

MINUTES

Board of Education for the County of Mingo

110 Cinderella Road, Williamson, WV 25661

Regular Meeting

October 18, 2022, at 5:00 p.m.

I. Call to order

President Machel McCormick called the meeting to order. The time was 5:02 p.m.

All Board Members were present: Machel McCormick, President; John Preece, Vice President; Tom Slone, James Baisden, and Any Dearfield-Hannah. Superintendent Dr. Johnny Branch was in attendance.

Members of the Press in attendance: Bruce Justice of the Mingo Messenger; Nancy Payton of the Williamson Daily News

District Office staff in attendance: Beth Daniels, CSBO / Treasurer; (Chief School Business Officer); William Hensley, Director of Maintenance; Kay Maynard, Director Child Nutrition & Wellness; Rodney McCoy, Professional Accountant; Leah Wireman, Director of Human Resources

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Baisden led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Delegations

There were no delegations.

IV. Out-Of-State Field Trip(s)

a. Lenore Pre K-8 School – 8th Grade Trip – Sevierville, TN

Amber Elkins presented this trip to the Board. Fundraisers were planned. All students who wanted to go would be able to. This trip would take place after all testing for the year.

Mr. Baisden made a motion to approve this trip. Mr. Slone seconded that motion. The motion carried with a vote of 5/0.

b. Lenore Pre K-8 School – Grades 5 & 6 End of Year Trip, Cincinnati Zoo, OH

The spokesperson for this trip was not available. It would be added to next month's agenda.

c. Lenore Pre K-8 School – Prayer Club Field Trip – Pigeon Forge, TN

The spokesperson for this trip was not available. It would be added to next month's agenda.

V. General Considerations

a. Informational item: Mingo County Strong meeting with the female Juniors, Seniors, and last year's graduation class - Jada Hunter

Dr. Branch spoke about this item.

b. Discussion and possible action on approving contractor to construct new career and technical facility at Tug Valley High School – Rodney McCoy

Mr. McCoy had a handout. The bid opening was last Thursday, and only one submitted a bid. Due to many factors beyond our control the end price of the project was \$3,123,073.00. It would take 365 days to complete the project pending any material delays, etc. There was discussion about using available space at Tug Valley High School for many CTE classes.

Mr. Preece made a motion to make some adjustments at Tug Valley High to accommodate CTE classes, and to put this bid out again at a later date. Mr. Baisden seconded that motion. The motion carried with a vote of 5/0.

c. Discussion and possible action regarding the setting of LSIC dates and locations

Dr. Branch suggested the formation of schools for the LSIC presentations, and the group decided tentative dates.

1) Tug Valley High School, Kermit Pre K-8, Lenore Pre K-8, and Dingess Elementary with Lenore Pre K-8 hosting the meeting. The tentative date would be January 9, 2023.

2) Williamson Pre K-8, Burch Pre K-8, Mingo Extended Learning Center with Burch Pre K-8 hosting the meeting. The tentative date would be February 6, 2023.

2) Mingo Central High School, Matewan Pre K-8, Gilbert Pre K-8 with Mingo Central hosting the meeting. The tentative date would be March 6, 2023.

VI. Departmental Updates

a. Curriculum and Student Services Update:

a. Informational Item: CIR Data Report- Dr. Branch

Dr. Branch gave the report.

b. Informational Item: Data on current year enrollment, attendance, discipline, and 2022 Graduation rates

He shared enrollment numbers from last year and this year. We were down 266 students. He shared average attendance data per school. Discipline data was not available. Graduation rates were down. There was discussion.

b. Maintenance Report - William Hensley

Mr. Hensley made the report. He had been visiting every building in the county with BRIM. Items he reported on included: gym lights at Gilbert, mold at Kermit, HVAC - from air conditioning to heating, accordion walls and gate, restrooms at Burch and Tug Valley, gym floor recoating scheduled for week of November 4, 2022, mulch at playgrounds, HVAC controls at Burch, Gilbert football field visitors side update, regular workorders finished. There were questions and answers.

c. Treasurer's Report - Beth Daniels

Mrs. Daniels reported. Grants had been moved into the current year and new ones being set up. The excess levy on the ballots was moving forward. Opening bids for the outdoor classrooms had come in twice as much as was projected. That project was put on hold. HVAC and auditorium upgrades were priority.

VII. Consent Agenda

a. Approval of Minutes

1. Minutes of September 12

2. Minutes of September 26

b. Bills, Transfers, Supplements

1. Payment of Bills

Bills presented for approval through 10-12-22. The invoice list is available for review during public hours two business days prior to the meeting.

Fund	Amount
Fund 11	\$665,524.50
Fund 41	\$165,244.78
Fund 51	\$12,595.69
Fund 61	\$308,007.26
Fund 71	\$242,266.84

2. Budget Transfers

Budget Transfers presented for approval

3. Budget Supplements

Budget Supplements presented for approval

Budget Supplement August	
1	\$213,750.00
Total	\$213,750.00

Budget Supplements September	
1	\$2,500.00
2	\$2,500.00
3	\$28,285.00
4	\$20,380.00
5	\$3,000.00
6	\$1,000.00
7	\$1,000.00
8	\$477,313.82
9	\$11,551,815.03
10	\$795,772.24
11	\$1,112,665.62
12	\$666,251.76
13	\$860,569.35
14	\$165,078.60
15	\$634,776.40
16	\$111,601.52
17	\$2,274,000.00
18	\$3,595,035.35
Total	\$22,303,544.69

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114 **c. Personnel Actions**

115 **1. PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL**

116 **a. New Employment into Existing Position**

- 117 i. Aaron Banks substitute teacher MCS (effective October 19, 2022)
118 ii. Jada Howell substitute teacher MCS (effective October 19, 2022)
119 iii. Elizabeth Pyszkowski substitute teacher MCS (effective October 19, 2022)
120 iv. Andrea Sloan substitute teacher MCS (effective October 19, 2022)
121 v. Shawna Hatfield substitute teacher MCS (effective October 19, 2022)
122 vi. Medra Murphy long-term substitute teacher / grade 5 KK8 (effective October 19, 2022,
123 until the position is filled by a certified teacher or the end of the 2023 school year)
124 ~~vii. Elizabeth Evans long-term substitute teacher / grade 3 LK8 (effective October 19, 2022,~~
125 ~~until the position is filled by a certified teacher or the end of the 2023 school year)~~
126 viii. Kimberly Brown long-term substitute teacher / science TVHS (effective September 27,
127 2022)
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129 **b. Transfer into Existing Position**

- 130 i. Brenda Collins teacher / grade 4 LK8 to teacher / grade 3 LK8 (effective July 1, 2023)
131 ii. Norma Sammons long term substitute teacher KK8 to teacher / teacher grade 3 LK8
132 (effective October 19, 2022)
133 iii. Nicholas Bragg teacher / music (chorus) MCHS to teacher / music band & careers in
134 education TVHS (effective August 29, 2022)
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136 **2. PROFESSIONAL EXTRACURRICULAR ASSIGNMENTS**

137 **a. New Employment for School year 2022-2023**

- 138 i. Alex Blankenship Wellness Coach GK8
139 ii. Teresa Cline Wellness Coach MCHS
140 iii. Teresa Cline after school teacher / tutor Eng /LA MCHS
141 iv. Brandon Cline credentialing specialist MCHS
142 v. Chris Roberson, assistant coach, golf MCHS (effective October 19, 2022)
143 vi. Vicki Crum department chair special education MCHS
144 vii. Taylor Elkins after school teacher / tutor grades K-2 MK8
145 viii. Steven Alley Homebound Instructor as needed
146 ix. Barbara Pyles Homebound Instructor as needed
147 x. Hazel Gillman Homebound Instructor as needed
148 xi. Gina Hicks Homebound Instructor as needed
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150 **3. SERVICE PERSONNEL**

151 **a. New Employment into Existing Position**

- 152 i. Ellen Newsome Substitute Cook MCS (effective October 18, 2022) (pending completion of
153 all required training and employment forms)
154 ii. Teddy Graham Substitute Custodian MCS (effective October 20, 2022) (pending
155 completion of all required training and employment forms)
156 iii. Ashley Church Substitute Custodian (effective October 20, 2022) (pending completion of
157 all required training and employment forms)

- iv. Tabitha Hitchcock Substitute Secretary (effective October 20, 2022) (pending completion of all required training and employment forms)
- v. Tara Baisden Substitute Secretary (effective October 20, 2022) (pending completion of all required training and employment forms)

b. Transfer into Existing Position

- i. Natasha Duty aide / autism mentor Itinerant MCS (to start at DES) to aide / autism mentor Itinerant MCS (to start at WK8) (effective July 1, 2023)
- ii. Fala McLaughlin aide / Early Childhood Classroom Assistant Teacher MK8 to aide / autism mentor itinerant MCS (to start at LK8) (effective July 1, 2023)
- iii. Heather Grace substitute aide MCS to Aide II / Early Childhood Classroom Assistant Teacher II WK8 (Effective October 19, 2022)
- ~~iv. Larry Dotson Cook II GK8 to Cook III GK8 (effective October 19, 2022)~~
- v. Jessica Ford aide / autism mentor itinerant WK8 to aide / autism mentor

c. Resignation

- i. Tonia Fitchpatrick substitute aide MCS (effective October 3, 2022)
- ii. Kimberly Cline substitute custodian MCS (effective October 4, 2022)

d. Retirement

- i. Ira T. Wellman bus operator Gilbert area (effective November 3, 2022)

e. Termination

- i. Timothy Ryan Dempsey custodian III GK8 (effective October 18, 2022)

4. Mingo County Schools Volunteers

- i. Terri Adkins
- ii. Mikaleah Alley
- iii. Hillary Altizer
- iv. Cynthia Anderson
- v. Jerrica Baisden
- vi. Vickie Baisden
- vii. Donald Baisden
- viii. Raven Barker
- ix. Lassie Blackburn
- x. Barbara Blankenship
- xi. Rhonda Bowen
- xii. Randa Bradford
- xiii. Crystal Browning
- xiv. Kelli Browning
- xv. Eric Burgess
- xvi. Valerie Burgess
- xvii. Fern Carter
- xviii. Kimberly Cline
- xix. Bonnie Compton
- xx. Candita Crabtree
- xxi. Amy Craddock
- xxii. Andrea Csanyi

206	xxiii.	Sherri Curry
207	xxiv.	Linda Davis
208	xxv.	Kaitlyn Dillon
209	xxvi.	Olivia Dillon
210	xxvii.	Ashley Edmiston
211	xxviii.	Dreama Edwards
212	xxix.	Virginia Ellis
213	xxx.	Christina Endicott
214	xxxi.	Angel Estepp
215	xxxii.	Gary Fabin
216	xxxiii.	Diana Farley
217	xxxiv.	Erica Farley
218	xxxv.	Lydia Fitchpatrick
219	xxxvi.	Kayla Flemings
220	xxxvii.	Donna Fortner
221	xxxviii.	Courtney Fortner
222	xxxix.	Christian Hager
223	xl.	Betty Hammond
224	xli.	Angel Hannah
225	xlII.	Stacy Hatfield
226	xlIII.	Kayla Hensley
227	xlIV.	Kimber Hensley
228	xlV.	Joyce Jewell
229	xlVI.	Trinity Justice
230	xlVII.	Melissa Kennedy
231	xlVIII.	Caitlyn Kennedy
232	xlIX.	Whitney Lambert
233	I.	Deborah Lee
234	II.	Shiley Lester
235	III.	Michelle Lester
236	IIII.	Amanda Lipps
237	lIV.	Morgan Lowe
238	lV.	Jessica Marcum
239	lVI.	Amanda Marcum
240	lVII.	Brittany Maynard
241	lVIII.	April McCoy
242	lIX.	Sherry McKeever
243	lX.	Alvie Meddings
244	lXI.	Minerva Messer
245	lXII.	Allison Messer
246	lXIII.	Amanda Mines
247	lXIV.	Norman Mines
248	lXV.	Kellie Moore
249	lXVI.	Reanna Muncy
250	lXVII.	Elizabeth Nawrocki
251	lXVIII.	Ernestine Nelson
252	lXIX.	Crystal Newsome
253	lXX.	Laura Perry

- 254 Ixxi. Sherry Perry
255 Ixxii. Deborah Pruitt
256 Ixxiii. Teresa Ramsey
257 Ixxiv. Tina Runyon
258 Ixxv. Marietta Runyon
259 Ixxvi. Jessica Sears
260 Ixxvii. Kayla Sheppard
261 Ixxviii. Chelsey Sheppard
262 Ixxix. Amber Sparks
263 Ixxx. Launa Swain
264 Ixxxi. Annette Toler
265 Ixxxii. Ashley Tolley
266 Ixxxiii. Benjamin Tomblin
267 Ixxxiv. Crystal Tomblin
268 Ixxxv. Donna Tomblin
269 Ixxxvi. Belva Tomblin
270 Ixxxvii. LaDonna Tomblin
271 Ixxxviii. Lottie Vance
272 Ixxxix. Pamela Wallace
273 xc. April White
274 xci. Kiersten White
275 xcii. Grace Williams
276 xciii. Payton Wilson
277 **xciv.** Jessica Workman

278 *End Consent Agenda*

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280 Mrs. Wireman made a couple of changes. Two items were to be stuck from the agenda.
281 On item **c. Personnel Actions, 1. PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL, a. New Employment into Existing Position**
282 ~~ivii. Elizabeth Evans long term substitute teacher / grade 3 LK8 (effective October 19, 2022, until the~~
283 ~~position is filled by a certified teacher or the end of the 2023 school year) and on item~~
284 **c. Personnel Actions, 3. SERVICE PERSONNEL b. Transfer into Existing Position, iv. Larry Dotson Cook II**
285 ~~GK8 to Cook III GK8 (effective October 19, 2022)~~
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287 Mr. Preece made a motion to accept the consent agenda. Mr. Baisden seconded that motion. The
288 motion passed with a vote of 5/0.
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290 **VIII. Board Member Comment Period**

291 Each member had comments. Everyone was deeply concerned about the accident on Miner Mountain
292 that morning.
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294 **IX. Superintendent's Update**

295 **a. Dr. Branch's meeting with TVHS students on school start times and other items.**

296 There would be a full report at the next regular meeting regarding school start times.
297 Dr. Branch read through the items that had been requested from the 10-10-22 meeting. There was
298 discussion. School Bus safety week started on Monday. There were protocols being worked on to notify
299 families at the beginning of an incident. Dr. Branch updated air quality information. He read over a new
300 set of air quality tests from Dingess -- all areas were still at a safe level. New tests were done for Kermit
301 and the written results had not been received. The verbal report stated there were No High Level of

302 Concern. The plan was to change up the cleaning routine – clean unseen areas. There were enough
303 mini-splits to be installed in every classroom. Dr. Branch read the goals established from the last
304 meeting. Dr. Branch met with the students from Tug Valley. They would make up a form to be used to
305 survey students and parents regarding a new start up time of 8 a.m. and to dismiss by 3:35ish p.m. He
306 would meet with students at Mingo Central next week for them to survey their school.
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308 **X. Adjournment**

309 Mr. Baisden made the motion to adjourn. Mrs. Hannah seconded that motion.

310 The time was 7:15 p.m.

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312 **Next Regular Meeting**

313 November 15, 2022