

MINUTES

Board of Education for the County of Mingo

110 Cinderella Road
Williamson, West Virginia 25661

Special Meeting

February 24, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

I. Call to Order

President James Baisden called the meeting to order. The time was 10:04 a.m.

Board Members present: James Baisden, President; John Preece, Vice President; Sabrina Grace, Tom Slone, and Machel McCormick. Superintendent Donald Spence attended.

Members of the Press in attendance: Bruce Justice Mingo Messenger

District Office staff in attendance:

Johnny Branch, Assistant Superintendent; Beth Daniels, CSBO / Treasurer; (Chief School Business Officer); Patrick Billips, Director of Technology; William Hensley, Director of Maintenance; Kay Maynard, Director Child Nutrition & Wellness; Rodney McCoy, Professional Accountant; Dr. Sabrina Runyon, Director of Early Learning Programs; Virginia Taylor-Mounts, Technology Integration Facilitator;

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Slone led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. General Considerations

a. Discussion and possible action on lawn care contract – William Hensley

Mr. Hensley addressed the Board and presented a handout from West Brothers Contracting. Total cost would be \$83,700 for an eight-month contract beginning in March and ending at the end of October 2021. All properties were included except for Mingo Central High School and the District Office. There was discussion.

Mr. Slone made the motion to approve the grass cutting contract with West Brothers Contracting since it was the lowest bid. Based on all information received it is a justified expense. Machel McCormick seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of 3/2. Mr. Preece voted no. Mrs. Grace voted no.

b. Discussion and possible action to put a 2021-2022 calendar out for public comment - Patrick Billips and Virginia Mounts

Patrick Billips addressed the Board. There was a handout for three calendars. After discussion regarding them, Calendar C was selected with the following changes: Extending break to include December 20-22, 2021 and add those days to the end of the calendar June 6-9, 2022. Graduation would then be on the June 3 and June 4, 2022. The calendar would be put out on comment. The three-week sports conditioning practice was discussed and would be July 12-31, 2021.

Mrs. Grace made the motion to go with Calendar C and put it out for comment after the changes were made. (Extend Christmas break to include December 20-22, 2021 and move those days to the end of the year to have school end June 9, 2022.) The 2020-2021 summer practice would be July 12-31, 2021. Ms. McCormick seconded that motion. The motion carried with a vote of 5/0.

c. Financial Update – Beth Daniels and Rod McCoy

Mr. McCoy had a handout and went over it with the Board. Items included enrollment, Funds 11, 41, and 71. There was discussion of employees, permanent improvements, audit reviews of school funds, and items yet to purchase.

Mr. Slone made a motion to go into recess. Ms. McCormick seconded that motion. The motion carried with a vote of 5/0. The time was 12:05

Mr. Slone made the motion to return to the meeting. Ms. McCormick seconded that motion. The motion carried with a vote of 5/0. The time was 12:39.

Mr. McCoy continued with a month by month comparison - last year to this year regarding tax collections and expenditures.

d. Discussion and possible action on Superintendent evaluation and contract discussion.

Ms. McCormick made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss the Superintendent evaluation. Mr. Slone seconded that motion. The motion carried with a vote of 5/0. The time was 12:48 p.m.

Mr. Slone made the motion come out of the Executive session and stated that no decisions were made. Mr. Preece seconded that motion. The motion carried with a vote of 5/0. The time was 3:25 p.m.

No decisions had been made during the Executive Session. Mr. Spence was offered a contract for one year.

Mr. Spence addressed the audience. He announced that he would retire June 30, 2021. He is proud of the work that has been done the last five years. Our county is in a good spot right now. Our kids have a great place to go to school.

Mr. Baisden stated that the Board Members have heavy hearts, and really appreciated all he had done the last five years. Mr. Spence had exceeded his goal.

IV. Adjournment

Mr. Slone made the motion to adjourn. Mr. Preece seconded that motion. The time was 3:28 p.m.

Next Regular Meeting

March 16, 2021