

MINUTES

Board of Education for the County of Mingo

110 Cinderella Road

Williamson, West Virginia 25661

Special LSIC Meeting

February 22, 2022, at 5:00 p.m.

I. Call to Order

President James Baisden called the meeting to order. The time was 5:01 p.m.

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

Members of the Press in attendance: Bruce Justice

District Office staff in attendance: Beth Daniels, CSBO / Treasurer; (Chief School Business Officer); Rocky Hall, Director of Human Resources; William Hensley, Director of Maintenance; Joe Howard, Director of Transportation; Kay Maynard, Director Child Nutrition & Wellness; Virginia Taylor-Mounts, Technology Integration Facilitator; Christie Tilley, Coordinator of Parent Involvement

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Slone led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Ceremonial Oath of Office for newly appointed board member, Brandon S. Sammons.

Brandon Sammons is from the Gilbert Area. He was sworn in by Nancy Slone, a Notary Public for Mingo County Schools. Pictures were made. Mr. Sammons will be serving until the end of June 2022.

IV. 2021-2022 Local School Improvement Council Reports (LSIC)

a. Dingess Elementary School

Principal, Paula Brown, introduced everyone. Frances Stanley, PE teacher; Lana Lackey, Cook III; Jason Blankenship, Teacher Grade 6. Mr. Blankenship made the presentation. He reported on things the school proud of, school data, and items that needed improvement. He spoke regarding learning loss and the Social Emotional and Mental Health at their school.

b. Kermit Pre K-8 School

Deborah Starr, Principal of Kermit Pre K-8, made the introductions. Stella Brumfield, Instructional Coach; and Ashley White, Assistant Principal. The team reported items they were proud of, school data, and things that needed improvement. They spoke regarding learning loss and the Social Emotional and Mental Health at their school.

c. Lenore Pre K-8 School

Principal, Chris Harris introduced Michael Baisden, Teacher Grade 3; and Jamie Heflin, Teacher Grade 4. The school reported items they were proud of, school data, and items that needed improvement. They spoke regarding learning loss and the Social Emotional and Mental Health at their school.

48 **d. Tug Valley High School**

49 Marie White, Social Studies instructor; and Steven Alley, Math instructor made the presentation for Tug
50 Valley. They reported about things the school was proud of, school data, and items that needed
51 improvement. They spoke regarding learning loss and the Social Emotional and Mental Health at their
52 school.

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54 **V. Out-Of-State Field Trip(s)**

55 **a. Williamson PK8 – Withdraw previous request and submit new request for the 8th grade trip to**
56 **Pigeon Forge, TN**

57 Stephanie Fabin was present to share information about the trip. The original trip had been changed. They
58 are requesting to go to Pigeon Forge, TN. There were questions and a couple of options were discussion. She
59 introduced a one-day trip to Dollywood. Every child who would like to go would be able to. The price would
60 be approximately \$150.00 per student.

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62 Ms. McCormick made the motion to approve a one-day field trip for Williamson Pre K-8. The date would be
63 announced at a later time. Mr. Slone seconded that motion. The motion carried with a vote of 5/0.

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65 **b. Tug Valley High School – Softball Team trip to Pigeon Forge, TN April 15 and 16, 2022.**

66 Mr. Rocky Hall addressed the Board and introduced the trip. They would be going to Dollywood for an
67 overnight trip. The fundraising was complete.

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69 Ms. McCormick made the motion to approve the Tug Valley Softball Team trip. Mr. Slone seconded that
70 motion. The motion carried with a vote of 5/0.

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72 **The Board moved the General Considerations here.**

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74 **VI. General Considerations**

75 **a. Discussion regarding a pilot electric bus for Mingo County – Joe Howard**

76 Mr. Joe Howard led the conversation. He had done some research regarding electric buses. There were pros
77 and cons. Reports listed the Pros: Eco Friendly – EPA, quiet operation, minimal maintenance, affordable at
78 \$300,000.00 each. Replacement batteries are \$175,000. We currently pay approximately \$99,000 - \$103,000
79 per bus plus fuel. Cons would be the mountainous terrain, and charging stations and the power bills. The
80 buses were estimated to run between 100-150 miles between charges. There were questions and discussion.

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82 **b. Discussion and possible action on surplus property**

83 No bids had been received on the three-bay metal building that had been advertised. There was discussion.

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85 Mr. Slone made a motion to accept sealed bids on the surplus property (the three-bay metal hanger) with the
86 right to reject any bid. Mr. Sammons seconded that motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5/0.

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88 **c. Discussion and possible action on purchasing a new truck for the maintenance**
89 **department**

90 Mr. Hensley addressed the Board. The current truck being used blew the motor recently. It has
91 approximately 290,000 miles and the model was a 2002. He provided quotes for the Board members and
92 there was discussion. He requested the vehicle be coated with Rhino-liner to preserve the bed.

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94 Mr. Slone made the motion to purchase the gasoline truck for maintenance. Ms. McCormick seconded that
95 motion. The motion carried with a vote of 5/0.

97 **Consent Agenda**

98 **1. PROFESSIONAL EXTRACURRICULAR ASSIGNMENTS**

99 **New assignments 2021-2022 School year**

100 **a. New employment**

- 101 i. Barbara Fields assistant coach, softball MK8 (effective Feb. 23, 2022)
- 102 ii. Michael Baisden coach, baseball LK8 (effective Feb. 23, 2022)
- 103 iii. Jamie Heflin assistant coach, baseball LK8 (effective Feb. 23, 2022)
- 104 iv. Isaac Williamson assistant coach, baseball LK8 (zero comp) (effective Feb. 23, 2022)
- 105 v. Chad Hall assistant coach, softball LK8 (effective Feb. 23, 2022)

106 **2. SERVICE PERSONNEL**

107 **a. Retirement**

- 108 i. Donna Paterino cook II, MK8 (effective ~~March 30, 2022~~ **March 20, 2022**)

109 **b. Termination**

- 110 i. _____ aide / autism mentor itinerant (effect Feb 22, 2022)

111 ~~**c. Hearing for the purpose of considering employee termination**~~

- 112 ~~i. _____ **Strike this item. No one showed up for the hearing.**~~

113 **d. Leave of Absence**

- 114 i. Freda Church custodian III MK8 (effective Feb. 11, 2022, through June 30, 2022)

115 **e. New Employment**

- 116 i. **John Turner, Substitute Custodian MCS, (effective Feb. 23, 2022)**

117 **End Consent Agenda**

118 Mr. Baisden pulled item **1. PROFESSIONAL EXTRACURRICULAR ASSIGNMENTS, New assignments 2021-2022**

119 **School year, a. New employment**, ii. Michael Baisden coach, baseball LK8 (effective Feb. 23, 2022). Family

120 member.

121 Mr. Slone pulled items **2. SERVICE PERSONNEL, b. Termination** i. _____ aide / autism mentor

122 itinerant (effect Feb 22, 2022) and **c. Hearing for the purpose of considering employee termination**

123 i. _____, for further discussion.

124 Mr. Hall changed the retirement date on item **2. SERVICE PERSONNEL, a. Retirement**, i. Donna Paterino cook

125 II, MK8 (~~effective March 30, 2022~~) to be effective March 20, 2022. And added an additional item under

126 **2. SERVICE PERSONNEL, e. New Employment, i. John Turner, Sub custodian MCS, (effective Feb. 23, 2022).**

127 Mr. Preece made the motion to approve the consent agenda with the exception of the items pulled. Ms.

128 McCormick made the second. The motion passed with a vote of 5/0.

129 Mr. Baisden left the room at 6:53. Mr. Slone made the motion to approve **1. PROFESSIONAL**

130 **EXTRACURRICULAR ASSIGNMENTS, New assignments 2021-2022 School year, a. New employment**, ii.

131 Michael Baisden coach, baseball LK8 (effective Feb. 23, 2022). Family member. Ms. McCormick seconded

132 that motion. The motion carried with a vote of 4/0. Mr. Baisden re-entered the room at 6:54 p.m.

133 Mr. Slone made a motion to move into Executive session for items **2. SERVICE PERSONNEL, b. Termination**

134 i. _____ aide / autism mentor itinerant (effect Feb 22, 2022) and **c. Hearing for the purpose of**

considering employee termination i. _____, for further discussion. Ms. McCormick seconded that motion. The motion carried with a vote of 5/0. The time was 6:55 p.m.

Mr. Slone made a motion to return to regular session. Mr. Preece seconded that motion. The motion carried with a vote of 5/0. No decisions had been made during the executive session.

Mr. Hall addressed the board. Regarding Item **2. SERVICE PERSONNEL, c. Hearing for the purpose of considering employee termination** i. _____. That item was stricken as no one showed up for the hearing.

Regarding item **2. SERVICE PERSONNEL, b. Termination** i. _____ aide / autism mentor itinerant (effect Feb 22, 2022). The blank was filled in with the name Kelsey McDonald. The effective date would be February 22, 2022.

Mr. Slone made a motion to approve the termination of Kelsey McDonald effective 2-22-22. Ms. McCormick made the second. The motion carried with a vote of 5/0.

VII. Board Member Comment Period

Each member had comments.

VIII. Superintendent's Update

Dr. Branch talked about the Grow-Your-Own Teachers Program. This program will be integrated into our Early College Academy. The program would allow students to graduate high school with an Associates degree. Students would then attend college for approximately two years before returning to our county to do resident student teaching while earning credits and a paycheck.

IX. Adjournment

Mr. Slone made the motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Preece. The motion carried with a vote of 5/0. The time was 7:30.

Next Regular Meeting

March 15, 2022