

WYOMING COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, November 30, 2020

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

COUNTY OF WYOMING, TO-WIT:

A call for a meeting of the Wyoming County Board of Education was held on Monday, November 30, 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. 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: Berlin McKinney Elementary School
3. Consent Agenda
 - A. Minutes, Board of Education Meetings: November 12, 2020, and November 17, 2020
 - B. Extracurricular, Special, Fundraising, and Bus Requests
4. School Safety and Security
5. Wyoming County Schools COVID-19/Coronavirus Update
6. Personnel
 - A. Consideration of Additional Teachers Recommended for the 3 Year Pay Increase for Special Education 2020-2021
 - B. Personnel List
7. Superintendent's Report
8. 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 Ms. Robin Hall, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Schools.

Individuals or Groups of the Community at Large Wishing to Address the

Board: Mr. Prichard asked if there were any Individuals or Groups of the Community at Large 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 phone.

Local School Improvement Council: Berlin McKinney Elementary School: Mr.

Prichard asked Mrs. Cline to present regarding Local School Improvement Council: Berlin McKinney Elementary School.

Mrs. Cline introduced Dr. Robert Lyons, Principal of Berlin McKinney Elementary School. She asked Dr. Lyons to address the Board.

Dr. Lyons said he would like to share a video that he made with the Board.

Mr. Terry Shumate, Director of Technology and Information Services, played the video for the Board.

In the video, Dr. Lyons shared some of the best practices that take place at Berlin McKinney Elementary School. He said the school has had a mantrap and new back doors installed by the Maintenance Department. He said these projects are crucial to school safety. Dr. Lyons said remote learning continues due to the pandemic, and teachers are working diligently to teach students remotely. He shared some of the techniques used.

Dr. Lyons said meals are being prepared and delivered today to students by bus delivery. He shared the members of the Local School Improvement Council with the Board. He said this year is different, not being able to host the Board Meeting, but it is still nice to report the good things happening at Berlin McKinney Elementary School. Dr. Lyons reviewed some academic data with the Board. He said unfortunately, due to the school closure caused by COVID-19, the General Summative Assessment could not be completed. He said he was expecting to see an increase in scores based on the

benchmark testing. He shared student accomplishments and successes with the Board. Dr. Lyons said while this year has been different, he is extremely proud of the faculty and staff at Berlin McKinney Elementary School.

Mrs. Cline thanked Dr. Lyons for his hard work and dedication. She said Berlin McKinney Elementary School has taken a proactive approach to remote learning and it not gone unnoticed. She said she is excited to see great things happening within the schools of Wyoming County.

Consent Agenda: A. Minutes, Board of Education Meetings: November 12, 2020, and November 17, 2020: Mr. Prichard asked Mrs. Cline to address the Board regarding the Consent Agenda: A. Minutes, Board of Education Meetings: November 12, 2020, and November 17, 2020.

Mrs. Cline recommended the Minutes from the Board of Education Meetings held November 12, 2020, and November 17, 2020, as presented.

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

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

1) A fundraising request from Oceana Middle School to have an online clothing and mask sale to raise funds for the football team; and,

2) A fundraising request from Westside High School to have a fan cloth sale to raise funds for the music program.

After a brief discussion, Mr. Stiltner made a motion, seconded by Mr. Walker to approve the Consent Agenda, Items 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, would provide an update to the Board.

Mr. Hylton said the inventory of COVID cleaning supplies for the schools remains in good standing. He said supplies continue to be ordered, as needed. He said all schools are reporting a good inventory of supplies on hand and are to contact Mr. Donald Clay, Director of Operations and Facilities, or himself for additional needs. Mr. Hylton said each year the Board must participate in a Loss Control Questionnaire through the West Virginia Board of Risk. He said that annual report has been submitted. Mr. Hylton said another Questionnaire, The Annual Liability Insurance Questionnaire, also through the WV Board of Risk has also been submitted. He said this report shows all information regarding liability insurance coverage carried by the Board. Mr. Hylton said the new buses for this year should be in operation by the first of the year. He said there has been a delay with the Angel Tracks camera systems, but that is expected to be resolved by Christmas break.

Mr. Prichard asked if there would be any issues with the buses, since they are not being used daily.

Mr. Hylton said since the flood of 2001, Wyoming County has been able to run on a 10 year bus replacement schedule. He said during this time of school closure, due to COVID, it will save the buses some mileage, but it would not impact the current 10 year bus replacement schedule. He said it will only cause buses to have less mileage when taken from the daily fleet to the spare fleet.

Mr. Prichard asked if there were any buses that need to be auctioned off.

Mr. Hylton said there were buses that need to be auctioned. He said he has been in communication with the Health Department, and they do not think that now is the time for an auction, which would draw a crowd.

Mrs. Cline said she expects to be able to have this auction, as well as the property auction for the old Central Office, in late spring.

Mr. Prichard said he would like to add to School Safety and Security that people need to stay at home while they are sick. He said there are currently several outbreaks throughout the County and he just wants to remind everyone to stay home if they are not feeling well.

Mrs. Cline said that reminders are sent out regularly to employees to not report if they are sick. She said there have been several throughout the course of this pandemic that have reported anyway, for a variety of reasons. She said it is imperative that people stay home if they are sick.

There was a thorough discussion regarding School Safety and Security.

Wyoming County Schools COVID-19/Coronavirus Update: Mr. Prichard asked Mrs. Cline to present regarding the Wyoming County Schools COVID-19/Coronavirus Update.

Mrs. Cline said cases continue to rise in Wyoming County. She said the County will remain remote again this week. She asked Mr. John Henry, Director of Student Services and Attendance, to address the Board.

Mr. Henry said there has been several positive cases within the schools with staff. He said the proper deep cleaning has been done at each school impacted. He said Wyoming County was designated red on the West Virginia Department of Education Color-Coded Map. Mr. Henry said there is now over 700 total cases in Wyoming County. He reviewed the current case data with the Board. He said the only thing the Board can do

is to continue to encourage the communities to practice social distancing, wear masks, and hand washing. He said free testing will be held at the old Central Office building in Pineville and old Magic Mart in Oceana. Mr. Henry said testing is an important piece in battling this pandemic. He said cleaning supplies continue to be delivered to the County to be distributed, as needed.

Mrs. Cline said every effort is being made to mitigate the spread of COVID within schools. She said healthy behaviors must be used by everyone.

Mr. Davis said he feels the value of testing is in identifying those that are positive. He said if everyone would be tested within a few days, then all cases would be identified and could quarantine. He said he feels Wyoming County could get past this pandemic quicker if everyone could be tested.

Mr. Henry said the problem is that people are testing, but not quarantining. He said that people are not doing what they are supposed to do with the guidelines. He said they are simply testing and taking no other precautions.

Mr. Walker said he is seeing 2-4 employees out of 44 on quarantine each week at the businesses he manages. He said he is still seeing them out in the public, although they are not working. He said he sees the Central Office staff is tired with this pandemic. He said he wants to keep up the good fight through this pandemic. He said the Central Office staff is not alone in this and that the Board Members are here to support them anyway needed.

Mrs. Cline said teachers are making positive contact with their students, as well as teaching them. She said it is encouraging to hear of teachers meeting the needs of students, regardless of how that has to take place.

Mrs. Cline said she is thankful for Mr. Henry's hard work and dedication to the students and staff of Wyoming County Schools during these trying times.

Personnel: A. Consideration of Additional Teachers Recommended for the 3 Year Pay Increase for Special Education 2020-2021: Mr. Prichard asked Mrs. Cline to address the Board regarding Personnel: A. Consideration of Additional Teachers Recommended for the 3 Year Pay Increase for Special Education 2020-2021.

Mrs. Cline said the recommendations are long-term substitutes that have just met the time requirements to qualify for the additional pay increase. She said a substitute must work in a position a certain number of days to qualify.

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

Mrs. Cline recommended the Personnel List as presented.

PROFESSIONAL:

SECONDARY TEACHERS

A. Resignation:

Michael J. Stover, Biology Teacher, Wyoming East High School, effective November 13, 2020

EXTRA DUTIES

A. Recommended for Appointment:

Lourn Max Boyce, III, Volunteer Girls Basketball Coach, Wyoming East High School, effective November 10, 2020

Ryan R. Davidson, Junior Varsity Girls Basketball Coach, Wyoming East High School, effective December 1, 2020

WYOMING COUNTY EXTRACURRICULAR ASSIGNMENTS:

A. Recommended for Appointment:

Wendy K. Pendry, 3rd - 4th Grade "Battle of the Books" Reading Coach, Pineville Elementary School, effective December 1, 2020

Lisa K. Marsh, After School Tutor, Herndon Consolidated Elementary and Middle School, effective December 1, 2020

B. Resignation:

Allison Mitchell, Middle School English Language Arts and Social Studies Special Education Virtual School Case Manager, Maximum of six hours weekly, \$25 per hour, effective November 16, 2020

SERVICE PERSONNEL:

AIDES

A. Recommended for Appointment:

Sarah Ingram, One Half-Time Bus Aide, Itinerant (Current Assignment: Wyoming East/Pineville Area), Special Needs Run, PM Only, effective December 2, 2020

BUS OPERATORS

A. Recommended for Appointment:

Joshua Belcher, from Bus Operator, Westside/Huff Area to Bus Operator, Westside/Oceana Area, effective December 2, 2020

COOKS

A. Resignation:

Brenda L. Blankenship, One Half-Time Cook (9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.), Mullens Elementary School, effective November 10, 2020

SUBSTITUTES:

Teachers

Jacob N. Snuffer

After a brief discussion, Mr. Walker made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lester, to approve Personnel, Items A. and B., as presented and recommended by Mrs. Cline, Superintendent. Passed with a 5-0 vote.

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

Mrs. Cline shared agendas of recent meetings with the Board. She said the Comprehensive Educational Facilities Plan was submitted to the West Virginia School Building Authority. She said Busy the WyoCo Bee, Wyoming County Board of Education's Mascot, has made a video that has been released to the public. She said the video is an excellent reminder for families to follow the guidelines. Mrs. Cline said she appreciates the creativity of the Central Office staff.

The video of Busy practicing the guidelines was shared with the Board.

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

Mrs. Cline shared a communication she had with Central Office reinforcing the suggested guidelines of mask wearing and social distancing.

Mr. Prichard reminded Board Members of the next Board Meeting scheduled Monday, December 7, 2020, at 6:00 p.m., at Central Office.

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