

MINUTES

Board of Education for the County of Mingo

110 Cinderella Road, Williamson, WV 25661

Statutory Organizational Meeting

July 5, 2022, at 5:00 p.m.

I. Call to order

President James Baisden called the meeting to order. The time was 5:00 p.m.

Board Members present: James Baisden, President; John Preece, Vice President; Tom Slone, Machel McCormick, and Any 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); William Hensley, Director of Maintenance; Virginia Taylor-Mounts, Technology Integration Facilitator;

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Slone let the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Election of BOE President – Dr. Branch President

Dr. Branch conducted this portion of the meeting. The election of the Board of Education President would happen next.

Mr. Preece nominated Michelle McCormick as Board president. Mrs. Hannah nominated Tom Slone. Mr. Preece moved that all nominations be closed. Hearing no other nominations for Board President, Dr. Branch closed nominations.

At this time, the Ceremonial oaths of office took place.

IV. Ceremonial Oaths of Office

Magistrate, Mr. Donald Samson, administered the Ceremonial Oaths of office to each new Board Member. Amy Hannah, John W. Preece, James E. Baisden, and Tom Slone were sworn in individually. Pictures were made of each swearing in, and pictures of the new Board were also made.

The Board returned to the election of Board President. President James Baisden seconded the motion for nomination of Michelle McCormick. Dr. Branch asked for the vote. The vote was 3/2. Mrs. Hannah, nay; Mr. Preece, yes; Mrs. McCormick, yes; Mr. Baisden, yes; Mr. Slone, no. That concluded the election of the Board President. Mr. Baisden and Ms. McCormick changed seats, and Ms. McCormick took over the meeting.

V. Election of BOE Vice President – Newly elected President Presides

President McCormick asked for nominations for Vice President. Mr. Baisden nominated Mr. John Warren Preece as Vice President. There were no other nominees. President McCormick closed the nominations and asked for a vote. The vote was 4/0. Mrs. Hannah, yes; Mr. Preece, yes, Mr. Baisden, yes, Mr. Slone, no, Ms. McCormick, yes.

VI. Election of Board of Education Representative

a. Mountain State Education Service Cooperative

This representative would be attending the meetings in one of many locations throughout the year. The co-op serves many purposes for its counties.

Mr. Preece nominated Ms. McCormick. Mr. Slone nominated Amy Hannah. The president called on the members to vote on Michelle McCormick to be Mountain State ESC Representative. The vote was 3/2. Mr. Slone and Mrs. Hannah voted no.

VII. Meetings

a. MCBOE 2022/2023 Meeting Schedule

There was discussion.

Mr. Slone made the motion to hold Board meetings on the third Tuesday of each month. Mrs. Hannah seconded that motion. The motion carried 5/0.

Dr. Branch made a request to make an amendment to the last consent agenda. Under c. Personnel Actions, 1. PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL, e. Create Position, i. Teacher / Virtual grades K-6 or grades K-8 MCS Itinerant (4 positions) – We had two positions, and they had been abolished. We are trying to move these positions from contracted employees (through Mountain State ESC) to Mingo county employees so they can gain seniority and have benefits like any Mingo County Schools teacher. We need to have 6 (six) positions but only created 4 (four). We need an amendment to create the other two (2) positions. We will need to be able to post the other two positions.

Mr. Baisden made the motion to amend the consent agenda to add two more positions for virtual teachers. Mr. Preece made the second. The motion carried with a vote of 5/0. The item was added to this agenda (line 103-104).

VIII. Consent Agenda

a. Personnel Actions

1. PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL

~~a. New Employment into Existing Position~~

~~i. _____ Director of Human Resources MCS (effective July 1, 2022)~~

b. Transfer into Existing Position

i. _____ from _____ to Director of Human Resources MCS (effective July 1, 2022)

ii. Teresa Thompson Smith teacher / art KK8 to teacher Art MCHS (effective July 6, 2022)

iii. Alicia Smith teacher / grade 1 KK8 (was grade 2, 2021-2022) to teacher / grade 2 KK8 (effective July 6, 2022)

95 **c. Request for Leave of Absence**

- 96 i. Helen Dingess school nurse MCS (effective Jan 1, 2022 through June 30, 2022)
97 ii. Rhonda Williamson teacher / social studies MCHS (effective June 13, 2022)
98 iii. Kala Sipple teacher / grade 3 BK8 (effective April 29, 2022, June 2, 2022 and April 22, 2022)
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100 **d. Retirement**

- 101 i. Diana Wellman teacher / special education BK8 (effective June 30, 2022)
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103 **e. Create Position**

- 104 i. **Teacher / Virtual grades K-6 or Grade K-8 MCS Itinerant (2 positions)**
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106 **2. PROFESSIONAL EXTRACURRICULAR ASSIGNMENTS**

107 **a. New Employment for School year 2022-2023**

- 108 i. Roy D. Wallace assistant coach boys soccer MCHS (pending certification) (effective July 5, 2022)
109 ii. Kristy Noe coach, volleyball MCHS (effective July 5, 2022)
110 iii. Victoria Newsome assistant coach, cheer MCHS (effective July 5, 2022)
111 iv. Kelli Curry coach, cheer BK8 (effective July 5, 2022) (pending certification)
112 v. Jaqueta T. Roberts assistant coach, volleyball GK8 (effective July 5, 2022)
113 vi. Erica Rawls assistant coach, cheer GK8 (pending certification) (effective July 5, 2022)
114 vii. Nicholas J. Lester assistant coach football GK8 (pending certification) (effective July 5, 2022)
115 viii. Chrystal Lackey coach, softball LK8 (pending certification) (effective July 5, 2022)
116 ix. Randall Lackey assistant coach, softball LK8 (zero comp) (pending certification) (effective July 5,
117 2022)
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119 **b. Resignations**

- 120 i. Joshua Endicott assistant coach, boys basketball GK8 (effective June 16, 2022)
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122 **3. SERVICE PERSONNEL**

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

- 124 i. Susan Jude bus operator Tug Valley area (from substitute list) (effective July 6, 2022)
125 ii. Bobby Runyon, Jr. custodian III GK8 (from substitute list) (effective July 6, 2022)
126 iii. Bethany Cisco secretary II BK8 (from substitute list) (effective July 6, 2022)
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128 *End Consent Agenda*

129 Dr. Branch continued. Item a. under **c. Consent Agenda, 1. PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL, a. New**
130 **Employment into Existing Position,** _____ Director of Human Resources MCS
131 (effective July 1, 2022) would need to be struck. Under **c. Consent Agenda, 1. PROFESSIONAL**
132 **PERSONNEL, b. Transfer into Existing Position,** item i. _____ from
133 _____ to Director of Human Resources MCS (effective July 1, 2022) would be
134 filled in with **Leah Wireman, Principal of Burch Pre K-8 School**. This would be retroactive to July 1,
135 2022.
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137 Mr. Preece had a question. It was answered.
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139 Mr. Preece made a motion to approve the consent agenda with the requested changes. Mr. Baisden
140 seconded that motion. The motion carried with a vote of 5/0.
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143 **IX. Board Member Discussion and Comment Period**

144 Most members had comments.

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146 **X. Superintendent's Update**

147 Since the president and vice president had been selected, Dr. Branch asked members to sign a
148 document from Bray and Oakley. Locks will be replaced on all classroom doors at Williamson Pre K-8
149 that do not lock from the inside. That estimated cost would be over \$40,000. Dr. Branch read a
150 statement regarding the cost. The requirement to bid services was waived (Section 28.2.2, WVDE policy
151 8200) due to the fact the situation is detrimental for the safety of our students and staff. Time is of the
152 essence. On another note, there may be some funding coming down for safety grants. The Emotional
153 Support Therapy Dog (Black Lab) for Lenore K-8 will be arriving soon.

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155 **XI. Adjournment**

156 Mr. Baisden made the motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Preece. The motion carried
157 with a vote of 5/0.

158 The time was 5:50 p.m.

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160 **Next Regular Meeting**

161 July 19, 2022