

MINUTES

Board of Education for the County of Mingo

110 Cinderella Road, Williamson, WV 25661

Regular Meeting

April 15, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.

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I. Call to order

President Mr. Slone called the meeting to order. The time was 5:03 p.m.

All Board Members were present. Tom Slone, President; David Jewell, Vice President; John W. Preece, Braydan Goff, and Deanna Wellman. Superintendent, Dr. Johnny Branch was in attendance.

Both Members of the Press attended. Bruce Justice of the Mingo Messenger; Josh Brown of the Williamson Daily News

Central Office Staff in attendance: Patrick Billips, Director of Technology; Beth Daniels, CSBO / Treasurer (Chief School Business Officer); William Hensley, Director of Maintenance; Robert Channell, Director of Transportation; Mark Dean, Director of CTE/Secondary/Post-Secondary Learning; Kay Maynard, Director Child Nutrition & Wellness; Virginia Taylor-Mounts, Technology Integration Facilitator; Christie Tilley, Coordinator of Parent Involvement; Leah Wireman, Director of Human Resources

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Mrs. Wellman led the Pledge of allegiance.

III. Delegations

There were no delegations.

IV. Special Recognition

1. Tug Valley High School Boys State Basketball Champions

Dr. Branch led the recognition. Players and coaches were present to receive the certificate. Coach Thompson made comments. Pictures were made.

2. Tug Valley High School Girls State Basketball Runners-Up

Dr. Branch led the recognition. Players and coaches were present to receive the certificate. Coach Ooten spoke. Pictures were made.

V. Department Reports/Updates (Information of interest to WVDE, BOE, Schools, and Public)

1. Technology

- a. Awarding of telecom contract to Frontier Communications to provide Internet to 6 athletic fields (MCHS, TVHS, BPK8, GPK8, LPK8, KPK8) for safety/streaming. (Erate project total cost = 3370.00 X 12 = \$ 40,440.00 / year with 90% E-rate Discount for \$4040.00 total annual cost

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Mr. Billips explained the e-rate grant applied for to put fiber out to the football fields. Cell phone, and streaming services would be available. The cost to us would be \$4000 per year.

2. Curriculum (CTE)

a. Introduction of Hospitality and Tourism CTE program- Teresa Cline

Mr. Dean made the introduction. Mrs. Cline is a Business teacher with emphasis on Management & Administrative Support has added Entrepreneurship and now Hospitality and Tourism at Mingo Central High School. The hope was to get students excited to be in our small towns, create new businesses, and grow our communities. She had a lot more information that was presented with her power point.

b. Update on Aerospace Engineering CTE program- Joshua Johnson

Mrs. Cline introduced Mr. Josh Johnson. He teaches Chemistry, Physics, and Aerospace Engineering at Mingo Central High School. The Senior Ambassador for the program, Elijah Westfall, was present. The program consists of four courses targeted to juniors and seniors. The end goal would be to have students graduate with a drone license.

VI. Superintendent Update

1. After school and in-school tutoring for learning loss

Mrs. Tonya Hatcher addressed Williamson's Pre K-8 plan for learning loss. She spoke about the school-day-intervention plan that had been implemented. Twelve teachers volunteered to give up their planning periods to step into the role of intense, focused, and rigorous intervention for the students at their school. This intervention was standards based and data driven using small groups of students. There are about 60 students being served – grades 1-8. They are also focusing attention on Cambium and preparation for Summative Assessment.

2. School-Based Health update

Dr. Branch had a handout and went through it. Our students were receiving the medical attention they need at school. This resulted in less absenteeism due to doctor appointments. The mobile units are showing up in several schools in our communities.

3. Latest attendance data

Dr. Branch led this item. He went through and explained the handout.

4. Special Education On-Site Monitoring Close Letter

Dr. Branch shared a letter stating that the Special Education On-Site monitoring had been closed. Any findings had been corrected, and the monitoring had been closed.

VII. Action Items Submitted to the State Superintendent for Approval

1. Out-of-State Field Trips

a. Kermit Pre K-8 - Kings Island (May 25, 2025)

2. Approval of replacement Chrome Books for grades four, five and six

a. RPO 92033

b. ROP 92002

3. Approval of Proposed School Calendar for the 2025-2026 school year.

a. Calendar

Mr. Billips spoke regarding the employee driven calendar. School representatives worked with Central Office personnel to establishing the calendar. After state approval, it would need approval from the State Board of Education.

4. Minutes

- a. Minutes of March 18, 2025 LEVY Rate
- b. Minutes of March 18, 2025

VIII. Finance (Items for State Superintendent Approval) 3-18LevyAttach

(Invoices are available for review at the Central Office, direct inquiries to Beth Daniels 304 235-3333 ext. 7130)

1. Bills, Transfers, Supplements

a. Payment of Bills

Bills presented for approval through March 31, 2025. The invoice list is available for review during public hours two business days prior to the meeting.

Fund	Amount
Fund 11	\$282,369.23
Fund 41	\$1,482.73
Fund 51	\$-
Fund 61	\$218,396.97
Fund 71	\$-

b. Budget Transfers

Budget Transfers presented for approval

March 2025 Transfers	
1	\$ 15,000.00
2	\$ 16,200.00
3	\$ 27,629.09
Total	\$ 58,829.09

c. Budget Supplements

Budget Supplements presented for approval

March 2025 Supplements	
1	\$ 50,000.00
2	\$ 300.00
3	\$ 56,484.39
4	\$ 150,055.00
5	\$ 3,435.00
6	\$ 119,910.00
7	\$ 2,100.00
Total	\$ 382,284.39

Mr. Slone read through each of the action items and announced those had been approved by the State Department. Dr. Branch announced that the finance department had gotten approval from the WVDE to pay the utility bills in a timely manner.

IX. Personnel (Items for State Superintendent approval)

Mrs. Wireman informed the Board that all personnel items had been approved. On page one of the Personnel Schedule, 1. Professional Personnel, Item e. i., two blanks were filled in. Francis Stanley, Gilbert PK8.

Mrs. Wireman announced that Human Resources would use a different process for background checks going forward. A mobile lab (IdentoGo) would travel to our Central Office to administer those as needed.

X. Adjournment

Mr. Jewel made the motion to adjourn. Mr. Preece and Mrs. Wellman seconded that motion.

The time was 6:06 p.m.

Next Regular Meeting

May 20, 2025

 **Superintendent, Dr. Johnrly Branch**  **Date**

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Personnel Schedule

Approved by the State Superintendent for April 15, 2025

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1. PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL

a. New Employment Into Existing Position

- i. Christopher Faine Teacher / Social Studies Gilbert PK8 (effective April 16, 2025) **License No. E7R148500144**
- ii. Lakeshia Hatfield Teacher / Pre K Special Needs Gilbert PK8 (effective April 16, 2025) **(License No. F1H147300009)**
- iii. Garrett Bevins Substitute Teacher Mingo County Schools (effective April 16, 2025)

b. Transfer Into Existing Position

- i. Brandon Cline Assistant Principal Mingo Central High School to Principal Mingo Central High School (effective April 16, 2025)
- ii. Whitney Poe Teacher / Math Gilbert PK8 to Teacher / Grade 5 Gilbert PK8 (effective July 1, 2025) **License No. L4N135400203**

c. Request for Leave of Absence

- i. Dreama Thornsbury Teacher / Special Education Matewan PK8 (effective March 24, 2025) **(MEDICAL)**

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d. Termination

- i. Garrett Bevins Teacher / English Mingo Central High School (effective April 16, 2025)
- ii. Cassandra Griffith Collins LPN Instructor Mingo County Extended Learning Center (effective April 16, 2025)

e. Employee Discipline

- i. Frances Stanley Teacher / Physical Education & Health Gilbert PK8
Suspended one day without pay. (March 31, 2025)

2. PROFESSIONAL EXTRACURRICULAR ASSIGNMENTS

a. New Employment for School Year 2024-2025

- i. Joshua Endicott Assistant Coach / Baseball Gilbert PK8 (effective April 16, 2025) *License No. C2Y142700284*
- ii. Jared Lester Coach / Soccer Gilbert PK8 (effective April 16, 2025) *License No. R3J128000177*
- iii. Travis Ward After School Teacher / Tutor Grades K-2 Burch PK8 (effective March 24, 2025)
- iv. Sandy Porter After School Teacher / Tutor Grades 3-5 Burch PK8 (effective March 24, 2025)
- v. Sherrie Spence After School Teacher / Tutor Grades 6-8 Math Burch PK8 (effective March 24, 2025) (effective March 24, 2025) (effective March 24, 2025)
- vi. Deanna Powers After School Teacher / Tutor Grades 6-8 English Burch PK8 (effective March 24, 2025)
- vii. Lisa Vance After School Teacher / Tutor Grades K-2 Dingess Elementary (effective March 24, 2025)
- viii. Jaclyn Hall After School Teacher / Tutor Grades 3-5 Dingess Elementary (effective March 24, 2025)
- ix. Kathy Woodruff After School Teacher / Tutor Grades K-2 Gilbert PK8 (effective March 24, 2025)
- x. Sherry Rutledge After School Teacher / Tutor Grades 3-5 Gilbert PK8 (effective March 24, 2025)
- xi. Kara Gess After School Teacher / Tutor Grades K-2 Kermit PK8 (effective March 24, 2025)
- xii. Gina Hicks After School Teacher / Tutor Grades 3-5 Kermit PK8 (effective March 24, 2025)
- xiii. Cindy Booth After School Teacher / Tutor Grades 6-8 English Kermit PK8 (effective March 24, 2025)
- xiv. Jacob Zondag After School Teacher / Tutor Grades 6-8 Math Kermit PK8 (effective March 24, 2025)

- xv. Susan Clevenger After School Teacher / Tutor Grades K-2 Lenore PK8 (effective March 24, 2025)
- xvi. Jamie Heflin After School Teacher / Tutor Grades 3-5 Lenore PK8 (effective March 24, 2025)
- xvii. Isaac Williamson After School Teacher / Tutor Grades 6-8 Math Lenore PK8 (effective March 24, 2025)
- xviii. Krystal Hall Varney After School Teacher / Tutor Grades 6-8 English Lenore PK8 (effective March 24, 2025)
- xix. Marsha Bays After School Teacher / Tutor Grades K-2 Matewan PK8 (effective March 24, 2025)
- xx. Jennifer Miller After School Teacher / Tutor Grades 3-5 Matewan PK8 (effective March 24, 2025)
- xxi. Maria Ramey After School Teacher / Tutor Grades 6-8 Math Matewan PK8 (effective March 24, 2025)
- xxii. Mary Annetta Swafford After School Teacher / Tutor Grades 6-8 English Matewan PK8 (effective March 24, 2025)
- xxiii. Pam Hager After School Teacher / Tutor Grades K-2 Williamson PK8 (effective March 24, 2025)
- xxiv. Tonya Hatcher After School Teacher / Tutor Grades 3-5 Williamson PK8 (effective March 24, 2025)
- xxv. Ashley Willis After School Teacher / Tutor Grades 6-8 Math Williamson PK8 (effective March 24, 2025)
- xxvi. Randi Murphy After School Teacher / Tutor Grades 6-8 English Williamson PK8 (effective March 24, 2025)
- xxvii. Kevin Whitt After School Teacher / Tutor English Mingo Central High School (effective March 24, 2025)
- xxviii. Josh Johnson After School Teacher / Tutor Math Mingo Central High School (effective March 24, 2025)
- xxix. Lorraine Davis After School Teacher / Tutor English Tug Valley High School (effective March 24, 2025)
- xxx. Taylor Bailey After School Teacher / Tutor Math Tug Valley High School (effective March 24, 2025)

3. SERVICE PERSONNEL

a. New Employment Into Existing Position

- i. Janet Prater Substitute Aide Mingo County Schools (effective April 16, 2025)
- ii. Misty Browning Substitute Aide Mingo County Schools (effective April 16, 2025)
- iii. Makala Richardson Substitute Aide Mingo County Schools (effective April 16, 2025)
- iv. Olivia Browning Substitute Aide Mingo County Schools (effective April 16, 2025)

- v. Sara Hunt Substitute Aide Mingo County Schools (effective April 16, 2025)
- vi. Brenda Thompson Substitute Aide Mingo County Schools (effective April 16, 2025)
- vii. Cynthia Hinkle Substitute Cook Mingo County Schools (effective April 16, 2025)
- viii. Melissa Mahon Substitute Cook Mingo County Schools (effective April 16, 2025)
- ix. Joshua Collins Substitute Custodian Mingo County Schools (effective April 16, 2025)
- x. Johnathan Manuel Substitute Secretary Mingo County Schools (effective April 16, 2025)

4. SERVICE EXTRACURRICULAR ASSIGNMENTS

a. New Employment for School Year 2024-2025

- i. Karen Evans After School Bus Operator (Tug Valley High School Area, Kermit) (effective March 24, 2025)
- ii. Kevin Lawrence After School Bus Operator (Tug Valley High School Area, Kermit) (effective March 24, 2025)
- iii. Kevin Lawrence After School Bus Operator (Tug Valley High School Area, Tug Valley) (effective March 24, 2025)
- iv. Karen Evans After School Bus Operator (Tug Valley High School Area, Tug Valley High School 2) (effective March 24, 2025)
- v. Beverly Workman After School Bus Operator (Tug Valley High School Area, Tug Valley High School 1) (effective March 24, 2025)
- vi. Karen Evans After School Bus Operator (Tug Valley Area, Dingess Elementary 1) (effective March 24, 2025)
- vii. Derek Hensley After School Bus Operator (Tug Valley Area, Lenore 1) (effective March 24, 2025)
- viii. Beverly Workman After School Bus Operator (Tug Valley Area, Lenore) (effective March 24, 2025)
- ix. Jessie Stroud After School Bus Operator (Dingess 1A) (effective March 24, 2025) (effective March 24, 2025)
- x. Jamie Deskins After School Bus Operator (Dingess 2B) (effective March 24, 2025) (effective March 24, 2025)
- xi. Rocky Church After School Bus Operator (Mingo Central High School 2 Burch) (effective March 24, 2025)
- xii. Linda Williams After School Bus Operator (Mingo Central High School 1 Burch) (effective March 24, 2025)
- xiii. Joan Rogers After School Bus Operator (Gilbert Area, Gilbert PK8 1) (effective March 24, 2025)
- xiv. Joan Rogers After School Bus Operator (Gilbert Area, Mingo Central) (effective March 24, 2025)

- xv. Tammy Hatfield After School Bus Operator (Gilbert Area, Mingo Central)
(effective March 24, 2025)
- xvi. Suzanne Cook After School Bus Operator (Matewan Area, Matewan)
(effective March 24, 2025)
- xvii. Roger Staton After School Bus Operator (Matewan Area, Matewan 1)
(effective March 24, 2025)
- xviii. Roger Staton After School Bus Operator (Mingo Central High School 2,
Matewan Area) (effective March 24, 2025)
- xix. Suzanne Cook After School Bus Operator (Mingo Central High School 1,
Matewan Area) (effective March 24, 2025)
- xx. Marty Copley After School Bus Operator (Williamson Area 1) (effective
March 24, 2025)
- xxi. Danny West After School Bus Operator (Williamson Area Williamson)
(effective March 24, 2025)
- xxii. James Maynard After School Bus Operator (Williamson Area Williamson
2) (effective March 24, 2025)
- xxiii. Rocky Church After School Bus Operator (Burch Area Burch 1) (effective
March 24, 2025)
- xxiv. Linda Williams After School Bus Operator (Burch Area Burch) (effective
March 24, 2025)
- xxv. Tammy Hatfield After School Bus Operator (Gilbert Area Gilbert)
(effective March 24, 2025)
- xxvi. Andrea Ellis After School Bus Operator (Gilbert Area Gilbert)
(effective March 24, 2025)

Probationary Contract renewals and offer contracts for the 2025-2026 school year

- a. **Service Personnel Renew probationary contracts and offer contracts for the 2025-
2026 school year as indicated (current assignment listed for reference)**
- i. Jonia Messer Stumbo Aide / ECCAT Dingess Elementary , 3rd probationary

 5-16-25
Superintendent, Dr. Johnny Branch Date

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