

MINUTES
Board of Education for the County of Mingo
110 Cinderella Road, Williamson, WV 25661

Regular Meeting
August 16, 2022, at 5:00 p.m.

I. Call to order

President Machel McCormick called the meeting to order. The time was 5:00 p.m.

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

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

District Office staff in attendance: Beth Daniels, CSBO / Treasurer; (Chief School Business Officer); Patrick Billips, Director of Technology; William Hensley, Director of Maintenance; Kay Maynard, Director Child Nutrition & Wellness; Rodney McCoy, Professional Accountant; Dr. Sabrina Runyon, Director of Early Learning Programs; Lesia Sammons, Coordinator of Guidance and Testing; Virginia Taylor-Mounts, Technology Integration Facilitator; Janet Varney, Director of Special Education; Tonya Hagy, RN, BSN, Lead School Nurse; Leah Wireman, Director of Human Resources

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Slone led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Delegations

There were no delegations.

IV. Spotlight on Success: Mingo County mechanics James Hundley and Nick Branham for achievement at the state level Tech/Inspect competition

Dr. Branch introduced two of our Mechanics who competed in the state competition for bus inspections. Mr. James Hundley and Mr. Nick Branham placed in the competition at the state level and had received trophies. The competition was a written and hands on contest for a bus inspection. The object was to find the most defects. It was a great experience for them and a plus for our county. Dr. Branch presented them with a plaque from the county. Pictures were made with Board Members.

V. General Considerations

a. Informational item: Presentation by Unicare Hygiene Closet – Annetta Tiller

Ms. Tiller hoped to have a grand opening for our K-8 schools in September 2023. The total to be awarded would be \$10,000. Half was received in August, and the other half would be awarded in January 2023. The grant would provide basic hygiene items for our students. Unicare is one of the Medicaid and Chips Health Insurance plans for WV recipients. Each of our high schools had received \$3,000 to start a hygiene closet.

b. Discussion and possible action regarding the declaration of September as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month- Tonya Hagy

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Ms. Hagy provided information about Childhood Cancer. It was requested we designate September 13, 2022 as Childhood Cancer Awareness day in our county schools. School nurses would help facilitate health promoting activities with students that would include healthy eating instruction, exercise, no smoking or vaping, etc. Our student body would be encouraged to conduct fundraisers for Childhood Cancer Awareness and donate those funds to the American Cancer Society. Schools raising the most funds would be rewarded. She had several ideas.

Mr. Preece made the motion to designate the month of September as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. Mr. Baisden seconded that motion. The motion carried with a vote of 5/0.

c. Informational item: Student presentation of research on school start times- Brayden Goff, TVHS student

Dr. Branch introduced Brayden Goff of Tug Valley High School. Mr. Goff had conducted research into school start times and shared his findings. His research was conclusive that later start times for high schools resulted in benefits in the health and academic performance of students.

d. Discussion and possible action on placing facility naming policy out for public comment.

Mr. McCoy presented this segment of the meeting. There had been changes made to the policy. There was discussion, questions and answers.

Mr. Preece made the motion to put this policy out for public comment. Mr. Baisden seconded that motion. The motion carried with a vote of 5/0.

e. Informational item: Progress report on Board Goals- Dr. Branch

1) The Mingo County Board of Education will support the establishment and improvement of Career and Technical Education programs. Mrs. Sammons explained we now provide CTE for students in our middle schools. Major Clarity is an online program that teachers can use to expose middle school students (grade 6-8) to the sixteen-year cluster. It has been shown that the earlier students are exposed to more opportunities in high school the more likely they are to stay through graduation. There was discussion about teachers having control over curriculum in CTE. Rod McCoy had an update on the CTE building project at Tug Valley High School. Goal 4. The Mingo County Board of Education supports the improvement and maintenance of the athletic facilities at all district schools. B. Improve access to adequate and appropriate practice facilities. The Board has accomplished that by funding community practice facilities that our students use for practice. An updated agreement with the town of Matewan would need to be reached. 5) The needs assessment for safe school entrances and for implementation. Mr. Hensley reported there are five schools in our district that does not have a secondary entrance (holding area for folks entering our schools). Quotes had been requested.

f. Discussion and possible action regarding approval of the Pre-K Calendar for the 2022-2023 school year. - Dr. Sabrina Runyon

Dr. Runyon presented the Pre-K calendar for the 2022-2023 school year. An error was detected and would be corrected.

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

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VI. Departmental Updates

a. Technology Update- Patrick Billips

All networks in the county are being updated. The new network would be 10 gigabytes. The wireless speed increased from a 300 megabit capacity to 4.8 gigabit. The network speed increased from one gig to 10 gig. The upgrade should last 10-12 years. All electronic purchases would need to be approved by Mr. Billips. Grades 4-6 Chromebook replacements were ready to deliver to schools for students and teachers. New Intercom systems would be installed in every school.

b. School nurse update regarding current guidance for COVID-19 and other illness mitigation- Tonya Hagy

COVID is still a problem, but the transmission is not as high as it once was. CDC had put out updated guidance and Mrs. Hagy explained those. Highlights – If you were exposed, wear a mask and test. Those who test positive are instructed to isolate (home for 5 days). If symptoms are improved on day 6, return and wear a mask through day 10. For periods of high transmission, universal masking is recommended.

c. Testing Coordinator Report on WVGSA and SAT School Day data- Lesia Sammons

Last year (2021-2022) students participated in the WV General Summit of Assessment and WV Alternate General Assessment in Grades 3-8. SAT School Day in grade 11. Students were assessed in Reading Language Arts, Math and Science in grades 5-8-and 11. These assessments allow parents to know how well students are progressing toward mastering the WV content standards. Mrs. Sammons presented the data results. Compared to WV standards, we had 24% in grades 3-8 and 11 who met or exceeded the state standards. For math, we had 24% who were proficient; the state average was 33%. In Reading, 37% of our students met or exceeded the standards. The state average was 42%. In Science, we had 23% of our students who met or exceeded the standards; the state average was 28%. Comparing the 2020-2021 school year with the 2021-2022 school year, our trend is on an upswing. In Math for the 2020-2021 school year there were 21% proficient, and the 2021-2022 school year shows 24%. Reading Language Arts shows 37% both years. In Science the increase was from 19% to 23%.

d. Maintenance Report - William Hensley

Mr. Hensley gave the updates. His report included the roof at Lenore; HVAC Mini-splits at Dingess, Kermit, Gilbert; restrooms at Burch, Tug Valley, and Gilbert; bleachers at Gilbert; There was a lot of work to be done at Dingess - roof, gutters, clean up, carpet, etc. in order to be ready for school to start.

e. Treasurer's Report - Beth Daniels

The Treasure's Report will be available when everything is reconciled and completed for June. Mrs. Daniels had a fund report. There would be a Clerk-of-the-Works for the SBA projects and other projects as they occur. The playground for Dingess had been delayed again.

VII. Consent Agenda

a. Approval of Minutes

1. Minutes of July 5, 2022
2. Minutes of July 19, 2022

b. Bills, Transfers, Supplements

1. Payment of Bills

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Bills presented for approval through 8-10-22. The invoice list is available for review during public hours two business days prior to the meeting.

Fund	Amount
Fund 11	\$329,925.98
Fund 41	\$13,515.44
Fund 51	\$37,652.72
Fund 61	\$206,187.11
Fund 71	\$104,757.24

2. Budget Supplements

Budget Supplements presented for approval

c. Personnel Actions

1. PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL

a. New Employment into Existing Position

- i. Bonnie Baisden substitute teacher MCS (effective August 23, 2022)
- ii. Elizabeth Evans substitute teacher MCS (effective August 23, 2022)
- iii. Stacy Floyd long-term substitute teacher / math BK8 (effective August 23, 2022 until position is posted and filled by a certified teacher or the end of the 2023 school year)
- iv. Misty Brown long-term substitute teacher / special education BK8 (effective August 23, 2022 until position is posted and filled by a certified teacher or the end of the 2023 school year)
- v. Teresa Steenbergen Teeters long-term substitute teacher / special education BK8 (effective August 23, 2022 until position is posted and filled by a certified teacher or the end of the 2023 school year)
- vi. Lena Fletcher long-term substitute teacher / English WK8 (effective August 23, 2022)
- vii. Brandon Jace Hall teacher / Social Studies GK8 (effective August 23, 2022) (pending certification)
- ~~viii. Matthew Henson Professional Accountant (.5) (ELC (50%)) (pending certification)~~
- ix. Diana Kitchen long-term substitute teacher / social studies LK8 (effective August 23, 2022, until position is posted and filled by a certified teacher or the end of the 2023 school year)
- x. Issac Williamson long-term substitute teacher / social studies LK8 (effective August 23, 2022, until position is posted and filled by a certified teacher or the end of the 2023 school year)
- xi. Kayla Lucas long-term substitute teacher / grade 3 LK8 (effective August 23, 2022 until position is posted and filled by a certified teacher or the end of the 2023 school year)
- xii. Whitney Sturgell long-term substitute teacher / art KK8 (effective August 23, 2022 until position is posted and filled by a certified teacher or the end of the 2023 school year) (pending certification)

b. Transfer into Existing Position

- i. Tara Smith teacher / grade 3 LK8 to teacher / virtual MCELC (effective August 23, 2022)
- ii. Morgan Casey teacher / grade 6 WK8 to teacher / virtual MCELC (effective August 23, 2022)
- iii. Amanda Lovern teacher / Health & PE WK8 to teacher / special education (effective August 23, 2022) (pending certification)

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- iv. Cynthia Glasscock teacher / special education GK8 to teacher / special education GK8 (effective August 23, 2022)
- v. Jennifer Brumfield teacher / PK KK8 to teacher / grade 1 KK8 (effective August 17, 2022)

c. Resignation

- i. Elizabeth Evans teacher / grade 6 LK8 (effective August 8, 2022)

d. Retirement

- i. Melissa G. Hackney teacher / Title 1 MK8 (effective August 3, 2022)
- ii. Tamera S. Cline teacher / grade 5 GK8 (effective August 5, 2022)

2. PROFESSIONAL EXTRACURRICULAR ASSIGNMENTS

a. New Employment for School year 2022-2023

- i. Bo Copley coach/boys basketball BK8 (effective August 17, 2022)
- ii. Randy Lackey assistant coach, girls basketball LK8 (effective August 17, 2022) (pending certification)

3. SERVICE PERSONNEL

a. Transfer into Existing Position

- i. Dreama Pruitt custodian III WK8 to custodian III BK8 (effective August 17, 2022)
- ii. Ricky Joe Goodman custodian III GK8 to custodian III MK8 (effective August 17, 2022)
- iii. Crystal Moore secretary GK8 to secretary BK8 (effective August 17, 2022)
- iv. Timothy Dempsey substitute custodian MCS to custodian GK8 (effective August 17, 2022)
- v. Jessica Harris substitute secretary MCS to secretary GK8 (effective August 17, 2022)

b. Resignation

- i. Tammy Murphy Substitute Secretary MCS (effective August 10, 2022)

c. Request for Leave of Absence

- i. Jamie Lewis aide / autism mentor itinerant MK8 (effective August 10, 2022 through November 30, 2022)
- ii. Freda Church custodian / MK8 (effective August 4, 2022-January 1, 2023)

d. Abolish Existing Position

- i. Executive Secretary MCS (effective August 16, 2022) (District Office)

End Consent Agenda

Mrs. Wireman had one item to strike. **c. Personnel Actions, 1. PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL a. New Employment into Existing Position**, viii. Matthew Henson Professional Accountant (.5) (ELC (50%) (pending certification) was struck from the agenda.

Ms. McCormick pulled item **c. Personnel Actions, 1. PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL, a. New Employment into Existing Position**, i. Bonnie Baisden substitute teacher MCS (effective August 23, 2022).

Mr. Slone made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented with the exception of the item pulled. Mrs. Hannah made the second. The motion passed with a vote of 5/0.

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229 Mr. Baisden left the room at 7:41. Mrs. Hannah made the motion to approve **c. Personnel Actions, 1.**
230 **PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL, a. New Employment into Existing Position, i.** Bonnie Baisden substitute
231 teacher MCS (effective August 23, 2022). Mr. Slone seconded that motion. The motion carried with a
232 vote of 4/0.
233 Mr. Baisden re-entered the room at 7:42.
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235 **VIII. Board Member Discussion and Comment Period**
236 Several members made comments.
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238 **IX. Superintendent's Update**
239 Dr. Branch spoke regarding the Principal's Leadership Summit. He expressed many thanks to many
240 people. The Special Board meeting of September 12, 2022 will take place at Dingess. (Superintendent
241 Goals, Personnel, Building inspection, etc.)
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243 **X. Adjournment**
244 Mr. Slone made the motion to adjourn. Mrs. Hannah seconded that motion.
245 The time was 7:46 p.m.
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247 **Next Regular Meeting**
248 September 20, 2022

Superintendent	Date
Minutes Approved 9-26-20	

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