

MINUTES

Board of Education for the County of Mingo

110 Cinderella Road, Williamson, WV 25661

Regular Meeting

July 19, 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.

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

Members of the Press in attendance: Bruce Justice of the Mingo Messenger; Nancy Payton of the Williamson Daily News

District Office staff in attendance: Beth Daniels, CSBO / Treasurer; (Chief School Business Officer); Kay Maynard, Director Child Nutrition & Wellness; Rodney McCoy, Professional Accountant; Leah Wireman, Director of Human Services

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Baisden led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Spotlight on Success

a. Special appreciation of Mr. Brandon Sammons

Mr. Sammons was unable to attend.

IV. Delegations

There were no delegations.

V. General Considerations

a. Discussion and possible action regarding board member representative(s) to district crisis planning and response committee

Dr. Branch spoke regarding the nature of the business of the committee. Ms. McCormick suggested Mr. Baisden and he suggested Mrs. Hannah to be appointed to committee. They both agreed to serve.

Mr. Slone made the motion to put Mr. Baisden and Mrs. Hannah on the crisis planning committee. Mr. Preece seconded that motion. The motion carried with a vote of 5/0.

b. Informational Item regarding Board of Education Legal Presentation date- President McCormick

Dr. Branch spoke regarding this item. Bowles Rice will be here for a presentation at 12:30 on August 18, 2022. There will also be meeting via Zoom/Teams on July 26, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

45 **c. Discussion and possible action on purchasing four buses**

46 Mrs. Daniels addressed the Board. There was a recommendation (Jeremy Brumfield) to purchase four
47 buses from Worldwide Equipment. The business/vendor is on the state approved list. The buses are
48 \$114,917.00 each.

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50 Mr. Baisden made the motion to purchase four buses from Worldwide Equipment. Mr. Preece
51 seconded that motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5/0.

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53 **d. Discussion and possible action on approving service orders from Williamson Shriver Architects.**

54 Mr. McCoy had a handout. The project was the Lenore Pre K-8 roof. There was discussion.

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56 Mr. Preece made the motion to approve Service order Number four from Williamson Shriver Architects.
57 Mr. Baisden seconded that motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5/0.

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59 **e. Discussion and possible action regarding the following:**

60 **"The Board of Education for the County of Mingo, being of the opinion that the levies for the**
61 **current expense authorized by Article 8, Chapter 11 of the Code of West Virginia, as amended, will**
62 **not provide sufficient funds for the payment of current expenses of the Board of Education**
63 **including expenditures for the purposes herein set forth, and that an election should be held, as**
64 **provided for under the provisions of Section 16, Article 8, Chapter 11 of the Code, as amended, to**
65 **approve the continuation of the current additional levies for the fiscal years beginning July 1,**
66 **2024, July 1, 2025, July 1, 2026, July 1, 2027, July 1, 2028 and hereby orders the approval of the**
67 **Levy Order and Ballot and calls for a special election on Tuesday November 8th, 2022"**

68 Mrs. Daniels spoke regarding the Levy. There was a handout of a draft levy. There had been a couple of
69 meetings with the Levy Committee who did re-write the levy call. Our current levy expires June 11,
70 2024, and House Bill 4353 states there cannot be a special election for an excess Levy. The levy would
71 need to be included in the November 8, 2022, election. The committee had to reduce the Levy call by
72 approximately \$750,000.00. The committee worked to make sure the needs of the students and staff
73 would be met.

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75 Mr. Baisden made a motion to approve the continuation of the current additional levies as stated above.
76 Mr. Slone seconded that motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5/0.

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78 **f. Discussion and possible action on approving the SBA project for full replacement of Roof at**
79 **Lenore Pre K-8 School – Beth Daniels**

80 Mrs. Daniels spoke with the Board. Application for SBA assistance had been approved and about a
81 month ago we had received funding. The SBA's portion of that project would be \$875,726.00. The
82 county portion of that project would be \$500,000.00.

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84 Mr. Preece made the motion to proceed with the SBA project for full replacement of the roof at Lenore
85 Pre K-8 school. Mr. Baisden seconded that motion. The motion carried with a vote of 5/0.

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87 **g. Discussion and possible action regarding Gilbert PK8 football seating**

88 Dr. Branch and Mr. McCoy addressed the Board. There was a handout that contained the cost to repair
89 the bleachers and a cost to replace. Explanation and costs for each was given.

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91 Mr. Preece made the motion to table the item. Mr. Baisden seconded that motion. The motion carried
92 with a vote of 5/0. There was more discussion. Mr. Baisden rescinded tabling the motion. Mrs.

Hannah seconded that motion. The motion carried with a vote of 5/0. Mr. Slone made a motion to proceed with demolition of the old bleachers and move ahead with plans to replace them with comparable middle school bleachers. Mr. Baisden seconded that motion. The motion carried with a vote of 5/0.

h. Discussion and possible action regarding support for community facilities.

Dr. Branch had a handout. The committee had been able to speak with a spokesperson at each of the facilities. Dr. Branch read over the proposed support plan for each of the community facilities. There was discussion and questions were answered.

Mr. Baisden made the motion to accept Community Facilities Partnership Plan. Mr. Slone seconded that motion. The motion carried with a vote of 5/0.

VI. Departmental Updates

a. Maintenance Report - William Hensley- Attachment U1

Dr. Branch addressed the Board and announced that the Principal's Academy would be held August 8-11, 2022, Monday – Thursday at SWVC&TC. Lunch would be sponsored each day. On August 8, 2022, at 8:30 a.m. there would be a Safety Summit training. There would be visits from the state police, the sheriff, and the emergency management staff. They would hear from the principals and would try to prioritize when to get drills done, other safety issues that need attention.

Mr. McCoy addressed the Board. Mr. Hensley was training in the northern part of the state. A lap top had been provided to 911 for the purpose to get into our school cameras if needed. Mr. Goolsby was preparing a class for next summer through LSU. It is an active integrated response force with multiple agencies in our county inside the school setting and different response systems. Right now, the county is ensuring that every classroom door in our schools will lock.

b. Treasurer's Report - Beth Daniels - Attachment U2

Mrs. Daniels gave the Treasurer's Report. The finance department had been closing out the fiscal year 2022 and setting up fiscal year 2023.

VII. Consent Agenda

a. Approval of Minutes

1. Minutes of June 27, 2022 - Attachment M6-27

b. Bills, Transfers, Supplements

1. Payment of Bills - Attachment F1

Bills presented for approval through July 8, 2022. The invoice list is available for review during public hours two business days prior to the meeting.

Fund	Amount
Fund 11	\$ 445,386.28
Fund 41	\$ 43,645.87
Fund 51	\$ 4,025.00
Fund 61	\$ 467,830.28
Fund 71	\$ 46,995.15

2. Budget Transfers - Attachment F2

Budget Transfers presented for approval

Budget Transfers June				
1	\$755,366.70		17	\$37,570.28
2	\$1,237,744.55		18	\$33,175.49
3	\$11,029.26		19	\$402,680.01
4	\$32,339.80		20	\$27,387.69
5	\$231,913.97		21	\$230,461.48
6	\$261,127.58		22	\$10,969.01
7	\$132,168.99		23	\$6,739.07
8	\$387,202.80		24	\$61,977.00
9	\$4,350.00		25	\$3,047.90
10	\$61,878.24		26	\$2,239.98
11	\$19,838.87		27	\$12,193.60
12	\$16,098.46		28	\$354,026.33
13	\$8,393.53		29	\$1,856.53
14	\$1,454.21		30	\$232,176.24
15	\$33,169.52		31	\$164,832.27
16	\$9,604.99		32	\$130,954.00
Total				\$4,915,968.35

3. Budget Supplements - Attachment F3

Budget Supplements presented for approval

Budget Supplements June	
1	\$3,017.65
2	\$46,987.66
3	\$11,184.00
5	\$24,374.00
6	\$74,751.76
7	\$116,662.40
Total	\$276,977.47

c. Personnel Actions

1. PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL

a. New Employment into Existing Position

- i. Barry Scott Grimmett Teacher / special education TVHS (effective July 20, 2022)
- ii. ~~professional coordinator assigned to human resources (effective July 20, 2022)~~
- iii. Vanessa Dotson teacher / K-6 Itinerant Virtual MELC (effective July 20, 2022)
- iv. Christy McCoy teacher / K-6 Itinerant Virtual (3) MELC (effective July 20, 2022)
- v. Curtis Collins Jr. Substitute teacher MCS (effective July 20, 2022) (pending certification)
- vi. Garrett T. Bevins teacher / English MCHS (effective July 20, 2022) (pending certification)

vii. Karen Cook substitute teacher MCS (effective July 20, 2022)

b. Transfer into Existing Position

- i. Kendra Salmons teacher / kindergarten KK8 to teacher / grade 1 KK8 (effective July 20, 2022)
- ii. Whitney L. Dempsey teacher / grade 1 MK8 to teacher / k-6 Itinerant Virtual MCS (2)
- iii. Kyrsten Noe from special education curriculum/behavior specialist to professional coordinator assigned to human resources (effective July 20, 2022)
- iv. Australia Evans Teacher / K-6 Virtual Itinerant MCS to Teacher / K-6 Itinerant Virtual (4) MELC (effective July 20, 2022) (from transfer list)
- v. Whitney Dempsey from teacher / grade 1 to teacher / K-6 Itinerant (3) MELC (effective July 20, 2022)
- vi. Vanessa Dotson from teacher Kindergarten WK8 to teacher / K-6 Itinerant MELC (effective July 20, 2022)
- vii. Cynthia Glasscock teacher / special education GK8 to teacher / special education GK8 (effective July 20, 2022)

c. Retirement

- i. Helen Dingess school nurse Itinerant MCS (effective June 30, 2022)
- ii. Leigh Ann Smith teacher / Spanish MCHS (effective August 1, 2022)

2. PROFESSIONAL EXTRACURRICULAR ASSIGNMENTS

a. New Employment for School year 2022-2023

- i. Adam Adams coach, soccer WK8 (effective July 20, 2022) (pending certification)

3. SERVICE PERSONNEL

a. Transfer into Existing Position

- i. Bobby Runyons, Jr custodian III GK8 to custodian III WK8 (effective July 20, 2022)

End Consent Agenda

Mr. Preece pulled VII. **Consent Agenda, a. Approval of Minutes, 1. Minutes of June 27, 2022 - Attachment M6-27** for discussion. Line 160, Item e. ii. and line 200, f. xi. Mr. Preece made a motion to rescind those two items. There was discussion. Mr. Slone spoke up as a point of order that once agenda items had been voted on and approved by the majority of the members, the minutes are submitted. The minutes are what is being approved from the last meeting. Nothing can be pulled from them. Errors could be corrected. The minutes reflect what had already taken place. Dr. Branch helped to explain the situation. Mr. Preece asked for legal advice.

Mrs. Wireman had changes. **c. Personnel Actions, 1. PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL, a. New Employment into Existing Position**, Strike item ~~ii. _____ professional coordinator assigned to human resources (effective July 20, 2022)~~ move item iii. Vanessa Dotson teacher /Kindergarten WK8 to teacher K-6 Itinerant Virtual MELC (effective July 20, 2022) to item vi. under transfers. Fill in iv. Christy McCoy teacher / K-6 Itinerant Virtual (3) MELC (effective July 20, 2022). Also fill in the blanks on items **b. Transfer into Existing Position**, iii. Kyrsten Noe from special education curriculum/behavior specialist to professional coordinator assigned to human resources (effective July 20, 2022),

V. Whitney Dempsey from teacher / grade 1 to teacher / Itinerant (3) MELC (effective July 20, 2022).
Vi. Vanessa Dotson from teacher Kindergarten WK8 to teacher / K-6 Itinerant MELC (effective July 20, 2022) and fill in item c. **Retirement.** ii. Leigh Ann Smith teacher / Spanish MCHS (effective August 1, 2022).

Mr. Preece made a motion to approve items on the consent agenda except item b. Transfer into Existing Position, iii. Kyrsten Noe from special education curriculum/behavior specialist to professional coordinator assigned to human resources (effective July 20, 2022). Mr. Baisden seconded that motion. The motion carried with a vote of 5/0.

Mr. Preece made the motion to move into Executive session. Mr. Baisden seconded that motion. The motion carried with a vote of 5/0. The time was 6:46

Mr. Baisden made the motion to return to regular session. Mr. Slone seconded that motion. The motion carried with a vote of 5/0. The time was 7:52.

Mr. Baisden made the motion to approve the pulled item. Kyrsten Noe from special education curriculum/behavior specialist to professional coordinator assigned to human resources (effective July 20, 2022). Mr. Slone seconded that motion. It was approved with a vote of 5/0

VIII. Board Member Discussion and Comment Period

Each member had comments.

IX. Superintendent's Update

Dr. Branch spoke about test scores. There were no test score information that could be shared with the members. The state tells counties when those are viewable. Dr. Branch shared attendance data from last year. It was misleading because it looked like 97% of kids are in school. That data was skewed because of PEBT cards and the way that attendance was recorded. On any given day there are 10% to 20% of high schoolers that are not in school. Elementary schools we have higher attendance. Mr. Hall would be working on some incentive programs. Is attendance being taken at the same time every day? Is every absence being entered? Is everyone taking attendance at the right time of day, are we entering every absence? We know we do not have 97% of kids in school every day.

Several folks were very excited about the Model Schools Conference that was attended. Especially for those who had gone for the very first time. It was inspiring. What they found being presented was many of the things we are already doing.

School start times, the Board needs to know that we are concluding a study of the bus routes and the efficiency of changing them. We are hoping that every school would have its own buses. We are not taking about cutting bus drivers or buses. We use what we have and every school has its own buses. That way our start times are not governed by what run needs to be made next. The next step is to present mockups of what could be done. The next move would be public input from our employees, employee organizations and students, etc.

251 **X. Adjournment**
252 Mr. Slone made the motion to adjourn. Mr. Baisden seconded that motion. The motion carried with a
253 vote of 5/0.
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255 The time was 8:13 p.m.
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257 **Next Regular Meeting**
258 August 16, 2022`