

# MINUTES

## Board of Education for the County of Mingo

110 Cinderella Road  
Williamson, West Virginia 25661

### Special Meeting

July 9, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

#### I. Call to Order

President James Baisden called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

**All Board Members were present.** James Baisden, President; John Preece, Vice President; Sabrina Grace, Tom Slone, Machel McCormick. Superintendent Donald Spence was also in attendance.

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

**District Office staff in attendance:** Johnny Branch, Assistant Superintendent; Beth Daniels, CSBO / Treasurer; Chief School Business Officer); Patrick Billips, Director of Technology; Drema Dempsey, Director of Attendance and Safe Schools; William Hensley, Director of Maintenance; Joe Howard, Director of Transportation; Kay Maynard, Director Child Nutrition & Wellness; Rodney McCoy, Professional Accountant; Dr. Sabrina Runyon, Director of Early Learning Programs; Lesia Sammons, Coordinator of Guidance and Testing; Virginia Taylor-Mounts, Technology Integration Facilitator; Janet Varney, Director of Special Education; Christie Tilley, Parent Involvement Coordinator

#### II. Pledge of Allegiance

Mrs. Grace led the pledge of allegiance.

#### III. General Considerations

##### a. Discussion and possible action on setting the 2020-2022 MCBOE meeting schedule.

Mrs. Grace made a motion to keep the schedule as the third Tuesday of each month. Mr. Slone seconded that motion. The motion carried at 4/1. Mr. Preece voted no.

##### b. Discussion and possible action toward the approval of re-entry strategy for 2020-2021 school year.

Dr. Branch led the discussion.

Joe Howard, spoke regarding the preparations that had been made to make re-entry safer for our students and staff. Some items discussed were sprayers/foggers, and back to school/Covid-19 training for the drivers.

William Hensley demonstrated a cordless handheld mister. Things discussed were an initial deep cleaning of schools by an outside company, cleaning/removal of carpets/rugs.

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Rodney McCoy discussed purchases made for safer entry into schools; masks, gloves, shields, and items for Covid Care bags.

Dr. Branch discussed survey results and explained scenarios for re-entry into school. Board members reviewed the survey results. There were questions and discussion.

Ms. McCormick made a motion to enter into executive session regarding a personnel matter. Mr. Preece and seconded that motion. The motion carried with a vote of 5/0. The time was 10:29 a.m.

The Board resumed the meeting at 10:59 a.m.

Dr. Branch continued the report on the survey questions.

Other things discussed were restroom time for students, temperature screening,

Mr. Spence addressed the Board. Three options for opening schools were:

- A) 4 days in school, 1 day remote learning
- B) 5 days in school and leave early each day
- C) 2 days in school, 3 days remote. The school would divide their students into two groups and alternate school and remote learning.

Example of option C: Students would be divided into group A and B. Group A would attend school on Monday and Tuesday; they would use remote learning from home Wednesday, Thursday, Friday. Group B would attend school on Thursday and Friday; they would use remote learning from home on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday.

There was discussion about the three options.

Mrs. Grace made a motion for option B) - 5 days in school and leave early each day. Mr. Preece seconded that motion. The motion failed with a show of hands. The vote was 2/3. Mr. Baisden voted no. Mr. Slone voted no. Ms. McCormick voted no. The motion did not pass.

Mr. Slone made a motion for option A) – 4 days in school and 1 day remote learning. Ms. McCormick seconded that motion. The motion carried with a vote of 3/2. Mr. Preece voted no. Mrs. Grace voted no. The motion passed.

Dr. Branch spoke about our county prioritizing the remote learning experience for our students.

There was discussion about the calendar, when first day for teachers would be, and the playing of sports.

**III. 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 11:37 a.m.