

MINUTES

Board of Education for the County of Mingo

110 Cinderella Road, Williamson, WV 25661

~~Regular & LSIC Meeting~~

~~January 16, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.~~

This meeting was re-scheduled due to weather

Thursday, January 18, 2024 @ 5:00

Special Meeting

I. Call to order

President McCormick called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

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

Member of the Press in attendance: Bruce Justice of the Mingo Messenger

Central Office Staff in attendance: Patrick Billips, Director of Technology; Beth Daniels, CSBO / Treasurer; (Chief School Business Officer); Rocky Hall, Director of Attendance and Safe Schools; William Hensley, Director of Maintenance; Dr. Sabrina Runyon, Director of Early Learning Programs; Christie Tilley: Coordinator of Parent Involvement; Leah Wireman, Director of Human Resources

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Slone led the Pledge of Allegiance.

January was Board of Education appreciation week. Marcella Charles, Principal at Mingo Central High School; Brandon Cline and Sherry Copley, Assistant Principals at Mingo Central had brought in light snacks and a gift for each member. This celebration took place before the meeting.

Dr. Branch asked that the LSIC presentations be stricken from this agenda. He requested to add an addendum to the Agenda as item b. under General Considerations and a Ceremonial Spotlight on success.

III. Spotlight on Success (request was granted to add this item to the agenda.

a. Board of Education Members – January was Board of Education Appreciation Month

Dr. Branch presented each member with a certificate. Pictures were made.

IV. Delegations

There were no delegations.

V. ~~2022-2023 LSIC Reports~~

a. ~~Lenore Pre K-8 School~~

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- ~~b. Tug Valley High School~~
- ~~c. Kermit Pre K-8 School~~
- ~~d. Dingess Elementary School~~

VI. Informational Items

a. Grand Families Program

Dr. Runyon and Christie Tilley made this presentation. Several grandparents attended the first meeting. Each family received help with something they needed.

b. Title IX

Dr. Branch went over the Climate Check survey for Title IX. He let the Board members see what that was and how to get to the survey. That survey would be submitted to the State Department by the end of next week.

VII. Departmental Updates

a. Attendance update- Rocky Hall

Mr. Hall had a handout and explained each chart.

b. Curriculum Update/ Upcoming Textbook Adoption- Dr. Runyon

Dr. Sabrina Runyon spoke regarding the Curriculum updates. Items on the upcoming agenda were Science of Reading, Math Field Day, Science and Social Studies Fairs. There was also a 0-5 teachers professional development session, and the math caravan.

c. Maintenance Report - William Hensley

Mr. Hensley gave the Maintenance report. Snow removal had taken place, work orders were being completed and the Lenore K-8 roof was almost complete.

d. Treasurer's Report - Beth Daniels

Mrs. Daniels presented the Treasurer's report. Her office was preparing the W2's and 1099's to send out the next week. They had begun the budgeting for next year.

VIII. General Considerations

a. Discussion and possible action regarding the purchase of 600 Chromebooks for High School Students (\$177,276.00) (ESSERF Funds, State Contract)

Patrick Billips addressed the board regarding this item. This purchase would replace the current High school laptops.

Mr. Baisden made the motion to approve the purchase of 600 Chromebooks for High School Students (\$177,276.00). Mr. Preece seconded that motion. The motion carried with a vote of 5/0.

b. Discussion and possible action regarding retaining Bailey-Glasser to represent Mingo County in the Opioid Settlement Opt-Out.

Dr. Branch spoke regarding this class action suit. Opting out of the Opioid Class Action Settlement might trigger individual negotiations with our school district to receive monies to off-set Special Education costs we experienced.

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Mr. Preece made the motion to retain Bailey-Glasser to represent Mingo County in the Opioid Settlement Opt-Out. Mr. Baisden seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of 5/0.

IX. Consent Agenda

a. Approval of Minutes

1. Minutes of December 19, 2023

b. Bills, Transfers, Supplements

- 1. Payment of Bills** Bills presented for approval through 1-9-24. The invoice list is available for review during public hours two business days prior to the meeting.

Fund	Amount
Fund 11	\$460,117.01
Fund 41	\$102,532.87
Fund 51	\$69,414.55
Fund 61	\$218,419.68
Fund 71	\$551,504.46

2. Budget Transfers

Budget Transfers presented for approval

December Transfers	
1	\$ 21,823.12
2	\$ 8,576.54
Total	\$ 30,399.66

3. Budget Supplements

Budget Supplements presented for approval

December Supplements	
1	\$ 10,000.00
2	\$ 10,000.00
3	\$ 348,514.88
4	\$ 3,498.00
5	\$ 8,745.00
6	\$ 60,265.68
Total	\$ 441,023.56

c. Personnel Actions

1. PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL

a. New Employment into Existing Position

- i. Tara Smith substitute teacher MCS (effective January 17, 2024)
- ii. Danielle Copley substitute teacher MCS (effective January 17, 2024)
- iii. Gary Starr substitute teacher MCS (effective January 17, 2024)
- iv. Andrew Evans substitute teacher MCS (effective January 17, 2024)
- v. Jada Howell teacher / vision impaired itinerant (effective January 17, 2024)
- vi. Jacob Staton substitute teacher MCS (effective January 17, 2024)

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b. Resignation

- i. Tara Smith teacher / grade 4 LK8 (effective January 10, 2024)
- ii. Gary M. Collins substitute teacher MCS (effective January 2, 2024)

c. Request for Leave of Absence

- i. Brittney Baisden teacher / math TVHS January 31, 2024-February 29, 2024
- ii. Cynthia Glasscock teacher / Special Education GK8 January 09, 2024-February 12, 2024

d. Employee Discipline

- i. Gabriel Varney Suspend without pay

2. PROFESSIONAL EXTRACURRICULAR ASSIGNMENTS

a. New Employment for School year 2023-2024

- i. Kathy Woodruff SAT Chair GK8
- ii. Jamie Heflin Assistant Coach / Softball TVHS (zero comp) (effective January 17, 2024)

b. Resignations

- i. Samantha Wilson PERC DES (effective January 5, 2024)
- ii. Takara Roberts Assistant coach / volleyball GK8 (effective January 16, 2024)
- iii. Jennifer Richardson PERC KK8 (effective January 17, 2024)

3. SERVICE PERSONNEL

a. New Employment into Existing Position

- i. Tina Evans substitute aide MCS (effective January 17, 2024)

b. Transfer into Existing Position

- i. Jonathan Dove custodian IV MK8 to custodian IV MCHS (effective January 17, 2024)

c. Resignation

- i. Leslie Hatfield Aide / Autism Mentor GK8 (effective January 15, 2024)

d. Request for Leave of Absence

- i. Joseph Howard Director of Transportation December 20, 2023-April 21, 2024)

e. Rescind

- i. Autumn Hall substitute custodian MCS

f. Termination

- i. Amanda Tackett cook III BK8 (effective January 17, 2024)

g. Create Position

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- i. Aide / Autism Mentor Itinerant to begin at WK8

End Consent Agenda

Mrs. Wireman addressed the Board. There is an employee discipline that needs to be discussed.

Mr. Baisden made the motion to go into Executive session. Mr. Slone seconded that motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5/0. The time was 6:09 p.m.

Mr. Slone made the motion to come out of Executive session. Mr. Baisden seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of 5/0. The time was 6:23 p.m. President McCormick stated there was no action taken during the Executive session.

Mrs. Dearfield-Hannah pulled item c. Personnel Actions, 1. PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL, d. Employee Discipline, i. _____ Suspend without pay

Mrs. Dearfield-Hannah made the motion to approve the consent agenda with the exception of the pulled item. Mr. Slone seconded that motion. The motion carried with a vote of 4/0. Mr. Preece abstained.

Mr. Slone made a motion to approve the pulled discipline item for Gabriel Varney for two days as presented. Mr. Baisden seconded that motion. The motion carried with a vote of 5/0.

X. Board Member Comment Period

Each member had comments.

XI. Superintendent's Update

Dr. Branch made comments.

XII. Adjournment

Mrs. Dearfield-Hannah made the motion to adjourn. Mr. Slone and Mr. Baisden seconded. The time was 6:29 p.m.

Next Regular Meeting

February 20, 2024

 Branch, E.D. 2-28-24
Superintendent Date

Minutes Approved 2-20-24

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