

# MINUTES

## Board of Education for the County of Mingo

110 Cinderella Road  
Williamson, West Virginia 25661

### Special (LSIC) Meeting

February 8, 2022, at 5:00 p.m.

#### I. Call to Order

President James Baisden called the meeting to Order. The time was 5:02 p.m.

**Board Members present:** James Baisden, President; John Preece, Vice President; Tom Slone, and Machel McCormick. Sabrina Grace resigned 1-29-22 and was not present. Superintendent Dr. Johnny Branch was in attendance.

**Members of the Press in attendance:** Bruce Justice of the Mingo Messenger

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

#### II. Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Preece led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### III. Spotlight on Success

##### a. Tug Valley High School Cheerleading State Champions

Dr. Branch introduced the Tug Valley Cheerleaders. They had won the State Single A Cheering Championship for 2021. Dr. Branch presented them with a certificate. Cheer Coach Tara Wolford and Assistant Coach Marie White were in attendance. The Tug Valley Cheerleaders were Sarah Deaton, Kacey Brewer, Talena Canterbury, Maddie Deskins, Maloree Reed, Cami Thompson, Selicity Baisden, Natalee Jarvis, Laura Spaulding, Jessica Spaulding, Kylee Reed, Karissa Davis, Taily Russell, Jaden Starr, Chelsea Perry, Trixie Marcum, and TiCarah Hurley. Pictures were made.

##### b. Tug Valley High School Academic Showdown Team

Dr. Branch made the introductions. Mr. Eric Starr and some members of the Academic Showdown team were present to receive the award. This group was the first ever Academic Showdown team in the state of West Virginia. They were currently holding the Region 1 Champion title. All core subjects were covered in the competition. Round one was collaboration among team members and round two was open to all to answer at will. Evan Maynard and Carlie Carter were present to receive the award. Dr. Branch presented the certificate and pictures were made. Team members included Cassidy Griffey, Evan Maynard, Ethan Colegrove, Braydan Goff, Karlie Carter and Megan Griffy. The team will compete again on March 25, 2022, for the Championship Title. It will be held at the Charleston Cultural Center at the Capitol.

##### c. Mingo Central High SWP Leadership Team

Mingo Central had applied for a \$1000 grant competition. The students had put together a proposal for that grant. Their proposal was so impressive they received an award of \$5000 instead. Brandon Cline explained that 20 students from each program in the CTE got together, to learn about being a leader in the community, and came up with the idea to purpose to the competition. - build stations in the community for stray animals

where they could be housed and fed until they would be taken to a shelter. They also put together a video to enter. Those in attendance were Drew Lee, Lauren Copley, Ragan Marcum, Liberty Justice. A certificate was presented, and pictures were made.

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

##### **a. Mingo Extended Learning Center**

Thomas Hoffman, the Vocational Administrator, made the introductions. Holly Osborne, Student President of Class of 2022, Brooklyn Sexton, Student Secretary of the Class of 2022 gave the presentation. 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.

##### **b. Mingo Central Comprehensive High School**

Mrs. Marcella Charles - Casto, Principal of Mingo Central High School made the introductions. Liberty Justice, Ragan Marcum, Drew Lee, and the Student Body President, Dylan Glasscock gave the presentation. 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.

##### **c. Williamson Pre K-8 School**

Mr. Shannon Blackburn, Principal, and Mitzi Cross, second Grade teacher and LSIC Chairperson were present to give the presentation. 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.

#### **V. Consent Agenda**

##### **a. Personnel Actions**

###### **1. PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL**

##### **a. New employment**

- i. Ivy Cheyenne Hodges teacher / music KK8 (effective April 25, 2022)

##### **b. Resignation**

- i. Lindsay Cline teacher / Spanish MCHS (effective June 30, 2022)
- ii. Ruby Ellis substitute teacher MCS (effective Jan. 31, 2022)

##### **c. Retirement**

- i. Countenance Daphne Slone teacher / grade 6 LK8 (effective June 17, 2022)
- ii. Karen Jane Cook teacher / English GK8 (effective June 19, 2022)

##### **d. Creation of position (professional)**

- i. Early College Academy Liaison/**Adult Testing Coordinator** (Itinerant)

###### **2. PROFESSIONAL EXTRACURRICULAR ASSIGNMENTS**

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

##### **a. New employment**

- i. Grant Blackburn assistant coach boys' basketball LK8 (effective Feb. 9, 2022)
- ii. Johnny Neal Murphy coach, softball GK8 (effective Feb. 9, 2022)
- iii. Matthew Moore coach, baseball MK8 (effective Feb. 9, 2022)
- iv. Crystal Moore assistant coach, baseball MK8 (effective Feb. 9, 2022)
- v. Troy Diamond assistant coach, softball WK8 (effective Feb. 9, 2022) (pending certification)

##### **b. Resignations**

- i. Kimberly R. Smith coach, cheer MCHS (effective Feb. 1, 2022)
- ii. Johnny Neal Murphy assistant coach, softball GK8 (effective Jan. 28, 2022)
- iii. Stephanie Fabin assistant coach, softball WK8 (effective Jan. 25, 2022)
- iv. David Copley coach, baseball LK8 (effective Feb. 3, 2022)
- v. Elizabeth Keatley assistant coach, girls' basketball MK8 (effective Feb. 3, 2022)

### **3. SERVICE PERSONNEL**

#### **a. New employment or transfer into existing position**

- i. Jackie Queen bus operator Tug Valley area to bus operator Williamson area (effective Feb. 9, 2022)
- ii. Brian Carter custodian III GK8 to custodian III GK8 (effective Feb. 9, 2022)
- iii. Julie Sheppard cook III GK8 to cook II KK8 (effective Feb. 9, 2022)

#### **b. Resignation**

- i. Valerie Colegrove PERC (effective Jan. 27, 2022)

#### **c. Leave of Absence**

- i. Joyce Burton aide/autism mentor MCHS (effective Feb. 1, 2022, through Feb. 2, 2022)
- ii. Donna Estepp aide/autism mentor itinerant (currently at WK8) (effective Jan. 13, 2022) (Jan. 6, 2022)

#### ***End Consent Agenda***

Mr. Hall made a change on item **a. Personnel Actions, 1. PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL, d. Creation of position (professional)**, i. Early College Academy Liaison/**Adult Testing Coordinator** (Itinerant). Mr. Preece questioned that item and Mr. Hall explained it was a shift change.

Mr. Preece pulled items **a. Personnel Actions, 1. PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL, d. Creation of position (professional)**, i. Early College Academy Liaison/**Adult Testing Coordinator** (Itinerant), and **3. SERVICE PERSONNEL, c. Leave of Absence**, i. Joyce Burton aide/autism mentor MCHS (effective Feb. 1, 2022, through Feb. 2, 2022), ii. Donna Estepp aide/autism mentor itinerant (currently at WK8) (effective Jan. 13, 2022) (Jan. 6, 2022)

Mr. Preece made a motion to accept the consent agenda except for the items pulled. Ms. McCormick seconded that motion. The motion carried with a vote of 4/0.

Mr. Slone made a motion to go into Executive session and Ms. McCormick made the second. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0. The time was 6:15 p.m.

Mr. Preece made the motion to return to regular session. Ms. McCormick seconded that motion. The motion carried with a vote of 4/0. The time was 6:34 p.m.

Regarding item **1. PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL, d. Creation of position (professional)**, i. Early College Academy Liaison/**Adult Testing Coordinator** (Itinerant), and **3. SERVICE PERSONNEL, c. Leave of Absence**, i. Joyce Burton aide/autism mentor MCHS (effective Feb. 1, 2022, through Feb. 2, 2022).

Mr. Slone made a motion to approve. Mr. Preece seconded that motion. The motion carried with a vote of 4/0.

Regarding item **3. SERVICE PERSONNEL, c. Leave of Absence**, ii. Donna Estepp aide/autism mentor itinerant (currently at WK8) (effective Jan. 13, 2022) (Jan. 6, 2022).

Mr. Preece made the motion to table this item. Ms. McCormick seconded that motion. The motion carried with a vote of 4/0.

**VI. Out-Of-State Field Trip – Request to change destination of WPK8 8<sup>th</sup> Grade trip.**

Dr. Branch spoke regarding his knowledge of this change. There were questions and discussion.

Mr. Baisden and Mr. Preece suggested that Williamson fill out a new trip request and come in to present it to the Board.

**VII. General Considerations**

**a. Acceptance of resignation by Sabrina Lynne Grace, board member.**

Mr. Preece made the motion to accept the resignation of Sabrina Lynne Grace. Ms. McCormick seconded that motion. The motion carried with a vote of 4/0.

**b. Discussion and possible action on procedure to fill vacancy.**

Dr. Branch addressed the Board and shared Policy 0145. There were questions and discussion.

Mr. Slone made a motion that Dr. Branch approve a positing for the vacancy with the president of the Board and place it on web-based publications. Ms. McCormick seconded that motion. The motion carried with a vote of 4/0.

**c. Discussion and possible action to replace Chromebooks for grades 5 & 6.**

Mr. Preece made the motion to approve replacement of Chromebooks for grades 5-6. Mr. Slone seconded that motion. The motion carried with a vote of 4/0.

**d. Discussion and possible action regarding Delbarton sports facility.**

Mr. Ted Warden of the Kiwanis Club of Delbarton spoke to the Board and shared all the positive things the Kiwanis Club does for the students in that area. He requested a yearly supplemental to help cover the costs. Mr. Preece suggested a written contract be drawn up with that facility.

Mr. Preece made the motion to approve \$5000.00 be awarded to that sports facility. Mr. Slone seconded and Ms. McCormick thirded that motion. The motion carried with a vote of 4/0.

**VIII. Board Member Comment Period**

Each member had comments.

**IX. Superintendent's Update**

Dr. Branch wished the best to Mrs. Grace. We are excited about the mental health posters to display in schools where students and faculty can find help for mental stress and social emotional issues. Was proud of the LSIC presentations that evening.

**X. Adjournment**

Mr. Slone made the motion adjourn. It was seconded by Mr. Preece. The motion was approved 4/0. The time was 7:10.

**Next Regular Meeting**

February 15, 2022