middle School.

Consent Agenda A. Minutes, Board of Education Meeting: November 2,

2020: Mr. Prichard asked Mrs. Cline to present regarding Consent Agenda: A. Minutes,

Board of Education Meeting: November 2, 2020.

Mrs. Cline recommended the Minutes, Board of Education Meeting: November 2, 2020, as presented, 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 Wyoming East High School to sell Warrior gear to raise funds for the girls' basketball team.

C. Budget Supplements and Transfers: Mr. Prichard asked Mrs. Cline to address the Board regarding Consent Agenda: C. Budget Supplements and Transfers.

Mrs. Cline asked Mrs. Kim Cook, Chief School Business Official, to present the Budget Supplements and Transfers to the Board.

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

D. Payment of Invoices: Mr. Prichard asked Mrs. Cline to address the Board regarding Consent Agenda: D. Payment of Invoices.

Mrs. Cline recommended the Payment of Invoices as presented.

After a brief discussion, Mr. Stiltner made a motion, seconded by Mr. Walker, to approve the Consent Agenda, Items A., B., C., and D., 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 we are currently orange on the Color-Coded Map. She said devices have been distributed to all students PreK-2nd grade. She said used devices have also been distributed to those students that were in need of one. She said the new devices for students 3rd - 12th will be in soon. She said numerous training videos

have been done for students and parents regarding using the devices and navigating ZOOM and Teams meetings. Mrs. Cline said the hard work and dedication of the teachers, administrators, and Central Office staff is evident during these times.

Mr. Walker said he wanted to commend the Central Office Staff and teachers for revamping the remote learning process. He said it is wonderful to see what all is being done for students during this time. He said he is still concerned about students that do not have internet or the needed supplies at home during this time.

Mrs. Cline said the best place for students is in the classroom. She said these times are different, and difficult, for everyone.

There was a thorough discussion of School Safety and Security, including remote learning and internet needs throughout the County.

Status Update of Old Board of Education Central Office Building: Mr.

Prichard asked Mrs. Cline to address the Board regarding the Status Update of Old Board of Education Central Office Building.

Mrs. Cline introduced Mr. Jeff Brewer, Former Maintenance Director, to the Board. She said Mr. Brewer has been working on the old Board of Education Central Office Building. She asked Mr. Brewer to address the Board.

Mr. Brewer said the building is in good shape overall. He said there are a few cosmetic needs and a few maintenance items that will be priority. He said he is working with Mr. Bob Browning, Attorney, on the deeds and land descriptions for the property. He said he has made contact with an auction company regarding the property. Mr. Brewer said this property is one that should gain a lot of interested buyers, given the location and business opportunities that it could provide. He reviewed the work planned to take place on the property prior to the auction.

Mr. Walker asked for an estimated price of the repairs. He said he was concerned about putting money into the property that might not be recovered.

Mr. Brewer said the estimated cost of all repairs is \$6,700. He said he feels that is a minimal cost to get the most out of the property.

Mr. Walker said he was comfortable with the projected cost of repairs. He said he feels that is a reasonable amount to spend to get the property up to par.

Mr. Stiltner asked when the auction would take place.

Mr. Brewer said he doesn't feel like it is the best time for a property auction, given the current pandemic.

Mrs. Cline said she would like to plan for April, 2021.

There was a thorough discussion regarding the Status Update of the Old Board of Education Central Office Building.

Consideration of Bids Received: Heating and Air Conditioning Filter

Maintenance Service: Mr. Prichard asked Mrs. Cline to present information to the Board regarding the Consideration of Bids Received: Heating and Air Conditioning Filter Maintenance Service.

Mrs. Cline said the two bids received were provided in the updated packet. She said American Filter Services and Filter Service International both submitted bids, with the bid of American Filter Services being less than half the price of the other.

The Board Members questioned if both companies were fully aware of the services and requirements the bid requests.

Mrs. Cline said both companies had received the same information regarding the Request for Bids. She said she would call Donald Clay, Director of Facilities and Operations, to provide more details.

Phone connection with Mr. Clay was established.

Mr. Prichard asked Mr. Clay if both companies were made aware of the services requests. He said he is concerned that one company might have misunderstood exactly what was being bid, with the bid amounts so different.

Mr. Clay said the low bid was American Filter Services, which is the current company providing the service. He said both companies had opportunity to fully review the specifications.

After a brief discussion, Mr. Walker made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lester, to approve the recommendation of American Filter Services, Inc., to provide the Heating and Air Conditioning Filter Maintenance Service for the 2020-2021 school year, with the option to extend the contract an additional 2 years, for a total of 3 years, as presented and recommended by Mrs. Cline, Superintendent. Passed with a 5-0 vote.

Consideration of Bids Received: Replacement of Roof on Gymnasium at Oceana Middle School: Mr. Prichard asked Mrs. Cline to address the Board regarding the Consideration of Bids Received: Replacement of Roof on Gymnasium at Oceana Middle School.

Mrs. Cline said there were two bids received for the Replacement Roof on the Gymnasium at Oceana Middle School. She said Tri-State Roof and Sheet Metal and Boggs Roofing were the two companies that bid on this project. She said Mr. Clay has reviewed the bids. She said it is her recommendation to accept the bid from Boggs Roofing, which is the low bid, at a price of \$104,745.00.

Mr. Stiltner asked if we had worked with Boggs Roofing in the past.

Mr. Clay said Boggs Roofing did the work on the roof at Wyoming East High School and others in the past. He said they have always been a good company to work with.

After a brief discussion, Mr. Stiltner made a motion, seconded by Mr. Walker, to

approve the recommendation of Boggs Roofing, Inc., for the Replacement of Roof on Gymnasium at Oceana Middle School, as presented and recommended by Mrs. Cline, Superintendent. Passed with a 5-0 vote.

Consideration of Memorandum of Understanding with Children's Home

Society of West Virginia: Mr. Prichard asked Mrs. Cline to present regarding the Consideration of Memorandum of Understanding with Children's Home Society of West Virginia.

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

Mr. Henry said he was contacted by Children's Home Society of West Virginia to discuss the services they provide to foster care children. He said this is the same type of MOU that was presented at the last several meetings regarding CARES money that was available to foster care agencies. He said part of the application for foster care agencies is to have a standing MOU with County Boards of Education. He said these types of MOU do not require anything from the Board, but says only that we are currently providing all required services to children in foster care. Mr. Henry said this MOU provides a commitment from Children's Home Society of West Virginia to be an active voice in the education of any foster care student they serve.

After a brief discussion, Mr. Walker made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stiltner, to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Children's Home Society of West Virginia, 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 present regarding Wyoming County Schools COVID-19/Coronavirus Plan of Action/Update.

Mrs. Cline said Mr. Henry continues to do a tremendous job navigating the COVID-19 pandemic issues. She asked Mr. Henry to address the Board.

Mr. Henry said the County has received an additional shipment of disinfecting wipes. He said those have been disbursed to all teachers throughout the County. Wyoming County is orange for the week according to the West Virginia Department of Education's Color Coded Map. He said as of November 10, 2020, there were 70 active cases and 345 recovered cases in Wyoming County, for a total of 415 cases. He said the Health Department is also starting to report the number of positive rapid tests to the public. He said those cases are moved to the lab confirmed total once the results are received. Mr. Henry said the State, as a whole, saw its worst day for total number of positives yesterday, with 885 positive tests. He said Wyoming County continues to be orange on the daily Color-Coded Map provided by the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources. He said with the numbers that the County is seeing, he expects another week of being orange when the weekly Color-Coded Map from West Virginia Department of Education is released Saturday.

Mrs. Cline said she is very thankful for Mr. Henry. She said his hard work and dedication to Wyoming County Schools is evident daily. Mrs. Cline said she is hopeful that students will be able to return to the classroom the week after Thanksgiving break. She said she feels that the schools are a safe, healthy place for students. She said she is also hopeful that the citizens of Wyoming County will see the importance of our students being taught in the buildings and follow the guidelines to insure they can continue to attend in person, once they return. Mrs. Cline said that school closures will also look a little different once the students return. She said Wyoming County will be following the Toolkit provided by the West Virginia Department of Education and West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources prior to re-entry. She said short

closures of schools that experience a positive case can be expected.

There was a very thorough discussion of practices and protocols regarding COVID-19, including school closures, positive cases, and remote learning.

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

Mrs. Cline said Ms. Stacey Lusk, Director of Personnel, has called in and is available for questions, if needed. She said she recommended the Personnel List as presented.

PROFESSIONAL:

CENTRAL OFFICE

A. Recommended for Appointment:

Alisha A. Deskins, from Principal, Pineville Elementary School, to Director of Behavior Analysis, Support, Compliance, and Equity Programs, Central Office, effective January 4, 2021

MENTOR TEACHERS

A. Recommended for Appointment:

Keith A. Stewart, Mentor Teacher, Assistant Principal, Wyoming East High School, effective November 5, 2020

EXTRA DUTIES

A. Resignation:

Lori S. Leather, Junior Varsity Girls Basketball Coach, Wyoming East High School, effective November 2, 2020

B. Recommended for Appointment:

Ryan R. Davidson, Volunteer Girls Basketball Coach, Wyoming East High School, effective November 9, 2020

WYOMING COUNTY EXTRACURRICULAR ASSIGNMENTS:

A. Recommended for Appointment:

Teresa K. Maynard, Elementary ELA and Math Interventionist, Huff Consolidated Elementary and Middle School; November 2, 2020 - June 8, 2021; 90 Total Days, effective November 16, 2020

Michelle Rena Argabright, GEAR UP ELA and Math Tutor, Westside High School; Not to Exceed 32 Hours; \$25 per Hour, effective November 16, 2020

Christy Cardwell, GEAR UP ELA and Math Tutor, Wyoming East High School; Not to Exceed 54 Hours; \$25 per Hour, effective November 16, 2020

Tutoring Teacher

Berlin McKinney Elementary School

Megan K. Crutchfield

Amanda Daniels

Clisty K. Hill

Janet E. Kinser

Autumn Lusk

Diana Massey

Kimberly Osborne

Emily Peck

Brittany R. Ritchie

Terri L. Woods

Glen Fork Elementary and Middle School

Deanna M. Bailey

Herndon Consolidated Elementary and Middle School

Nicole M. Farley

Mullens Elementary School

Addison Frame

Vickie Houck

Harold D. Worley, Jr.

Pineville Elementary School

Angelia L. Armstrong-Brown

Kristin Clay

Lora Griffith

Sara N. Walker

Oceana Middle School

Algie D. Cook

Billy W. Cook

Katherine R. Cook

Patricia D. Cook

SERVICE PERSONNEL:

BUS OPERATORS

A. Recommended for Appointment:

Emma M. Morgan, from Bus Operator, Westside/Oceana Area, to Bus Operator, Westside/Oceana Area, effective November 16, 2020

Anita A. Sizemore, Bus Operator, Extra Duty, Fuel Attendant, Oceana Area, effective November 16, 2020

Joseph S. Moore, Bus Operator, Extra Duty Run, As Needed, Special Needs Run, Pineville Area, Basin to Pineville and Return, effective November 16, 2020

CUSTODIANS

A. Medical Leave of Absence:

Timothy R. Powell, Custodian, Glen Fork Elementary and Middle School, effective November 17, 2020 through January 6, 2021

SUBSTITUTES:

Teachers

Melissa B. Tiller

After a thorough discussion, Mr. Stiltner 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.

Items for Future Agendas and Announcements: Mr. Prichard reminded the Board of the next regularly scheduled Board of Education Meeting set for Monday, November 30, 2020, at 10:00 a.m., at the Central Office. He said a Special Meeting will be held for the

Public Hearing of the CEFPP on Tuesday, November 17, 2020, at 6:00 p.m., as long as the County is not designated red on the Color-Coded Map.

Mrs. Cline said the State is now allowing Board Meetings to be held if a County is orange on the Color-Coded Map. She said as long as Wyoming County is not red, the meeting can take place, if the Board is comfortable with it. She said face masks will be required and proper social distancing will be followed.

All Board Members were in favor of having the meeting as scheduled, if at all possible.

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