

MINUTES

Board of Education for the County of Mingo

110 Cinderella Road, Williamson, WV 25661

There is an Addendum added to these Minutes

Consent Agenda, under 1. Professional, f. Request for Leave of Absence. See lines 206-208

Regular Meeting

August 20, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.

I. Call to order

President Slone called the meeting to order. The time was 5:03 p.m.

Board Members present: Tom Slone, President; David Jewell, Vice President; John W. Preece, was present by phone; Steven Kominar, and Braydan Goff. Superintendent, Dr. Johnny Branch was in attendance.

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

Central Office Staff in attendance: Patrick Billips, Director of Technology; Beth Daniels, CSBO / Treasurer; (Chief School Business Officer); Rocky Hall, Director of Attendance and Safe Schools; William Hensley, Director of Maintenance; Kay Maynard, Director Child Nutrition & Wellness; Rodney McCoy, Professional Accountant; Lesia Sammons, Coordinator of Guidance and Testing; Virginia Taylor-Mounts, Technology Integration Facilitator; Janet Varney, Director of Special Education; Leah Wireman, Director of Human Resources

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Goff led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Proclamation

- a. Discussion and possible action regarding Proclamation by Governor stating September 2024 as Childhood Cancer Awareness month and Friday, September 27, 2024, as Go Gold Day – Tonya Hagy

Kay Maynard addressed this item.

Mr. Preece made the motion to approve the Proclamation declaring September 2024 as Childhood Cancer Awareness month and September 27, 2024, as Go Gold Day. Mr. Jewell seconded that motion. Roll Call: Goff, yes; Jewell, yes; Kominar, yes; Slone, yes; Preece, yes. The resolution passes 5/0.

IV. Delegations

Mr. Jewell read the requirements regarding Delegations.

Keely Preston and Austin Smith expressed concerns involving Grade Point Average Policies. Frank Spence expressed appreciation to Dr. Branch concerning a posting for Service Personnel.

Dr. Branch requested an Addendum be added to the Agenda. There was a leave of absence that came in. Dr. Branch read the addendum.

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Mr. Preece made the motion to add it to the Consent Agenda. Mr. Jewell seconded that motion. Roll Call: Goff, yes; Jewell, yes; Kominar, yes; Slone, yes; Preece, yes. The addendum carried with a vote of 5/0.

See the added addendum on lines 206-208 under 1. Professional, Item f. Request for Leave of Absence, i. Carolyn Sue Hager Teacher / Gifted and Transitions August 22, 2024 – June 30, 2025.

V. Departmental Updates

a. Assessment Data- General Summative Assessment and SAT School Day

Lesia Sammons and Dr. Branch addressed this item. The power point/handout of the assessment showed there had been growth in student achievement over the past year.

b. Maintenance and Construction Update - William Hensley

Mr. Hensley gave the update from maintenance. He also spoke regarding the construction projects around the county.

c. Treasurer's Report - Beth Daniels

Mrs. Daniels gave the Treasurer's report.

VI. General Considerations

a. Superintendent Goals

Dr. Branch presented the four Goals.

Mr. Jewell made the motion to accept the Superintendent's goals. Mr. Slone seconded that motion. Roll Call: Goff, yes; Jewell, yes; Kominar, yes; Slone, yes; Preece, yes. The motion passed 5/0.

b. Approval of Pre-K Calendar 2024-2025

This item was moved to lines 118-124.

c. Discussion and possible action regarding contracted services by Best Life Therapy Speech for Occupational Therapy and Physical Therapy- Janet Varney

Mrs. Varney address and explained this item. There would be three separate contracts.

Mr. Kominar made the motion to approve, Mr. Goff seconded that motion. The motion carried with a vote of 5/0.

d. Discussion and possible action on the Audit Service Contract for Mingo County Schools – Beth Daniels

Mrs. Daniels addressed this item. The audit service is put out for bid every three year. This bid was for the 2024, 2025, and 2026 school years. The state policy was followed. Fyffe Jones submitted a proposal. It was evaluated and approved. Mrs. Daniels requested Board approval for the agency Fife Jones for the next three years.

Mr. Preece made the motion to approve, Mr. Goff seconded that motion. Roll Call: Goff, yes; Jewell, yes; Kominar, yes; Slone, yes; Preece, yes. The motion passed with a vote of 5/0.

e. Discussion and possible action to select architect for Tug Valley High School Safe School Entry Project – Rodney McCoy

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Mr. McCoy addressed this item. He requested the Board approve ZMM as the architect for this project. The project would cost \$673,127.00. The SBA awarded us \$437,533.00. The county obligation is \$235,594.00. There may be some changes to define the front entrance.

Mr. Preece made the motion to go ahead and select the architect for this project. Mr. Jewell seconded the motion. Roll Call: Goff, yes; Jewell, yes; Kominar, yes; Slone, yes; Preece, yes. The motion was approved 5/0.

f. Discussion and possible action regarding a student disciplinary matter

Mr. Jewell made the motion to move into Executive session. Mr. Goff seconded that motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5/0. The time was 6:26 p.m.

Mr. Jewell made the motion to return from Executive session. Mr. Goff seconded that motion. Mr. Slone announced that no decisions had been made during the session. At 6:39 the Board returned from Executive session.

Regarding item f. the student disciplinary matter.

Mr. Jewell made the motion that 'student A' be allowed to return to school with the necessary support and intervention in place. Mr. Goff seconded. Vote Roll Call: Goff, yes; Jewell, yes; Kominar, yes; Slone, yes; Preece, yes. The motion was approved 5/0.

Moving back to item b from line 73.

b. Approval of Pre-K Calendar 2024-

Dr. Branch shared a calendar with each member. He read the considerations and recommended the calendar be adopted.

Mr. Jewell made the motion to accept the calendar as presented. Mr. Kominar seconded that motion. Each member signified their approval with an 'aye'. The motion was approved 5/0.

Mrs. Wireman addressed the Board and made the request to strike one item. ~~3. SERVICE PERSONNEL, a. New Employment into Existing Position, iii. Melinda Maynard Substitute Secretary MCS (effective August 21, 2024)~~

VII. Consent Agenda

a. Approval of Minutes

1. Minutes of July 16, 2024
2. Minutes of August 2, 2024

b. Bills, Transfers, Supplements

1. Payment of Bills

Bills presented for approval through 8-14-24. The invoice list is available for review during public hours two business days prior to the meeting.

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Fund	Amount
Fund 11	\$ 384,767.61
Fund 41	\$ 73,684.69
Fund 51	\$ -
Fund 61	\$ 531,789.82
Fund 71	\$ 812,997.94

2. Budget Transfers – There were none.

3. Budget Supplements

Budget Supplements presented for approval

Budget Supplements	
1	\$ 1,079,098.00
Total	\$ 1,079,099.00

c. Personnel Actions

1. PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL

a. New Employment or Transfer into Existing Position

- i. Terrence Soltez Teacher / Music TVHS to Teacher / MUSIC WK8 (effective August 22, 2024)
- ii. Jamie Meddings Teacher/ Grade 4 KK8 to Teacher/ Grade 5 KK8 (effective August 21, 2024)
- iii. Lavanda Lynn Church Substitute Teacher MCS (effective August 21, 2024)
- iv. Quinn Miller Substitute Teacher MCS (effective August 21, 2024)
- v. Clyde Farley Substitute Teacher MCS (effective August 21, 2024)
- vi. Rhonda Williamson Substitute Teacher MCS (effective August 21, 2024)
- vii. Naomi Cline Substitute Teacher MCS (effective August 21, 2024)
- viii. Ethan Cole Stanley Substitute Teacher MCS (effective August 21, 2024)
- ix. Aimme Mitchell Substitute Teacher MCS (effective August 21, 2024)
- x. Lakeshia Hatfield Substitute Teacher MCS (effective August 21, 2024)
- xi. Jeremy Dillon Substitute Teacher MCS (Pending Certification)
- xii. Garrett Smith Substitute Teacher MCS (Pending Certification)
- xiii. Sara Brewer Substitute Teacher MCS (Pending Certification)
- xiv. Sydney Kirk Substitute Teacher MCS (Pending Certification)
- xv. Chrystal Lackey Substitute Teacher MCS (Pending Certification)
- xvi. Crystal Moore Substitute Teacher MCS (Pending Certification)
- xvii. Sara Puckett Substitute Teacher MCS (effective August 21, 2024)
- xviii. Hillary Hall Teacher / Music GK8 to Teacher / Music BK8 (effective August 21, 2024)
- xix. Mike Anderson Long Term Substitute Teacher / Math TVHS (effective August 21, 2024 until the position is posted and filled by a certified teacher or the end of the 2025 school year)
- xx. Kim Sheppard Long Term Substitute Teacher / Grade 6 WK8 (effective August 21, 2024 until the position is posted and filled by a certified teacher or the end of the 2025 school year)

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- xxi. Debbie Butcher Long Term Substitute Teacher / Grade 4 GK8 (effective August 21, 2024 until the position is posted and filled by a certified teacher or the end of the 2025 school year)
- xxii. Billy Nicole Daniels Long Term Substitute Teacher / Special Education GK8 (effective August 21, 2024 until the position is posted and filled by a certified teacher or the end of the 2025 school year)
- xxiii. Christy Cline Long Term Substitute Teacher / PK GK8 (effective August 21, 2024 until the position is posted and filled by a certified teacher or the end of the 2025 school year)

b. Resignation

- i. Lavanda Lynn Church Teacher / Grade 1 MK8 (effective August 8, 2024)
- ii. Quinn Miller Teacher / Health and Physical Education MCHS (effective August 5, 2024)
- iii. Sara Puckett Teacher / PreK Special Needs WK8 (effective August 15, 2024)

c. Create Position

- i. Teacher / School Service Personnel CTE MCHS

d. Abolish Position

- i. Grade 4 KK8
- ii. Teacher / Special Education MCHS
- iii. HVAC MCHS

e. Creation of Daily Supplement

- i. Creation of a daily supplement of \$25.00 per day for the LPN Nursing Coordinator (LPN Nursing Instruction program) Mingo County Extended Learning Center (MCELC)

f. Request for Leave of Absence

- i. Carolyn Sue Hager Teacher / Gifted and Transitions August 22, 2024-June 30, 2025.

2. PROFESSIONAL EXTRACURRICULAR ASSIGNMENTS

a. New Employment for School year 2024-2025

- i. Allison Siggers Wellness Coach KK8
- ii. Sandy Porter Wellness Coach BK8
- iii. Jacklyn Hall Wellness Coach DES
- iv. Jamie Heflin Wellness Coach LK8
- v. Cassie Diamond Wellness Coach WK8
- vi. Barbara Fields Wellness Coach MK8
- vii. Garrett Bevins Coach / Golf MCHS (effective August 21, 2024)
- viii. Johnny Anderson Assistant Coach / Football MK8 (paid) (pending certification)

3. SERVICE PERSONNEL

a. New Employment into Existing Position

- i. Kimberly Curry Substitute Secretary MCS (effective August 21, 2024)
- ii. Haleigh Estepp Substitute Secretary MCS (effective August 21, 2024)

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- iii. ~~Melinda Maynard Substitute Secretary MCS (effective August 21, 2024)~~
- iv. Sandra Runyon Substitute Secretary MCS (effective August 21, 2024)
- v. Jessica Williams Substitute Secretary MCS (effective August 21, 2024)

b. Transfer into Existing Position

- i. Tesla Gibson Aide / Autism Mentor Itinerant WK8 to Aide / Autism Mentor Itinerant BK8 (effective August 21, 2024)
- ii. Julie Sheppard Cook II MCHS to Cook II KK8 (effective August 21, 2024)
- iii. Mara Maynard substitute aide MCS to Aide / Autism Mentor Itinerant WK8 (effective August 22, 2024)
- iv. Michelle Brewer Aide / Autism Mentor Itinerant KK8 to Aide/ ECCAT KK8 (effective August 22, 2024)
- v. Ellen Newsome Substitute Aide MCS to Aide / Autism Mentor Itinerant LK8 (effective August 22, 2024)
- vi. Vanessa Lucas Substitute Aide MCS to Aide / Autism Mentor Itinerant LK8 (effective August 22, 2024)
- vii. Erma Justice Aide / Autism Mentor WK8 to Aide / Autism Mentor Itinerant DES (effective August 22, 2024)
- viii. Brandon Colegrove Custodian IV LK8 to Custodian III LK8 (effective August 21, 2024)
- ix. Lillie Rollyson Substitute Cook MCS to Aide / Autism Mentor Itinerant MK8 (effective August 22, 2024)
- x. Robert Channell Bus Operator (Tug Valley Area) to Director of Transportation (effective August 21, 2024)

4. SERVICE EXTRACURRICULAR ASSIGNMENTS

a. New Employment for School year 2024-2025

- i. Rita Hardin PERC
- ii. Debra Mitchell PERC
- iii. Bridgette Newsome PERC
- iv. Brittany Maynard PERC
- v. Virginia Ellis PERC

End Consent Agenda

Mr. Slone pulled the addendum item that was added to the agenda under 1. Professional, item f. Request for the Leave of Absence for Carolyn Hager.

Mr. Kominar made the motion to approve the Consent agenda with the exception of the item pulled. Mr. Jewell seconded that motion. Each member signified their approval with an 'aye'. The motion was approved 5/0.

Mr. Jewell made a motion to move into Executive session to discuss a personnel item. Mr. Goff seconded that motion. Each member signified their approval with an 'aye'. The motion carried with a vote of 5/0. The time was 6:45 p.m.

Mr. Jewell made the motion to return to regular session. Mr. Goff seconded that motion. Mr. Slone announced that no decisions had been made in Executive session. It was approved 5/0. The time was 6:56 p.m.

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Mr. Slone called for a motion on the pulled item, a request for a Leave of Absence for Carolyn Hager.
The motion was denied /died for lack of motion.

VIII. Board Member Comment Period

Each member had comments

IX. Superintendent's Update

Dr. Branch spoke regarding the lives lost over the summer and requested a moment of silence for Christine (Tina) Cline. He announced two new Prevention Resource Officers (PRO's) for our Pre K-8 schools. He also spoke regarding State policy 2510 requiring us to offer Spanish in middle school. He also stated that a Jr. ROTC could be a great opportunity for students in our county.

X. Adjournment

Mr. Jewell made the motion to adjourn.
The time was 7:13 p.m.

Next Regular Meeting

September 17, 2024


Superintendent, Dr. Johnny Branch 9/20/24
Date

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