

WYOMING COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, February 16, 2021

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COUNTY OF WYOMING, TO-WIT:

A call for a special meeting of the Wyoming County Board of Education was held on Tuesday, February 16, 2021, 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; Richard A. "Richie" Walker, 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. Local School Improvement Council: Pineville Elementary School
2. Individuals or Groups of the Community at Large Wishing to Address the Board
3. Consent Agenda
 - A. Minutes, Board of Education Meetings: January 25, 2021, and February 1, 2021
 - B. Extracurricular, Special, Fundraising and Bus Requests
4. School Safety and Security
5. Consideration of Proposals Received: Guyan Valley School Property
6. Consideration of Request for Proposal: Food and Food Service Supplies
7. Consideration of Request for Bids: Tilt Skillet w/ Kettle Drainer - Berlin McKinney Elementary School
8. Consideration of Request for Bids: Fresh Produce-13 Sites, 2021-2022 School Year
9. Consideration of Request for Bids: Vending Machine Products-Beverage and Smart Snacks-13 Sites, 2021-2022 School Year
10. Consideration of Request for Bids: Milk and Milk Products-13 Sites, 2021-2022 School Year
11. Consideration of VH1 Save the Music Grant for Pineville Middle School
12. Consideration of Request for Bids: Playground Equipment—Baileysville Elementary and Middle School, Glen Fork Elementary and Middle School, Pineville Middle School, and Pineville Elementary School
13. Wyoming County Schools COVID-19/Coronavirus and Vaccine Update
14. Personnel List
15. 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.

Local School Improvement Council: Pineville Elementary School: Mr. Prichard asked Mrs. Cline to address the Board regarding Local School Improvement Council: Pineville Elementary School.

Mrs. Cline introduced Mr. Tim Kennedy, Principal of Pineville Elementary School, and asked him to address the Board.

Mr. Kennedy said he is thankful for the opportunity to lead Pineville Elementary School. He said the school is full of wonderful teachers. He said he was so excited to have the students return to school. He said he wanted the students to understand that he and staff were excited to have them back. He said the teachers did a phenomenal job celebrating the students' return. Mr. Kennedy said he has increased social media posts to uplift and encourage students and families during these trying times. He said he has been working on building relationships with students and families, as well as his staff. Mr. Kennedy said the school's website is undergoing a make-over. He said Pineville Elementary School had the honor of being one of the host schools for State Superintendent Clayton Burch. He said assessing student trauma has been a top priority since the students returned. He asked Ms. Jody McCoy, School Counselor, and Mr. Mitchell Church, Communities and Schools Facilitator, to address the Board regarding students' mental health.

Mr. Church said the Communities in Schools program focuses on working with the community providing resources for students in need. He said the resources are a wide

range of things, based on students needs. He said he is also proud that both schools that he serves now have a Blessing Box outside for anyone that is in need.

Ms. McCoy said she has seen a large number of students since the return of students. She said these were general meetings to do a basic assessment of the students' mental health and to build relationships with students, so they will come to her if a need arises. She said the students have been craving socialization. Ms. McCoy shared the results of surveys that were given to students upon their return. She said the surveys were age appropriate and helped identify student needs. She said the biggest negative response that was received from Kindergarten through 2nd grade students was that a large amount of students feel like they do not belong. She said she was surprised by that finding, but now knows that is a true concern for students. Ms. McCoy said based on survey results, nearly half of all students are experiencing some type of concern. She said by looking at the surveys, it is obvious that students want and need to be in school.

Mr. Kennedy said it is very eye-opening to see that half of students have a need of some sort. He said it is difficult to teach students that do not have their basic needs being met. He said he will not be satisfied until all students' needs are met. Mr. Kennedy said the pandemic has caused students to be behind where they normally would be during a regular school year. He said a real issue throughout remote learning was that not all students were completing the work themselves. He reviewed the current plan to get students where they need to be, academically. Mr. Kennedy said after-school tutoring has started and there are students already taking advantage of those services. He said he and the teachers at Pineville Elementary School are doing everything possible to help students through this pandemic.

Mr. Prichard asked Mr. Kennedy how his staff feels about remote learning Wednesday.

Mr. Kennedy said he feels that students need to be in person 5 days per week. He said the faculty and staff at Pineville Elementary School are also in support of returning to in-person instruction 5 days per week.

Mr. Davis asked how students' needs are being met if they do not have power or clothing.

Mr. Kennedy said Communities in Schools is a fantastic program and has helped so many students thus far.

Mrs. Cline said the CIS program has met the needs of many students and asked Mr. John Henry, Director of Student Services and Attendance, to address the Board.

Mr. Henry said there are many options for meeting students needs. He said the program works with organizations and businesses in the community, as well as the Department of Health and Human Resources. He said he is not aware of a need being presented to CIS in the County that has not been met.

Mr. Davis said he is impressed with the academic plan that Mr. Kennedy has presented. He asked how students are being measured academically.

Mr. Kennedy said the whole school uses iReady. He said he can not say enough wonderful things about the program. He said iReady not only tests students, to see where they are academically, but also has lessons tailored to students' needs, as well.

Mrs. Cline said she would like to thank Mrs. Kara Halsey-Mitchell, Administrator of Curriculum and Instruction, for bringing iReady to Wyoming County. She said there has been wonderful teamwork between Mrs. Mitchell, principals, and teachers, with using iReady, as well.

Mr. Davis asked how the minutes of instruction would be made up for students.

Ms. Cooke explained the required minutes to the Board.

Mr. Walker said he has only been on the Board a short time, but he loves the LSIC presentations. He said the ones he is always most impressed with involve connectivity. He said connectivity with students, faculty, staff, families, and administration is the key to a successful school. He said he appreciates the emphasis on connectivity that Pineville Elementary School is showing.

Mrs. Cline said she is pleased with all of the wonderful things that are taking place at Pineville Elementary School. She thanked Mr. Kennedy for his hard work and dedication to the students, faculty, and staff of Pineville Elementary School.

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.

Consent Agenda, A. Minutes, Board of Education Meetings: January 25, 2021, and February 1, 2021: Mr. Prichard asked Mrs. Cline to address the Board regarding the Consent Agenda, A. Minutes, Board of Education Meetings: January 25, 2021, and February 1, 2021.

Mrs. Cline recommended the Minutes from the Board Meetings held January 25, 2021, and February 1, 2021, as presented, with the noted changes.

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

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

1) A request from Kasimier Matney for her daughter in 3rd grade to attend school out of district, transferring from Berlin McKinney Elementary School to Glen Fork Elementary and Middle School, for the 2020-2021 school year;

2) A request from Kasimier Matney for her son in 1st grade to attend school out of district, transferring from Berlin McKinney Elementary School to Glen Fork Elementary and Middle School, for the 2020-2021 school year;

3) A request from Audra Massie for a professional day on February 9, 2021, to attend the Wyoming County Spelling Bee at Pineville Middle School;

4) A request from Misty Matz for her daughter in 10th grade to attend school out of district, transferring from Wyoming East High School to Westside High School, for the 2020-2021 school year;

5) A fundraising request from Westside High School to sell 2021 yearbooks;

6) A fundraising request from Westside High School to sell 2020 yearbooks;

7) A fundraising request from Westside High School to accept community donations and hold a Facebook raffle to raise funds for the varsity cheerleaders;

8) A fundraising request from Westside High School to sell doughnuts to raise funds for the junior class; and,

9) A fundraising request from Wyoming County Career and Technical Center to have a Valentine raffle to raise funds for the LPN graduation.

After a brief discussion, Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Walker, to approve 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 address the Board regarding School Safety and Security.

Mrs. Cline said Mr. Jeffrey Hylton, Director of Safety and Transportation, has continued to visit schools to insure proper guidelines and best practices are being followed by everyone. She said Mr. Hylton has seen great work being done in those regards. Mrs. Cline said Mr. Hylton has also been working with Mr. Donald Clay, Director of Operations and Facilities, to move forward with having the next mantraps installed.

There was a brief discussion regarding School Safety and Security.

Consideration of Proposals Received: Guyan Valley School Property: Mr. Prichard asked Mrs. Cline to present regarding the Consideration of Request for Proposals: Guyan Valley School Property.

Mrs. Cline said Appalachian Service Project, which has utilized the property for over 20 years, no longer has a need for the building or property. She said the relationship with ASP has been a great one. She said ASP has done great work in the area for many years. Mrs. Cline said she feels that if ASP no longer has a use for the building and property, that Brenton Volunteer Fire Department would utilize the property well for the community. Mrs. Cline said the BVFD submitted the only proposal for the property. She also referred to the Fire Department's 501(c)3 compliance documents. She asked Ms. Melisa Miller, Executive Vice President for ASP, if she would like to address the Board.

Ms. Miller said she has enjoyed listening to all of the wonderful things that the Board is doing in schools for students, especially during the pandemic. She said she wanted to thank the Board for allowing Appalachian Service Project to use the building for 24 years. She said while ASP's use of the building has passed, there is still a lot of life left in the building. She said ASP has had the pleasure of working on approximately

450 homes in the area. Ms. Miller said she is pleased that ASP will still be working in Wyoming County.

Mr. Stiltner thanked Ms. Miller for all of the work that has been done in Wyoming County over the years. He said he always enjoyed seeing volunteers come in during the summer.

Mr. Walker said he is in support of the Brenton Volunteer Fire Department receiving the building. He said the Fire Department has many hard working individuals that go far beyond emergency calls to serve the community.

After a brief discussion, Mr. Walker made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lester, to approve the transfer of the Guyan Valley School Property to the Brenton Volunteer Fire Department, as presented and recommended by Mrs. Cline, Superintendent. Passed with a 5-0 vote.

Consideration of Request for Proposal: Food and Food Service Supplies:

Mr. Prichard asked Mrs. Cline to address the Board regarding the Consideration of Request for Proposal: Food and Food Service Supplies.

Mrs. Cline asked Mrs. Virginia Martin, Director of Child Nutrition and General Wellness, to address the Board.

Mrs. Martin said every 3 years, the Board is required to bid the grocery needs for the County. She reviewed the details with the Board.

After a brief discussion, Mr. Stiltner made a motion, seconded by Mr. Walker, to approve the Request for Proposal: Food and Food Service Supplies, as presented and recommended by Mrs. Cline, Superintendent. Passed with 5-0 vote.

Consideration of Request for Bids: Tilt Skillet w/ Kettle Drainer - Berlin

McKinney Elementary School: Mr. Prichard asked Mrs. Cline to address the Board

regarding Consideration of Request for Bids: Tilt Skillet w/ Kettle Drainer - Berlin McKinney Elementary School.

Mrs. Cline asked Mrs. Martin to address the Board.

Mrs. Martin said there is approximately \$400,000-\$500,000 in the Child Nutrition account that needs to be used. She said this piece of equipment is needed, as the one at Berlin McKinney Elementary School has started having some issues.

After a brief discussion, Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stiltner, to approve the Consideration for Request for Bids: Tilt Skillet w/ Kettle Drainer - Berlin McKinney Elementary School, as presented and recommended by Mrs. Cline, Superintendent. Passed with a 5-0 vote.

Consideration of Request for Bids: Fresh Produce-13 Sites, 2021-2022

School Year: Mr. Prichard asked Mrs. Cline to address the Board regarding Consideration of Request for Bids: Fresh Produce-13 Sites, 2021-2022 School Year.

Mrs. Cline asked Mrs. Martin to address the Board.

Mrs. Martin said this bid will cover all schools' produce needs. She reviewed the details with the Board.

After a brief discussion, Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lester, to approve the Consideration for Request for Bids: Fresh Produce-13 Sites, 2021-2022 School Year, as presented and recommended by Mrs. Cline, Superintendent. Passed with a 5-0 vote.

Consideration of Request for Bids: Vending Machine Products-Beverage and Smart Snacks-13 Sites, 2021-2022 School Year: Mr. Prichard asked Mrs. Cline to address the Board regarding Consideration of Request for Bids: Vending Machine Products-Beverage and Smart Snacks-13 Sites, 2021-2022 School Year.

Mrs. Cline asked Mrs. Martin to address the Board.

Mrs. Martin said it has been 3 years since the vending machines bid has been completed. She said this bid request includes snacks and Slush Puppies.

After a brief discussion, Mr. Stiltner made a motion, seconded by Mr. Davis, to approve the Consideration for Request for Bids: Vending Machine Products-Beverage and Smart Snacks-13 Sites, 2021-2022 School Year, as presented and recommended by Mrs. Cline, Superintendent. Passed with a 5-0 vote.

Consideration of Request for Bids: Milk and Milk Products-13 Sites, 2021-2022 School Year: Mr. Prichard asked Mrs. Cline to address the Board regarding Consideration of Request for Bids: Milk and Milk Products-13 Sites, 2021-2022 School Year.

Mrs. Cline asked Mrs. Martin to address the Board.

Mrs. Martin reviewed the proposed Request for Bids: Milk and Milk Products-13 Sites, 2021-2022 School Year.

After a brief discussion, Mr. Walker made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lester, to approve the Consideration for Request for Bids: Milk and Milk Products-13 Sites, 2021-2022 School Year, as presented and recommended by Mrs. Cline, Superintendent. Passed with a 5-0 vote.

Consideration of VH1 Save the Music Grant for Pineville Middle School: Mr. Prichard asked Mrs. Cline to address the Board regarding Consideration of VH1 Save the Music Grant for Pineville Middle School.

Mrs. Cline said this is wonderful news for Pineville Middle School and Wyoming County. She said Mr. Randall Reed-Smith, Commissioner of Culture, continues to help Wyoming County Schools' arts programs. She said Mr. Reed-Smith works with VH1 to help bring musical instruments to rural areas. She said this is the third school to receive the Save the Music Grant through VH1, with the help of Mr. Reed-Smith. She

said it is Mr. Reed-Smith's plan to help another Wyoming County school next year. She said this is a wonderful program and Wyoming County has truly been blessed with the continued support.

After a brief discussion, Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lester, to approve the VH1 Save the Music Grant for Pineville Middle School, as presented and recommended by Mrs. Cline, Superintendent. Passed with a 5-0 vote.

Consideration of Request for Bids: Playground Equipment–Baileysville Elementary and Middle School, Glen Fork Elementary and Middle School, Pineville Middle School, and Pineville Elementary School: Mr. Prichard asked Mrs. Cline to address the Board regarding the Consideration of Request for Bids: Playground Equipment–Baileysville Elementary and Middle School, Glen Fork Elementary and Middle School, Pineville Middle School, and Pineville Elementary School.

Mrs. Cline said last year, the Board voted to upgrade the playgrounds at two schools, with more to come each year, until all schools have received improvements to their playground areas. She said the funding is available through current Permanent Improvement funds. She asked Mr. Clay to address the Board.

Mr. Clay said playground equipment has been purchased and installed at Road Branch Elementary and Middle School and Mullens Elementary School, thus far. He said the proposed equipment will cost approximately \$25,000-\$30,000 per school. He said he will work on the specific needs of each school, within that budget, prior to requesting bids.

After a brief discussion, Mr. Stiltner made a motion, seconded by Mr. Walker, to approve the Request for Bids: Playground Equipment–Baileysville Elementary and Middle School, Glen Fork Elementary and Middle School, Pineville Middle School, and

Pineville Elementary School, as presented and recommended by Mrs. Cline, Superintendent. Passed with a 5-0 vote.

Wyoming County Schools COVID-19/Coronavirus and Vaccine Update: Mr.

Prichard asked Mrs. Cline to present regarding Wyoming County Schools COVID-19/ Coronavirus and Vaccine Update.

Mrs. Cline said the vaccination clinics have been so well organized. She said it truly is phenomenal watching these clinics take place. She said there is no doubt the efforts of Ms. Robin Hall and Mr. John Henry, Director of Student Services and Attendance, and the volunteer team from Central Office have saved lives through the work they have done. She asked Ms. Hall to address the Board.

Ms. Hall said the vaccination clinics will be one of the great memories of her career. She thanked Mr. Henry and the Central Office staff for all of their assistance. She reviewed the past vaccination clinic totals with the Board. She said currently 73.74 percent of all regular employees have been vaccinated. She said 99.22 percent of regular employees that have requested a vaccine have received them.

Mr. Prichard asked why some employees did not want the vaccine.

Mrs. Cline said there are a number of reasons that some employees do not want the vaccine. She said some employees have expressed allergy and underlying health concerns. She said for others, it's personal preference. Mrs. Cline asked Mr. Henry to address the Board.

Mr. Henry said he has some wonderful news for Wyoming County Schools. He said for the first time in months, Wyoming County is designated green on the Color-coded map. He said Wyoming County also has some of the lowest COVID numbers since mid-October. He said School Nurses continue to work on contact tracing with the Health Department. Mr. Henry said the CDC is now reporting that 2 weeks after the second dose of the vaccine, if exposed to COVID, people will no longer have to

quarantine. He said the amount of students and staff in quarantine has also declined recently. He said this is a direct reflection of how well schools are doing with protocols and best practices.

Mr. Walker asked if the Board could revisit the current 4/1 Instructional Model prior to March, as previously discussed.

Mrs. Cline said the Board could revisit the schedule at any time.

Several Board Members expressed interest in having the Instructional Model on the agenda of the next Board Meeting.

There was a thorough discussion regarding Wyoming County Schools COVID-19/Coronavirus and Vaccine Update.

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

Mrs. Cline recommended the Personnel List as presented, with the noted changes: removal of Timothy Lane, per his request; the removal of Charlotte McMillion, per her request; and, the addition of Penny Miller. She asked Ms. Stacey Lusk, Director of Personnel, to address the Board.

Ms. Lusk reviewed the Personnel List with the Board.

PROFESSIONAL:

MENTOR TEACHERS

A. Recommended for Appointment:

Lynda Evans, Mentor Teacher, Licensed Practical Nursing, Wyoming County Career and Technical Center, effective February 15, 2021

EXTRA DUTIES

A. Resignation:

Joshua C. Williams, Assistant Track and Field Coach, Wyoming East High School, effective January 14, 2021

Joshua P. Kelly, 6th - 8th Grade Football Coach, Oceana Middle School, effective January 23, 2021

B. Recommended for Appointment:

Sheena L. Lilly, Volunteer Girls Basketball Coach, Oceana Middle School, effective February 12, 2021

Jason T. Hawks, Volunteer Baseball Coach, Oceana Middle School, effective February 12, 2021

Justin T. Cogar, Volunteer Basketball Coach, Westside High School, effective February 12, 2021

Kendra Sparks, 6th - 8th Grade Cheer Coach, Baileysville Elementary and Middle School, effective February 12, 2021

Christian B. Hedinger, Volunteer Boys Baseball Coach, Wyoming East High School, effective February 17, 2021

Krista D. Warrix, 6th - 8th Grade Softball Coach, Huff Consolidated Elementary and Middle School (This team combines players from Huff Consolidated and Baileysville Elementary and Middle Schools), effective February 17, 2021

Jamie A. Lusk, 6th - 8th Grade Golf Coach, Baileysville Elementary and Middle School, effective February 17, 2021

Robert L. Bailey, Jr., Volunteer 6th - 8th Grade Boys Basketball Coach, Herndon Consolidated Elementary and Middle School, effective February 17, 2021

Brandon S. Belcher, Volunteer 6th - 8th Grade Girls Basketball Coach, Herndon Consolidated Elementary and Middle School, effective February 17, 2021

After School Detention Teacher

Rachael Bailey - Mullens Elementary School

Katherine Lambert - Mullens Elementary School

Michelle Morgan - Pineville Middle School

Amanda Mullins - Pineville Middle School

Timothy P. Kennedy - Pineville Elementary School

SERVICE PERSONNEL:

COOKS

A. Recommended for Appointment:

Penny L. Miller, from One Half-Time Cook (8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.), Westside High School, to Cook III/Cafeteria Manager, Glen Fork Elementary and Middle School, effective February 18, 2021

Melanie K. Meadows, from One Half-Time Cook (9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.), Mullens Elementary School, and One Half-Time Custodian (2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.), Herndon Consolidated Elementary and Middle School, to One Half-Time Cook (9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.), Mullens Elementary School, and One Half-Time Custodian (2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.), Herndon Consolidated Elementary and Middle School, and Cook (6:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.), Herndon Consolidated Elementary and Middle School (This is a temporary position until the regular employee returns to work), effective February 18, 2021

Sandra Toler, Cook (6:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.), Road Branch Elementary and Middle School (This is a temporary position until the regular employee returns to work), effective February 18, 2021

BUS OPERATORS

A. Recommended for Appointment:

Vanessa K. Pollard, Bus Operator, Extra Duty Run, AS NEEDED, Special Needs Run, Pineville Area, Itmann to Pineville, effective February 15, 2021

Sandra Delilah Lusk, Bus Operator, Extracurricular Run, AS NEEDED, Herndon Consolidated Elementary and Middle School, Garwood, Top of Herndon Mountain, Alpoca Bottom, Herndon, Tutoring/Activity Bus Run, Tuesdays and Thursdays, effective February 18, 2021

Sandra Delilah Lusk, Bus Operator, Extracurricular Run, AS NEEDED, Wyoming East High School, Itmann, Alpoca Bottom, Herndon, Top of Herndon Mountain, Tutoring/Activity Bus Run, Tuesdays and Thursdays, effective February 18, 2021

SUBSTITUTES:

Teachers

Brianna R. Evans
April D. Hedinger
Pamela J. Bailey, Remove per her request

Aides

Sherry M. Abbott, effective February 4, 2021

Cooks

Mary E. Brown
Savannah G. Cline
Jessica Lee Cook
Eula M. Harrison
Tiffany L. Rollins
Stephanie M. Sizemore
Jennifer M. Walls

Secretaries

Sherry M. Abbott, effective February 4, 2021

Recommended for Bus Operator Training

Tanner Keith Evans
Kaitlyn Dawn Lester
Kayla Lee Ritchie
Evan Craig Kennedy

After a brief discussion, Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Walker, to approve the Personnel List, with the noted changes, as presented and recommended by Mrs. Cline, Superintendent. Passed with a 5-0 vote.

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

Mr. Walker asked when the Board would be returning to the schools for Local School Improvement Council presentations.

Mrs. Cline the schools are ready to host the Board whenever the Board sees fit to return.

Mr. Davis said he feels that the Board shouldn't be visiting remaining schools, since they were unable to visit the others. He said he also has concerns with the students having not yet been vaccinated.

Mr. Prichard reminded Members of the next Board Meeting would be held on Monday, February 22, 2021, at 10:00 a.m., at Central Office.

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