

# MINUTES

## Board of Education for the County of Mingo

110 Cinderella Road, Williamson, WV 25661

Regular Meeting

November 15, 2022, at 5:00 p.m.

### I. Call to order

Vice President John Preece called the meeting to order. The time was 5:06 p.m.

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

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

**District Office staff in attendance:** Rocky Hall, Director of Attendance and Safe Schools; William Hensley, Director of Maintenance; Kay Maynard, Director Child Nutrition & Wellness; Rodney McCoy, Professional Accountant; Virginia Taylor-Mounts, Technology Integration Facilitator; Leah Wireman, Director of Human Resources; Jeremy Brumfield, Transportation/Head Mechanic; Caroline Spence, Transportation Secretary

### II. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ms. McCormick.

### III. Spotlight on Success

#### a. Kylo the Dog, Lenore PK8 Service Animal

Dr. Branch introduced the Black Lab and shared how she came to be in our county. Kylo, an emotional support dog was brought to Lenore Pre K-8 school, a Communities-In-School facility. She had been trained to detect emotion and has made a positive change of atmosphere at the school. Mr. Christopher Harris, principal and Mrs. Crystal Canterbury, School Secretary were present. Pictures were made.

### IV. Delegations

There were no delegations.

### V. Out-Of-State Field Trip(s)

#### a. Williamson Pre K-8 School – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade trip – Washington DC

Mrs. Fabin spoke regarding the trip. It would be a three-day trip and would cost \$730 per student. All questions were answered. She requested to begin fundraising for the trip.

Ms. McCormick made the motion to approve fundraising for the eighth-grade trip to Washington, DC. Mr. Slone seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 5/0 vote.

47 **b. Lenore Pre K-8 School –Grades 5&6 End of Year trip, Cincinnati Zoo, OH**

48 Lisa Estep shared information about the trip. It would cost \$30 per child. All students would be eligible  
49 to go if they wanted to attend.

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51 Ms. McCormick made the motion to approve fundraising for this trip. Mr. Slone seconded that motion.  
52 The motion carried with a vote of 5/0.

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54 **c. Lenore Pre K-8 School – Prayer Club Field Trip – Pigeon Forge, TN**

55 Lisa Estep also answered questions regarding this Dollywood trip. All students would be invited to  
56 attend.

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58 Ms. McCormick made the motion to approve fundraising for the Prayer Club to attend a Dollywood field  
59 trip. Mr. Slone seconded that motion. The motion carried with a vote of 5/0.

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61 **VI. General Considerations**

62 **a. Discussion and possible action on proclamation declaring a Statement of Support for the National**  
63 **Guard and Reserve – Dr. Branch**

64 Dr. Branch read the proclamation from the National Guard and Reserve. He made comments about  
65 their partnership with our schools.

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67 Mr. Preece made the motion to authorize of the signing of the proclamation declaring the Statement of  
68 Support for the National Guard and Reserve. Ms. McCormick seconded that motion. The motion passed  
69 with a vote of 5/0.

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71 **b. Informational item regarding updating the following policies with current Compliance Officers**  
72 **Leah Wireman and Rocky Hall: P1422; P1623; P1662; P2260: P2260L01; P2266; P3122: P3123;**  
73 **P3362; P4122; P4123; P4362: P5517.**

74 Mrs. Wireman explained that the update was to bring the compliance officer names to current status.

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76 **c. Discussion and possible action regarding assigning a new policy number, 6110.01, to the current**  
77 **Policy 6111 “Grant Award” and assigning 6111 to a new policy, “Internal Controls”, and placement**  
78 **on public comment. – Rodney McCoy**

79 Mr. McCoy explained Policy 6111 “Grant Award” was getting a new number. That number would be  
80 6110.01. The title would be “Internal Controls” and having the policy in place would back up the  
81 procedures we already follow when handling federal awards.

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83 Ms. McCormick made the motion to put the policy out on public comment. Mr. Slone made the second.  
84 The motion was approved with a vote of 5/0.

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86 **d. Discussion and possible action regarding the review of preliminary bus route options for a**  
87 **proposed 2023-2024 realignment to facilitate more uniform school start time and scheduling,**  
88 **and preparation for student, employee, and family input.**

89 Dr. Branch, Jeremy Brumfield, and Caroline Spence addressed the Board. There was interest county  
90 wide in changing school start times. The plan was to make each school have its own buses. The current  
91 bus runs were looked at. Bus Operators would be involved in making the changes. Two drivers from  
92 each Pre K-8 area would start preliminary discussions and suggest the new route designs. There was  
93 discussion regarding new buses and gathering input from parents and students.

95 Mr. Preece made the motion to approve the preliminary bus route options for proposed 2023-2024  
96 realignment to facilitate more uniform school start times, and prepare for input from families. Ms.  
97 McCormick seconded that motion. The motion carried with a vote of 5/0.

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99 **VII. Departmental Updates**

100 **a. Maintenance Report - William Hensley**

101 Mr. Hensley gave an update. The work on the restrooms were still underway. Gym floors were  
102 currently being recoated. (Several had been completed.) Lots of work orders had been done. There was  
103 discussion about other projects. (Dr. Branch re-dialed at 1:14:13 Ms. Hannah; her connection was lost.)  
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105 **b. Treasurer's Report - Beth Daniels**

106 Mr. McCoy addressed the Board with the financial update. A little positive news. Income was 2% higher  
107 than this time last month. Lenore roof is out for bid now and the bid opening is December 14, 2022.  
108 There were questions and answers / discussion.  
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110 **c. Student Services/ Attendance, October Attendance data; Dropout data- Rocky Hall**

111 Mr. Hall reported on attendance. The county was down 200 students compared to last year. He  
112 reported graduation rates had trended down over the last couple of years. There was discussion.  
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114 **d. Curriculum/Special Education**

115 **i. Budget for State grant to Lenore PK8 to improve achievement among subgroups. Lenore is**  
116 **designated an Additional Targeted Support School**

117 (Mr. Baisden was not connected. He would contact Dr. Branch to re-connect shortly; images of  
118 handouts had been sent to both members attending by phone.)

119 Dr. Branch gave the report. A Targeted Support School is one that has not done well in the last two-  
120 three years. We received support to help move the subgroup (special education) forward to use for  
121 three years to get off that list. Specific training and was shared. Regular meetings would be held in  
122 order to support school and staff.  
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124 **ii. District Balanced Scorecard- Math Achievement, Attendance, On track for graduation**

125 Dr. Branch shared information regarding the Balanced Scorecard. Statewide there were 53 counties on  
126 watch for something. We were on watch for three things. Math achievement, attendance, and on track  
127 to graduation. He explained ways we were working to get cleared from the Balanced Scorecard.  
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129 **VIII. Consent Agenda**

130 **a. Approval of Minutes**

131 **1. Minutes of October 10**

132 **2. Minutes of October 18**  
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143 **b. Bills, Transfers, Supplements**

144 **1. Payment of Bills**

145 Bills presented for approval through November 7, 2022. The invoice list is available for  
146 review during public hours two business days prior to the meeting.

Fund	Amount
Fund 11	\$457,158.82
Fund 41	\$47,561.09
Fund 51	\$10,391.10
Fund 61	\$261,739.47
Fund 71	\$66,204.66

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149 **2. Budget Transfers**

150 Budget Transfers presented for approval

Budget Transfers	
1	\$16,283.00
2	\$11,000.00
3	\$30,660.00
4	\$2,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$59,943.00</b>

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153 **3. Budget Supplements**

154 Budget Supplements presented for approval

Budget Supplements	
1	\$33,466.00
2	\$55,509.00
3	\$68,500.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$157,475.00</b>

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157 **c. Personnel Actions**

158 **1. PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL**

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

- 160 i. Dona King teacher / grade K WK8 (effective November 16, 2022)
- 161 ii. James Michael Blackburn substitute teacher MCS (effective November 16, 2022)
- 162 iii. Tameria Cline substitute teacher MCS (effective November 16, 2022)
- 163 iv. Katherine Paige Runyon Canterbury substitute teacher MCS (effective November 16, 2022)
- 164 v. Stacey Floyd teacher / math BK8 (effective November 16, 2022)
- 165 vi. Patrick James Billips teacher / special education BK8 (effective November 16, 2022)
- 166 vii. Whittani Kirk teacher / special education GK8 (effective November 16, 2022)
- 167 viii. Andrea Sloan Beckensale teacher / art GK8 (effective November 16, 2022)
- 168 ix. Elizabeth Evans Long Term Substitute Teacher K KK8 (effective October 20, 2022)
- 169 x. Jada Howell Long Term Substitute Teacher /Vision Impaired (effective November 16, 2022)
- 170 xi. Mary Hale Long Term Substitute Teacher/ Choir MCHS (effective Aug. 30, 2022 until the position  
171 is filled by a certified teacher or the end of the 2023 school year)
- 172 xii. Tony Clusky Long Term Substitute Teacher / Drivers Ed MCHS (effective August 29, 2022 until  
173 the position is filled by a certified teacher or the end of the 2023 school year)

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- 175 **b. Transfer into Existing Position**
- 176 i. Rachel Hunt teacher / grade K BK8 to teacher / PK KK8 (effective July 1, 2023)
- 177 ii. Billie Nicole Daniels long term sub GK8 to Communities in Schools Liaison / Coordinator WK8
- 178 and GK8 (effective November 16, 2022)
- 179 iii. Morgan Casey virtual teacher MCS to Communities in Schools Liaison / Coordinator BK8 and
- 180 MK8 (effective November 16, 2022)
- 181 iv. Michelle Ford teacher / alternative education to Communities in Schools Liaison / Coordinator
- 182 MCHS and KK8 (effective November 16, 2022)
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- 184 **c. Resignation**
- 185 i. Debra Ferrell substitute teacher MCS (effective November 4, 2022)
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- 187 **d. Suspensions**
- 188 i. Craig Hart teacher at Tug Valley High School (October 13,14,17, 2022)
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- 190 **2. PROFESSIONAL EXTRACURRICULAR ASSIGNMENTS**
- 191 **a. New Employment for School year 2022-2023**
- 192 i. Timothy Craig Parker assistant coach (p) girls basketball MK8 (effective November 16, 2022)
- 193 ii. Elizabeth Evans assistant coach (zero comp) girls basketball LK8 (effective November 15,
- 194 2022)
- 195 iii. Angela Varney after schoolteacher / tutor special education MCHS
- 196 iv. Johnathan Duke Jewell assistant coach (p) boys basketball WK8 (effective November
- 197 16, 2022) (pending certification)
- 198 v. Renee Baisden assistant coach (zero comp) / boys basketball WK8
- 199 (effective November 16, 2022) (pending certification)
- 200 vi. Dian Corn assistant coach (zero comp) / girls basketball LK8 (effective November 16,
- 201 2022) (pending certification)
- 202 vii. Lisa Vance Computer Systems Operator DES
- 203 viii. Lisa Vance Academic Sponsor DES
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- 205 **b. Resignations**
- 206 i. Dian Corn Assistant Coach / Girls Basketball BK8 (effective November 4, 2022)
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- 208 **3. SERVICE PERSONNEL**
- 209 **a. New Employment into Existing Position**
- 210 i. Lillie Rollyson substitute cook MCS (effective November 16, 2022) (pending completion of
- 211 paperwork)
- 212 ii. Makenna Hurley substitute cook MCS (effective November 16, 2022) (pending completion of
- 213 paperwork)
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- 215 **b. Transfer into Existing Position**
- 216 i. Melissa Turner substitute custodian MCS to custodian III GK8 (effective November 16, 2022)
- 217 ii. Ashley Maynard custodian WK8 to cook III GK8 (effective November 16, 2022)
- 218 iii. Vivian Smith Carter substitute secretary MCS to secretary II GK8 (effective November 16, 2022)
- 219 iv. ~~Annabelle Hawkins~~ **Susan Jude** bus operator MK8 area to bus operator GK8 (effective November
- 220 16, 2022)

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- 222 **c. Resignation**
- 223 i. Crystal Browning substitute aide MCS (effective October 19, 2022)
- 224 ii. Jessica Harris Secretary II GK8 (effective October 17, 2022)
- 225 **d. Request for Leave of Absence**
- 226 i. Joyce Burton aide / autism mentor itinerant (currently at MCHS) (effective Oct. 17, 2022 through
- 227 April 17, 2023)
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- 229 **e. Suspensions**
- 230 i. Aide / Autism Mentor Jessica Ford from Williamson Pre K-8 ( October 17, 18, 19, 2022)
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- 232 **4. Mingo County Schools Volunteers**
- 233 i. Deborah Baker
- 234 ii. Leanna Baisden
- 235 iii. Stacie Beckett
- 236 iv. Christy Belcher
- 237 v. Michaela Blankenship
- 238 vi. Victoria Blevins
- 239 vii. Fatoshia Browning
- 240 viii. Tammy Browning
- 241 ix. Sandra Chapman
- 242 x. Whitney Cline
- 243 xi. Heather Cline
- 244 xii. Candie Cline
- 245 xiii. Scotty Cline
- 246 xiv. Patty Curry
- 247 xv. Carolyn Dillard
- 248 xvi. Leigha Dotson
- 249 xvii. Breanna Fields
- 250 xviii. Stacey Kohari
- 251 xix. Alisha Lackey
- 252 xx. Rozanna Lane
- 253 xxi. Necole Lester
- 254 xxii. Stacey Marcum
- 255 xxiii. Jessica Marcum
- 256 xxiv. Amber McCloud
- 257 xxv. Christy Messer
- 258 xxvi. Shelby Moore
- 259 xxvii. Ashley Mullins
- 260 xxviii. Bridgette Newsome
- 261 xxix. Charlie Newsome
- 262 xxx. Lisa Newsome
- 263 xxxi. Jessica Ooten
- 264 xxxii. Jackson Prince
- 265 xxxiii. Rhonda Prince
- 266 xxxiv. Deborah Ramey

- 267 xxxv. Joyce Rollyson  
268 xxxvi. Deven Runyon  
269 xxxvii. Maranda Sammons  
270 xxxviii. Patricia Setser  
271 xxxix. Tina Spence  
272 xl. Nichole Starr  
273 xli. Launa Swain  
274 xlii. Belva Tomblin  
275 xlili. Sadie Vance  
276 xliv. Donna Vance  
277 xlv. Pamela Wallace  
278 xlvi. Kelly Warren  
279 xlvii. Sienna White  
280 *End Consent Agenda*  
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282 Mrs. Wireman filled in two blanks. **c. Personnel Actions 2. PROFESSIONAL EXTRACURRICULAR**  
283 **ASSIGNMENTS, a. New Employment for School year 2022-2023, v. Renee Baisden** assistant coach  
284 (zero comp) / boys' basketball WK8 (effective November 16, 2022) (pending certification), and vi. **Dian**  
285 **Corn** assistant coach (zero comp) / girls' basketball LK8 (effective November 16, 2022) (pending  
286 certification). There was one change: **SERVICE PERSONNEL, Transfer into Existing Position, iv.**  
287 ~~Annabelle Hawkins~~ **Susan Jude** bus operator MK8 area to bus operator GK8 (effective November 16,  
288 2022) (Dr. Branch called both Ms. Hannah and Mr. Baisden.)  
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290 Mr. Slone pulled the suspension items. **c. Personnel Actions 3. SERVICE PERSONNEL, e. Suspensions, i.**  
291 **Aide / Autism Mentor Jessica Ford from Williamson Pre K-8 School** (October 17, 18, 19, 2022) and from  
292 page 3, **1. PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL, d. Suspensions i. Craig Hart teacher Tug Valley High School**  
293 (October 13,14,17, 2022).  
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295 Ms. McCormick pulled item **c. Personnel Actions, 1. PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL, iv.** Katherine Paige  
296 Runyon Canterbury substitute teacher MCS (effective November 16, 2022).  
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298 Ms. McCormick made a motion to approve the consent agenda with the exception of the three items  
299 that were pulled. Mr. Slone seconded that motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 5/0.  
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301 Mr. Preece made a motion to go into Executive session. Ms. McCormick made the second. The motion  
302 carried with a vote of 5/0. The time was 7:04 p.m.  
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304 Ms. McCormick made the motion to return from Executive session. Mr. Slone seconded that motion. No  
305 decisions had been made during executive session. The time was 7:18 p.m.  
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307 Ms. McCormick recused herself for the next vote (her niece). She left the room at 7:19 p.m.  
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309 Mr. Slone made the motion to approve the hiring of Katherine Paige Canterbury. Mr. Preece seconded  
310 that motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 4/0.  
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312 Ms. McCormick re-entered the meeting at 7:20 p.m.  
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314 Two suspension items, Professional personnel, **Craig Hart** from **Tug Valley High School**, was suspended  
315 for three days (October 13, 14, and 17, 2022). **Jessica Ford** from **Williamson Pre K-8** was suspended for  
316 three days (October 17, 18, 19, 2022).

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318 Ms. McCormick made the motion to approve the suspensions at the Superintendent's recommendation.  
319 Mr. Slone seconded that motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 5/0.

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321 **IX. Board Member Comment Period**

322 There was a comment from Mr. Preece. Dr. Branch responded and Leslie Tyree made recommendations  
323 to all Board members.

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325 **X. Superintendent's Update**

326 **a. District Accreditation information**

327 Each Superintendent received an email with the information that was presented at the last meeting at  
328 the State Board of Education. Items scored are Career and Technical Education, Child Nutrition,  
329 Facilities, ESEA Federal Programs, Finance, Personnel, Special Education, State Required Data Collection,  
330 Transportation, Universal Pre-K School Readiness, County Board of Education member effectiveness.

331 We met requirements on every indicator except ESEA Programs – our Strategic Plan was not submitted  
332 by the June 30 Deadline.

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334 **b. Update on Board Goal regarding monthly facilities check, and Superintendent's Goal of**  
335 **quarterly inspections**

336 A report from each school was received regarding the monthly facilities check. Dr. Branch read from the  
337 items they were looking for. A quarterly inspection of one school had been done.

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339 **XI. Adjournment**

340 Ms. McCormick made the motion to adjourn. Mr. Slone seconded that motion.

341 The time was 8:03 p.m.

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344 **Next Regular Meeting**

345 December 20, 2022