

MINUTES

Board of Education for the County of Mingo

110 Cinderella Road, Williamson, WV 25661

Special Meeting

August 10, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

I. Call to order

President McCormick called the meeting to order. The time was 6:35 p.m.

Board Members 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: 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; Rodney McCoy, Professional Accountant; Virginia Taylor-Mounts, Technology Integration Facilitator; Janet Varney, Director of Special Education; Leah Wireman, Director of Human Resources

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Mrs. Hannah led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Informational and Discussion Items

a. Informational and discussion Items regarding the April 26, 2023, budget meeting and the 2020-2030 Comprehensive Educational Facilities Plan.

In April, the Budget Committee met to discuss the budget for the upcoming year FY24.

The Board wanted to know if revisions had been made to the Comprehensive Educational Facilities Plan.

There had not been.

b. Informational and discussion item regarding an announced development in the Sycamore area.

There was discussion regarding development in the Sycamore area. Any plans for the area was made several years ago. The outcome was, there were no plans to move the Central office.

c. Informational and discussion item regarding policy 8200 and the approval of contracts.

There was discussion about the financial thresholds for contract approval.

d. Informational and discussion item regarding Administrative Guideline 6550 Travel Payment and Reimbursement.

The recent INVEST conference was discussed regarding reimbursements and stipends.

e. Informational and discussion item regarding development of administrative guidelines on streaming of school events by outside agencies.

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Administrative guidelines were introduced for Broadcasting/Telecasting/internet Streaming of School Activities and Athletic Contests by Non-School-Managed Entities. It was suggested a fee of \$200 per event for Middle schools and \$250 per event for High Schools be paid to the schools in advance of the event.

f. Informational and discussion item regarding upcoming policy revisions made necessary due to recent legislation.

Neola would make official adjustments to our policies per the State Legislative revisions.

g. Informational and discussion item about applying, when available, for an electric-motor school bus.

One bus and fast charger would be near a million dollars. Most of our buses make two runs in the morning and evening. Electric buses are designed for one run and on mostly level terrain before re-charging. The Board would look closely as electric vehicles progress and grants become available.

IV. General Considerations

a. Discussion and possible action regarding setting bi-monthly meetings of the Mingo County Board of Education.

Mr. Preece made a motion to have bi-monthly meetings. There was discussion. Each member had comments. President McCormick called for a second to the motion. The motion died for lack of a second.

b. Discussion and possible action regarding modifying start and dismissal times for the county high schools.

Dr. Branch had a draft of start and dismissal times for the county high schools. Bus operators and principals had worked on the new schedule.

Mr. Slone made the motion to modify the start times at both high schools. Mr. Preece seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of 5/0.

c. Discussion and possible action regarding district grants to community or municipal athletic facilities.

The Board of Education helped all community activity centers with donations. Each area benefits from that donation. Dr. Branch suggested the communities would give a report of how the donations help them serve the students in their area.

Mr. Baisden made the motion to make the same donation to each community as last year. Mr. Slone seconded that motion. The motion carried with a vote of 5/0.

V. Consent Agenda

a. Personnel Actions

1. PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL

a. Transfer into Existing Position

- i. Sherry Copley Instructional Coach WK8 to Assistant Principal MCHS (effective August 7, 2023)

b. Resignation

- i. Brandon Wolford Teacher / Special Education LK8 (effective August 8, 2023)

2. PROFESSIONAL EXTRACURRICULAR ASSIGNMENTS

a. New Employment for School year 2023-2024

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- i. Benjamin Garrett Moore Coach / Girls Soccer MCHS (effective August 11, 2023)
- ii. Brad Rawls Coach / Boys Soccer MCHS (effective August 11, 2023)
- iii. Kiara Dempsey Assistant Coach / Volleyball MCHS (effective August 11, 2023)
- iv. Nannie Caroline Spence Coach / Cheer MK8 (effective August 11, 2023)
- v. Nathaniel Ellis Assistant Coach / Volleyball GK8 (effective August 11, 2023)

3. SERVICE PERSONNEL

a. Transfer into Existing Position

- i. Nathan Brewer substitute custodian MCS to custodian III MK8 (effective August 11, 2023)
- ii. Ryan Haugen substitute custodian MCS to custodian IV MCHS (effective August 11, 2023)

End Consent Agenda

Mr. Baisden pulled item one from the agenda.

Mr. Slone made the motion to go into Executive session. Mr. Preece seconded that motion. The motion carried with a vote of 5/0. The time was 8:25 p.m.

Mr. Baisden made the motion to return to regular session. Mr. Slone seconded that motion. Ms. McCormick announced that no decision had been made. The time was 9:01 p.m.

Mr. Preece recused himself from voting on the consent agenda. Due to technical difficulties, he was not able to see the agenda until he arrived for the meeting.

Mr. Slone made the motion to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Baisden seconded that motion. The motion carried with a vote of 4/0.

VI. Adjournment

Mrs. Hannah made the motion to adjourn. Mr. Slone seconded that motion. The time was 9:02 p.m.

Next Regular Meeting

August 15, 2023