

# Minutes

## Board of Education for the County of Mingo

110 Cinderella Road  
Williamson, West Virginia 25661

### Special Meeting

August 31, 2021 at 4:30 p.m.

#### I. Call to Order

Mr. Baisden called the meeting to order at 4:34 p.m.

**All Board Members present:** James Baisden, President; John Preece, Vice President; Sabrina Grace, Tom Slone, and Machel McCormick. Superintendent Dr. Johnny Branch was also in attendance.

**Both Members of the Press in attendance:** Bruce Justice of the Mingo Messenger and Dylan Vidovich of the Williamson Daily News

#### District Office staff in attendance:

Beth Daniels, CSBO / Treasurer; (Chief School Business Officer); Patrick Billips, Director of Technology; Drema Dempsey, Director of Attendance and Safe Schools; Rocky Hall, Director of Human Resources; William Hensley, Director of Maintenance; Kay Maynard, Director Child Nutrition & Wellness; Dr. Sabrina Runyon, Director of Early Learning Programs; Lesia Sammons, Coordinator of Guidance and Testing; Virginia Taylor-Mounts, Technology Integration Facilitator; and Janet Varney, Director of Special Education

#### II. Pledge of Allegiance

Mrs. Grace led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### III. Delegation(s)

There were no delegations.

#### IV. General Considerations

##### a. Discussion and possible action regarding the adoption of 2021-2022 Goals for the Mingo County Board of Education.

Dr. Branch presented the six Board Goals in a power point.

Mr. Preece made the motion to accept the goals. Ms. McCormick seconded that motion. The motion carried with a vote of 5/0.

##### b. Discussion and possible action for declaring September 2021 as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month in Mingo County Schools, and September 15, 2021, as Go Gold Day.

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Mr. Baisden read the proclamation aloud. The Board encouraged all schools and staff to wear gold on September 15, 2021 to observe Go Gold Day.

Mrs. Grace made the motion accept September 2021 as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month and to wear gold on September 15, 2021, Go Gold Day. Mr. Preece seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of 5/0.

The proclamation was signed; pictures were made.

**c. Discussion Item: Mingo County Principals' Association.**

Paula Hinkle-Brown opened the discussion.

Mr. Slone made the motion to go into executive session. Ms. McCormick seconded that motion. The motion carried with a vote of 5/0. The time was 4:49 p.m.

Mr. Slone made the motion to return to regular session. Ms. McCormick seconded that motion. The motion carried with a vote of 5/0. The time was 7:48.

It was announced that no decisions had been made in executive session.

**V. Board Member Comment Period**

Each member had comments.

**VI. Superintendent's Update**

Dr. Branch spoke regarding things that were directly tied to the Board Goals. The establishment of the Career exploration classes were on the schedules. The principals were made aware of the school field trips they would be taking to school programs and colleges. There had been a grant put in for safe school entrances for Matewan, Williamson, and Tug Valley.

Needs assessment for bleachers at Tug Valley.

**VII. Adjournment**

Mr. Slone made the motion to adjourn. Ms. McCormick seconded that motion. The motion carried with a vote of 5/0.

The time was 7:55 p.m.

**Next Regular Meeting**

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