

MINUTES

Board of Education for the County of Mingo

110 Cinderella Road, Williamson, WV 25661

Regular Meeting

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

I. Call to order

President James Baisden called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

All Board Members were present: James Baisden, President; John Preece, Vice President; Tom Slone, Mabelle McCormick and Brandon Sammons. Superintendent Dr. Johnny Branch was in attendance.

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

District Office staff in attendance: William Hensley, Director of Maintenance; Kay Maynard, Director Child Nutrition & Wellness; Rodney McCoy, Professional Accountant; Virginia Taylor-Mounts, Technology Integration Facilitator;

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Preece led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Delegations

There were no delegations.

IV. Out-Of-State Field Trip(s)

a. Lenore Pre K-8 School –5th Grade Graduation Trip- Pigeon Forge, TN - Attachment T1

Lisa Estep and Kayla Lucas were present to address the Board regarding the trip. There were questions and discussion.

Mr. Slone made the motion to approve fundraising for the 5th Grade Graduation Trip to Pigeon Forge, TN on June 3, 2022. Mr. Preece seconded that motion. The motion carried with a vote of 5/0.

b. Lenore Pre K-8 School –Prayer Club Trip- Pigeon Forge, TN - Attachment T2

Kayla Lucas and Lisa Estep also presented the trip for the Prayer Club. There was discussion and questions answered.

Mr. Preece made the motion to approve fundraising for the Prayer Club Trip to Pigeon Forge, TN on May 27, 2022. Mr. Sammons seconded that motion. The motion carried with a vote of 5/0.

48 **V. General Considerations**

49 **a. Discussion and possible action regarding abolishing Medical Assistant program and addition of**
50 **personnel for Mingo Extended Learning Center – LPN Instructor 240 contract and a counselor .5**
51 **for student advising and financial aid, 240-day contract.**

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53 Mr. Hoffman, Director of the Mingo Extended Learning Center, was present for discussion and to answer
54 questions.

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56 Mr. Preece made the motion to abolish the Medical Assistant program and to hire an LPN instructor and
57 a half-time counselor/financial aid/student advisor. Each position would be for a 240-day contract. Ms.
58 McCormick seconded that motion. The motion carried with a vote of 5/0.

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60 **b. Discussion and possible action regarding a proposed Tug Valley High School athletic project**

61 Mr. Ward, Principal of Tug Valley High School started the presentation. Randy Lackey and Teddy Hall
62 presented the material. The subject was an indoor practice facility building for softball and baseball.
63 There was no action taken on this segment as there was no monies available at that time.

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65 **c. Discussion and possible action regarding the school calendar options for 2022-2023**

66 Dr. Branch presented the options for the 2022-2023 school calendars.

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68 Mr. Preece made the motion to put the calendars out for public comment. Ms. McCormick seconded
69 that motion. The motion carried with a vote of 5/0.

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71 **d. Discussion and possible action regarding funding sources for the Mingo County delegation to the**
72 **Model School's conference.**

73 Virginia Taylor-Mounts made the presentation. There would be 59 professional employees attending
74 the conference in Orlando, FL. Estimated total cost would be \$211,890.00 from Title I and Title II
75 monies. Those monies were specifically earmarked for professional development.

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77 Mr. Slone made the motion to approve the funding sources for the Model School's Conference. Mr.
78 Preece seconded that motion. The motion carried with a vote of 5/0.

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80 **e. Informational item: Poster series for social/emotional and mental health**

81 Dr. Branch presented the posters. There was a series of posters for the elementary schools and the high
82 schools. The purpose of the posters was to help students identify emotions they may have, and to ask
83 for help if needed. Lauren Copley's Graphics Design class at Mingo Central High School were
84 instrumental in designing the posters. The posters included reference to the Professional Counseling
85 practice currently under a memo-of- understanding for their services.

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87 **VI. Departmental Updates**

88 **a. Maintenance Report - William Hensley- Attachment U2**

89 Mr. Hensley gave the report. Some items included: dirt being was available for the gardening project at
90 Kermit P K-8, LED lights were being installed in all the gymnasiums, and work orders were being done.
91 There were questions and answers.

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93 **b. Treasurer's Report - Beth Daniels - Attachment U1**

94 Rodney McCoy presented the Treasurer's Report. Local property taxes were down at that time.

VII. Consent Agenda

a. Approval of Minutes

1. Minutes of February 8, 2022 - Attachment M2-8
2. Minutes of February 15, 2022 – Attachment M2-22
3. Minutes of February 22, 2022 – Attachment M2-22 Interim
4. Minutes of February 22, 2022 – Attachment Special

b. Bills, Transfers, Supplements

1. Payment of Bills - Attachment F1

Bills presented for approval through March 4, 2022. The invoice list is available for review during public hours two business days prior to the meeting.

Fund	Amount
Fund 11	\$673,890.79
Fund 41	\$17,469.45
Fund 51	0
Fund 61	\$297,046.66
Fund 71	\$160,392.43

2. Budget Transfers - Attachment F2

Budget Transfers presented for approval

Budget Transfers	
1.	\$ 78,303.17
2.	\$ 11,996.58
3.	\$ 48,277.55
4.	\$ 550,000.00
5.	\$ 50,000.00
6.	\$ 4,500.00
7.	\$ 10,000.00
Total	\$ 753,077.30

3. Budget Supplements - Attachment F3

Budget Supplements presented for approval

Budget Supplements	
1.	\$ 5,000.00
2.	\$ 146,856.00
Total	\$ 151,856.00

c. Personnel Actions

1. PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL

a. New Employment into Existing Position

- i. Kaylee Newsome substitute teacher MCS (pending certification) (effective March 16, 2022)
- ii. Donna Smith substitute teacher MCS (pending certification) (effective March 16, 2022)
- iii. Bruce Michael Smith teacher / Health and PE GK8 (effective March 16, 2022)

b. Abolish Position

- i. Medical Assistant Instructor/LPN Instructor/Financial Aide Coordinator

c. Resignation

- i. Ivy Hodges teacher Music KK8 (effective February 24, 2022) (had not assumed teaching duties at this time)
- ii. Harry Clay Campbell Jr. Teacher / health and PE GK8 (effective Feb. 21, 2022)

d. Retirement

- i. David Ledger teacher / health and PE KK8 (effective June 16, 2022)

e. Request for Leave of Absence

- i. Rhonda Williamson teacher / social studies MCHS (effective Feb. 9, 2022 through Feb. 11, 2022) (effective March 2, 2022)

2. PROFESSIONAL EXTRACURRICULAR ASSIGNMENTS

a. New Assignment 2021-2022

- i. Kristie Noe assistant coach, softball MK8 (zero comp) (effective March 16, 2022)
- ii. Courtney Wellman assistant coach, softball TVHS (zero comp) (pending certification) (effective March 16, 2022)
- iii. Kaylee Fabin assistant coach, softball WK8 (zero comp) (pending certification) (effective March 16, 2022)
- iv. Eugene Maynard assistant coach, baseball LK8 (zero comp) (pending certification) (effective March 16, 2022)
- v. David Copley assistant coach, baseball LK8 (zero comp) (pending certification) (effective March 16, 2022)
- vi. Jequeta Takara Roberts assistant coach, softball GK8 (pending certification) (effective March 16, 2022)
- vii. Elizabeth Keatley coach, cheer MCHS (effective Feb. 24, 2022)

b. Resignation

- i. Alvin Marcum assistant coach football WK8 (effective March 8, 2022)
- ii. Alvin Marcum assistant coach, baseball WK8 (effective March 8, 2022)
- iii. Teresa Cline assistant coach, softball MCHS (effective Feb. 10, 2022)

3. SERVICE PERSONNEL

a. New Employment or Transfer into Existing Positions

- i. Jonah Trent from substitute custodian to custodian III MK8 (during a LOA) (effective March 16, 2022)
- ii. Ashley Smith from substitute cook to cook III GK8 (effective March 16, 2022)
- iii. Amy Baisden substitute bus operator MCS (pending certification) (effective March 16, 2022)
- iv. Natasha Duty from custodian III KK8 to aide/autism mentor itinerant (DES start) effective March 16, 2022
- v. Jeremy Sloan from custodian III WK8 (during a LOA) to custodian III GK8 effective March 16, 2022

b. Retirement

- i. Judy Sipple custodian III MK8 (effective June 20, 2022)

c. Leave of Absence

- i. Joyce Burton aide / autism mentor MCHS (effective Feb. 23, 2022 through Feb. 25, 2022)

End Consent Agenda

Dr. Branch filled in the blanks on the Consent agenda. VII. Consent Agenda, c. Personnel Actions, 2. PROFESSIONAL EXTRACURRICULAR ASSIGNMENTS, c. New Assignment 2021-2022, v. David Copley assistant coach, baseball LK8 (zero comp) (pending certification) (effective March 16, 2022), Jequeta Takara Roberts assistant coach, softball GK8 (pending certification) (effective March 16, 2022).

Mr. Preece had a question that was answered.

Mr. Slone made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Ms. McCormick seconded that motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5/0.

VIII. Board Member Discussion and Comment Period

Each member had a comment or two.

IX. Superintendent's Update

There would be two special meetings next week. A workshop and the first of the Levy Rate meetings. The Hope Scholarship had passed the WV Legislature. That means we could lose enrollment and funding. Micro Schools can be large schools now. We hope to expand the CTE programs in hopes of students moving up into the 'Grow Your Own' Program. Students would take courses in high school and college in their junior and senior years. Upon leaving high school, they would attend a university for two years. They would return to Mingo county and work as a teacher their fourth year of college while finishing the degree and being paid. College tuition would be covered while students were in high school. Two colleges are wanting to work with us and this program.

X. Adjournment

Mr. Preece made the motion to adjourn. Ms. McCormick seconded that motion. The motion carried with a vote of 5/0. The time was 8:24 p.m.

Next Regular Meeting

April 19, 2022