

MINUTES

Board of Education for the County of Mingo

110 Cinderella Road, Williamson, WV 25661

Regular Meeting

December 19, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.

I. Call to order

President McCormick called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

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

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

Central Office Staff in attendance: 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; Lesia Sammons, Coordinator of Guidance and Testing; Virginia Taylor-Mounts, Technology Integration Facilitator; Leah Wireman, Director of Human Resources

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Baisden led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The meeting started with Departmental Updates, Item b, then back to Spotlight on Success. The meeting continued and started with item a. under Departmental Updates.

III. Spotlight on Success

a. Tug Valley High School Cheerleaders- 2023 Class A State Champions

All Cheerleaders were present for the meeting. Dr. Branch said a few words as did Coach Sarah Mitchell. Tug Valley Cheerleaders had won 10 State Championships in recent years! Pictures were made.

IV. Delegations

There were no delegations.

V. Departmental Updates

a. CTE Update-Thomas Hoffman

Mr. Hoffman gave the CTE Update. The Career and Technical Center had 47 completers last year. Some had continued their education and others had gained employment. Mingo Central had 104 students that had completed CTE programs. There were questions and answers. The hope was to work with Southern Community & Technical College through a collaborative initiative to teach our students some CTE Programs. SWVC&TC was sent course descriptions and standards.

45 **b. Learning and Instruction Data- Dr. Branch**

46 Dr. Branch gave an update on Fast ForWord. Fast ForWord is based on brain research and is part of
47 Science of Reading. Students that had used the program for 25 days had seen about 4 (four) months of
48 growth. We were moving close to the 50th percentile in proficiency in nation-wide scores. Dr. Runyon
49 spoke about Literacy Nights. Those meetings were to help parents understand how Fast ForWord
50 worked and how they could help their child with reading.

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52 The meeting moved to Spotlight on Success.

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54 **c. CIS Update- Dr. Runyon**

55 Dr. Runyon started with the Clay2Go Exhibit that had visited our county. We had over 700 students visit
56 that exhibit of STEAM projects. She spoke regarding the Communities in Schools at the November
57 conference. One of our teachers, Kimberly Spaulding of TVHS, was on a committee there and made us
58 proud! Dr. Runyon read statements from surveys that had been distributed and returned. She also
59 stated a list of things that CIS is doing in our schools and community.

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61 **d. Maintenance Report - William Hensley**

62 Mr. Hensley gave the report. Maintenance had worked on and complete over 300 work orders last
63 month. The roof at Lenore K-8 was almost finished. A piece of playground equipment at Dingess
64 Elementary was discussed. There were questions and discussion.

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66 **e. Treasurer's Report - Beth Daniels**

67 Mrs. Daniels made the report. She was concerned about several items we would encounter in the
68 upcoming months. There were questions and discussion.

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70 **VI. General Considerations**

71 **a. Discussion and possible action for Auditorium Renovation Project Change Order #2 for**
72 **\$121,433.00. Funding Source: ARP ESSER**

73 Mrs. Daniels spoke regarding this item. It was water lines for the Tug Valley sprinkler system. There
74 were questions and discussion.

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76 Mr. Baisden made the motion to approve the Auditorium Renovation Project Change Order #2 for
77 \$121,433.00. Mr. Slone seconded that motion. The motion carried with a vote of 5/0.

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79 **b. Discussion and possible action for Tug Valley HVAC Project Change Order #3 for**
80 **approximately \$375,000. Funding Source: Local**

81 Mrs. Daniels spoke about this item. It included replacing ceiling tile in the corridors, commons area and
82 gym at THVS while replacing the water lines for the sprinklers.

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84 Mr. Preece made the motion to approve the Tug Valley HVAC Project Change Order #3 for
85 approximately \$375,000. Mr. Baisden seconded that motion. The motion carried with a vote of 5/0.

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87 **c. Discussion and possible action regarding the construction of the TVHS CTE facility**

88 There was discussion.

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90 Mrs. Hannah made the motion to table indefinitely the construction of the CTE building at Tug Valley
91 High School. Mr. Baisden made the second. The motion carried with a vote of 5/0.

d. Discussion and possible action regarding the acceptance of the Rural Utilities Service Distance Learning and Telemedicine Loan and Grant Program (Award of \$932,814) and commitment to an in-kind district match of \$145,000.

Dr. Runyon spoke regarding this item. She went through a list of ways the grant could help our schools in a period of over three years.

Mr. Preece made the motion to approve this item. Mrs. Hannah seconded that motion. The motion carried with a vote of 5/0.

VII. Consent Agenda

a. Approval of Minutes

1. Minutes of November 6
2. Minutes of November 28

b. Bills, Transfers, Supplements

1. Payment of Bills

Bills presented for approval through 12-13-23. The invoice list is available for review during public hours two business days prior to the meeting.

Fund	Amount
Fund 11	\$351,747.41
Fund 41	\$341,420.90
Fund 51	\$121,807.56
Fund 61	\$332,634.22
Fund 71	\$663,276.46

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2. Budget Supplements -
Budget Supplements
presented for approval

November Supplements	
1	\$296.45
2	\$111,385.97
3	\$258,311.29
4	\$325,689.38
5	\$2,500.00
6	\$2,342,301.45
7	\$2,388,663.43
Total	\$5,429,147.97

c. Personnel Actions

1. PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL

a. New Employment into Existing Position

- i. Brittany Smith substitute teacher MCS (effective December 20, 2023)
- ii. Riza Carlton substitute teacher MCS (pending certification)
- iii. Alexia Hall substitute teacher MCS (effective December 20, 2023)
- iv. Katilyn Adkins substitute teacher MCS (pending certification)
- v. Christy Cline substitute teacher MCS (pending certification)
- vi. Chelsea Sammons e-Learning Facilitator MCHS (effective December 20, 2023)

b. Employee Discipline

- i. Gabriel Varney Suspend 1 day without pay (November 14, 2023)

c. Create Position

- i. Kindergarten KK8 (effective December 20, 2023)

2. PROFESSIONAL EXTRACURRICULAR ASSIGNMENTS

a. New Employment for School year 2023-2024

- 139 i. Dalton Hatfield Assistant Coach / Boys Basketball GK8 (effective December 20,
- 140 2023)
- 141 ii. Cameron Newsome Assistant Coach /Boys Basketball LK8 (pending certification)
- 142 (zero comp)
- 143 iii. William Josh Sammons Archery Sponsor MCHS (effective December 20, 2023)
- 144 iv. Robert Browning Assistant Coach / Girls Basketball MCHS (effective December
- 145 20, 2023)
- 146 v. Garrett Bevins Assistant Coach / Girls Basketball MCHS (effective December 20,
- 147 2023)

3. SERVICE PERSONNEL

a. New Employment into Existing Position

- 151 i. Stephen Bragg substitute custodian MCS (pending completion of training and
- 152 paperwork)
- 153 ii. Michael Kuhn substitute custodian MCS (pending completion of training and
- 154 paperwork)
- 155 iii. Autumn Hall substitute custodian MCS (pending completion of training and
- 156 paperwork)
- 157 iv. Debra Blevins substitute ~~cook~~ aide MCS (pending completion of training and
- 158 paperwork)
- 159 v. Kristy Spradlin substitute cook MCS (pending completion of training and
- 160 paperwork)
- 161 vi. Valerie Colegrove substitute aide MCS (pending completion of training and
- 162 paperwork)
- 163 vii. Peyton Adams substitute aide MCS (pending completion of training and
- 164 paperwork)
- 165 viii. Autumn Hall substitute aide MCS (pending completion of training and
- 166 paperwork)

b. Transfer into Existing Position

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- 169 i. Ryan Haugen custodian IV MCHS to custodian III MCHS (effective December 20,
- 170 2023)
- 171 ii. James McCoy substitute bus operator MCS to bus operator (Tug Valley Area)
- 172 (effective December 20, 2023)

c. Retirement

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- 175 i. Adam Hatfield bus mechanic MCS (December 5, 2023)
- 176 ii. Diana Colegrove Aide/Autism Mentor Itinerant LK8 (June 7, 2024)
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4. SERVICE EXTRACURRICULAR ASSIGNMENTS

a. New Employment for School year 2023-2024

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- 180 i. Kevin Lawrence Mid-Day Health Occupations Bus Operator (Tug Valley High
- 181 School)
- 182 ii. Rocky Church Mid- Day Special Education Bus Operator (Burch PK8)
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5. Mingo County Schools Volunteers 2023-2024

a. Concessions

- 184 i. Eric and Felicia Roberts
- 185 ii. Kayla Stanley
- 186 iii. Ashley Jackson

190	iv. Melodi Blankenship	209	xxiii. Farrah Hunt
191	v. Marie Hatfield	210	xxiv. Kristy Preece
192	vi. Kelly Deskins	211	xxv. Tina Spence
193	vii. Holli and Michael Runyon	212	xxvi. Tj Warden
194	viii. Lauren Copley	213	xxvii. Tiffany Warden
195	ix. Heather Spaulding	214	xxviii. Tonya Meddings
196	x. Kim and Jon Smith	215	xxix. Tamara Chafin
197	xi. Bonnie and Will Compton	216	xxx. Vanessa Maynard
198	xii. Ashley and Lacy Edmiston	217	xxxi. Erica Farley
199	xiii. Krista Land	218	xxxii. Raven Browning
200	xiv. Brandon Hubert	219	xxxiii. Tiara Estepp
201	xv. Kelli Curry Hubert	220	xxxiv. Paula Blair
202	xvi. Sheena Diamond	221	xxxv. Michelle Hynd
203	xvii. Rebecca Dempsey	222	xxxvi. Andrea Baisden
204	xviii. Kristin Harvey	223	xxxvii. Kayla Stanley
205	xix. Zach Hubert	224	xxxviii. Lauren Copley
206	xx. Mary Wolford	225	xxxix. Ashley Edminston
207	xxi. Jamey Wolford	226	xl. Christy Belcher
208	xxii. Christa Evans	227	xli. Heather Little

228 *End Consent Agenda*

229 Mrs. Wireman had information to add/change on the agenda. From page two of the agenda a blank was
 230 filled in. Item 2. PROFESSIONAL EXTRACURRICULAR ASSIGNMENTS; v. Garrett Bevins Assistant Coach /
 231 Girls Basketball MCHS (effective December 20, 2023). On page 3 of the agenda, an item was corrected.
 232 3. SERVICE PERSONNEL a. New Employment into Existing Positions; item iv. Debra Blevins substitute
 233 ~~seek~~ **aide** MCS (pending completion of training and paperwork).

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 235 Mrs. Hannah made a motion to move into Executive Session. Mr. Slone seconded that motion. The
 236 motion carried with a vote of 5/0. The time was 6:29 p.m.

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 238 Mr. Slone made the motion to come out of Executive session. Mr. Baisden seconded that motion. The
 239 time was 7:00 p.m.

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 241 Mrs. Wireman filled in a blank from page 2 of the agenda under 1. PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL
 242 b. Employee Discipline, I. Gabriel Varney Suspend 1 day without pay (November 14, 2023)

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 244 Mr. Preece made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Mr. Slone seconded that motion. The
 245 motion carried with a vote of 4/1. Ms. McCormick voted no.

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 247 **VIII. Board Member Comment Period**

248 Each member had a comment. There was a moment of silence for Delbarton's town mayor who had
 249 recently passed.

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IX. Superintendent's Update

Dr. Branch's update included an upcoming mobile unit for Williamson Health and Wellness, a ten-thousand dollar grant received for Gilbert K-8 to build the Press Box for the football field, a donated Box Truck to be used for the many projects over seen by our Parent Involvement Coordinator, Christie Tilley; Kay Maynard and Tonya Hagy are overseeing the Game Changer Program, Live Streaming charge per basketball game, and a another moment of silence for the unexpected loss of one of our students.

X. Adjournment

Mr. Slone made the motion to Adjourn. Mr. Baisden seconded that motion. The time was 7:11 p.m.

Next Regular Meeting

January 16, 2023