

MINUTES

Board of Education for the County of Mingo

110 Cinderella Road, Williamson, WV 25661

Regular Meeting

February 20, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.

I. Call to order

President McCormick called the meeting to order. The time was 5:05 p.m.

All Board Members were present: Machelles McCormick, President; John W. Preece, Vice President; Tom Slone, James Baisden, and Amy Dearfield-Hannah. Superintendent, Dr. Johnny Branch was in attendance.

Both Members of the Press were in attendance: 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); Tonya Hagy, RN, BSN Lead School Nurse; William Hensley, Director of Maintenance; Kay Maynard, Director Child Nutrition & Wellness; Dr. Sabrina Runyon, Director of Early Learning Programs; Lesia Sammons, Coordinator of Guidance and Testing; Virginia Taylor-Mounts, Technology Integration Facilitator; Christie Tilley: Coordinator of Parent Involvement; Janet Varney, Director of Special Education; Leah Wireman, Director of Human Resources

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Baisden led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Delegations

There were no delegations

IV. Out-Of-State Field Trip(s)

a. Lenore Pre K-8, Eight Grade trip to Soaky Mountain Water Park

Amber Elkins were there to present the trip.

Mr. Preece made the motion to approve the trip. Mr. Baisden seconded that motion. The motion carried with a vote of 5/0.

b. Kermit K-8, Eight Grade trip to Kings Island

Heather Johnson was present and spoke about the trip.

Mr. Preece made the motion to approve the trip. Mrs. Dearfield-Hannah seconded that motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5/0.

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46 **V. Spotlight on Success**

47 **a. Mingo Logan Kids New View – Tonya Hagy**

48 Dr. Branch introduced the Mingo Logan Kids New View. Mingo Central High School students entered
49 into the volunteer program with the Mingo / Logan Child Advocacy center. The Child Advocacy center
50 sponsors students who have been affected by violence and connects them with successful students who
51 provide mentoring, encouragement, and social outlets. Twelve Thousand dollars had been fundraised at
52 a Celebrity Auction dinner to benefit the *We Can* Programs – We Can Summer Camp, and Christmas gift
53 programs, etc. A certificate was presented and pictures were made.

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55 **b. American Heart Association Youth Ambassador, Hilary Gore – Tonya Hagy**

56 This Celebration did not take place. Ms. Gore was not present.

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58 Dr. Runyon announced that two students had been recipients of a \$1000 Beta Scholarship. The
59 information had been announced earlier that week.

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61 **c. Special Recognition**

62 The next recipient was awarded with a Red-Carpet Award. The Red-Carpet Award is a way to celebrate
63 students, and staff members to let them know we recognize them for past and present
64 accomplishments. Dr. Branch read the bio for June Mitchell Glover, who among many things taught and
65 inspired generations of students in Mingo County. The subjects she taught were Business, Social Studies
66 and English. Pictures were made.

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68 **VI. General Considerations**

69 **a. Proclamation – Black History Month- B.O.E. and N.A.A.C.P.**

70 Several members of the NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People) were
71 present. Elder Thomas Moore; Willene Harriston-Moore, Juanita Hooks, Eileen Bell, Francine Jones,
72 Henry Moore, Reverend Frank Jones. That was the first ever Proclamation in honor of Black History
73 Month by the Mingo County Board of Education. Dr. Branch read the proclamation. Elder Moore said a
74 few words while our Board signed the proclamation. Pictures were made.

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76 **b. Discussion and possible action to revise the following item from the December 19, 2023,**
77 **meeting: VI. General Consideration – item b. “Discussion and possible action for Tug Valley**
78 **HVAC Project Change order #3 for approximately \$375, 000. Funding source: Local.”**
79 **Current action would add an additional \$68,000 for a new total of \$443,000 from Local**
80 **Sources.**

81 Dr. Branch addressed this item. The monies would put new ceiling tiles in the gymnasium at Tug Valley
82 High School.

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84 Mr. Baisden made the motion to approve. Mr. Preece seconded that motion. After more discussion,
85 the motion passed with a vote of 3/0. Mrs. Dearfield-Hannah and Mr. Slone abstained from the vote.

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87 The Board spoke about tabling the item to see what the finances were going to be.

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89 Mr. Baisden made the motion to rescind the funding for the \$68,000.00 for the gymnasium ceiling tiles.
90 Mr. Preece made the second. The motion passed with a vote of 5/0.

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92 Mr. Preece made the motion to table this item. Mr. Baisden seconded that motion. The motion carried
93 with a vote of 5/0.

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c. **Discussion and possible action to approve Internet Contract with Frontier – Patrick Billips**
Mr. Billips introduced and presented this contract.

Mr. Slone made the motion to approve the contract with Frontier. Mr. Baisden seconded that motion.
The motion passed with a vote of 5/0.

d. **Discussion and Possible action to place the 2024-2025 School Calendars out for public comment**

Mr. Billips and Mrs. Sammons presented and explained the highlights of each of the calendars.

Mr. Preece made the motion to put those out for public comment. Mr. Basiden seconded that motion.
The motion passed with a vote of 5/0.

VII. Departmental Updates

a. **Maintenance Report - William Hensley**

Mr. Hensley gave the update. There had been 190 work orders completed. Tug Valley and Burch auditoriums had been painted. The auditorium seating at Burch had been installed and the seating was being installed at Tug Valley.

b. **Treasurer's Report - Beth Daniels**

Mrs. Daniels gave the report.

c. **Student Data – Middle of Year Benchmark**

Dr. Runyon gave the report. One hundred twenty-four students had increased their reading scores.
One hundred fifty-one students had increased their math scores.

d. **Monthly Attendance Report**

Dr. Branch gave the report. Attendance had increased for every school since last month.

e. **Title IX Update**

Dr. Branch had a power point for the Title IX Update. He explained what OCR required us do with our Title IX policies.

f. **School Safety Update**

Dr. Branch gave the update. There had been a meeting regarding School Safety with members of the State police, the Sheriff's department, the Fire Chief Association, the BOE Crisis member and the District Crisis Team. It was very informative. There was an upcoming meeting with Principals.

VIII. Consent Agenda

a. **Approval of Minutes**

1. **Minutes of January 18**

b. **Bills, Transfers, Supplements**

1. **Payment of Bills**

Bills presented for approval through 2-14-24. The invoice list is available for review during public hours two business days prior to the meeting.

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Total	Amount
Fund 11	\$ 495,800.43
Fund 41	\$ -
Fund 51	\$ 38,321.41
Fund 61	\$ 260,687.48
Fund 71	\$ 876,976.42

2. Budget Transfers

Budget Transfers presented for approval

January Transfers	
1	\$ 7,500.00
2	\$ 2,237,290.74
Totals	\$ 2,244,790.74

3. Budget Supplements

Budget Supplements presented for approval

January Supplements	
1	\$ 18,045.35
2	\$ 30,923.00
Total	\$ 48,968.35

c. Personnel Actions

1. PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL

a. New Employment into Existing Position

- i. Rachel Fox substitute teacher MCS (effective February 21, 2024)
- ii. Richard Powers substitute teacher MCS (effective February 21, 2024)
- iii. Ciara Noe substitute teacher MCS (effective February 21, 2024)
- iv. Aaron Dalton Hatfield substitute teacher MCS (effective February 21, 2024)
- v. Alicen White Teacher / Grade 5 Dingess Elementary (effective February 21, 2024)

b. Transfer into Existing Position

- i. Kendra Salmons Teacher / Grade 1 KK8 to Teacher / Kindergarten KK8 (effective July 1, 2024)

c. Resignation

- i. Steven Alley Teacher / Math TVHS (effective July 31, 2024)

d. Request for Leave of Absence

- i. Cynthia Glasscock Teacher / Special Education GK8 (February 13-March 13, 2024)

e. Create Position

- i. Assistant Superintendent

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176 **f. Retirement**

- 177 i. Harry Blankenship Teacher / HVAC MCHS (effective June 7, 2024)
178 ii. Deborah G. Godby Teacher / PE MK8 (effective June 30, 2024)
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180 **2. PROFESSIONAL EXTRACURRICULAR ASSIGNMENTS**

181 **a. New Employment for School year 2023-2024**

- 182 i. Kristy Noe Coach / Volleyball MK8 (effective February 21, 2024)
183 ii. LeeAnn Blankenship Assistant Coach / Baseball KK8 (effective February 21,
184 2024)
185 iii. Randall Lackey Assistant Coach / Baseball TVHS (effective February 21, 2024)
186 (zero comp) (pending certification)
187 iv. LeeAnn Blankenship Assistant Coach / Baseball TVHS (effective February 21,
188 2024) (zero comp) (pending certification)
189 v. David Copley Assistant Coach / Baseball TVHS (effective February 21, 2024)
190 (zero comp) (pending certification)
191 vi. Tim Dixon Assistant Coach / Softball WK8 (effective February 21, 2024) (zero
192 comp)
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194 **b. Resignations**

- 195 i. Kristy Noe Coach / Volleyball MCHS (effective November 20, 2023)
196 ii. Elizabeth Jude Assistant Coach / Softball MK8 (effective January 25, 2024)
197 iii. Randall Lackey Assistant Coach / Softball LK8 (effective February 1, 2024)
198 iv. Bethany Cisco Coach / Softball MK8 (effective February 9, 2024)
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200 **3. SERVICE PERSONNEL**

201 **a. New Employment into Existing Position**

- 202 vi. Kathie Hatfield substitute secretary MCS (effective February 21, 2024)
203 vii. Sara Whitt substitute secretary MCS (effective February 21, 2024)
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205 **b. Transfer into Existing Position**

- 206 ii. Dennie Hill custodian III BK8 to custodian IV MK8 (effective February 21, 2024)
207 iii. Rachel Staggs cook II BK8 to cook III BK8 (effective February 21, 2024)
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209 **c. Request for Leave of Absence**

- 210 ii. Kyria Stewart Aide / Autism Mentor DES (January 5, 2024-February 14, 2024)
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212 **4. SERVICE EXTRACURRICULAR ASSIGNMENTS**

213 **a. New Employment for School year 2023-2024**

- 214 vii. Bridgette Newsome PERC
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216 **5. Mingo County Schools Volunteers 2023-2024**

- 217 i. Priscilla Marcum
218 ii. Debra Blevins
219 iii. Sienna White

220 *End Consent Agenda*
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222 Mr. Slone pulled item c. 1. E. for discussion. **c. Personnel Actions, 1. PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL,**
223 **e. Create Position, i. Assistant Superintendent.**

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225 Mrs. Dearfield-Hannah made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda with the exception of the item
226 pulled. Mr. Slone seconded that motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 5/0.
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228 Mr. Preece had questions regarding some of the bills. There was discussion regarding the
229 pulled item and other items.
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231 Mr. Preece made the motion to table the pulled item. Mrs. Hannah seconded that motion. The
232 motion carried with a vote of 5/0.
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234 **XI. Board Member Comment Period**
235 Some members had comments.
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237 **XII. Superintendent's Update**
238 Dr. Branch had an update.
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240 **XIII. Adjournment**
241 Mr. Baisden made the motion to adjourn. Mr. Slone seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 5/0.
242 The time was 7:30 p.m.
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244 **Next Regular Meeting**
245 *March 19, 2024*



Superintendent, Dr. Johnny Branch Date

Minutes approved 3-19-24

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