

MINUTES

Board of Education for the County of Mingo

110 Cinderella Road, Williamson, WV 25661

Special Workshop Meeting
March 24, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.

I. Call to order

President Machel McCormick called the meeting to order. The time was 10:02 a.m.

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

One Members of the Press was in attendance: Bruce Justice of the Mingo Messenger

Central Office Staff in attendance: Beth Daniels, CSBO / Treasurer; Patrick Billips, Director of Technology; Rocky Hall, Director of Attendance and Safe Schools; William Hensley, Director of Maintenance – by phone for the General Considerations he addressed; Kay Maynard, Director Child Nutrition & Wellness; Rodney McCoy, Professional Accountant; Lesia Sammons, Guidance and Testing; Virginia Taylor-Mounts, Technology Integration Facilitator; Janet Varney, Director of Special Education; Tonya Hagy, RN, BSN Lead School Nurse; Leah Wireman, Director of Human Resources; Jennifer Toler, Food Service Coordinator; Christie Tilley, Coordinator of Parent Involvement; Jeremy Brumfield, Chief Mechanic; Wendy Cisco, Secretary of Employee Benefits; Theresa Dillon, Finance Secretary

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Baisden led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. General Considerations

a. Discussion and possible action on the Tug Valley High School CTE Facility

Mr. McCoy addressed the Board. He stated the amount of money the project started with (\$2M) and the amount left. The remaining amount of monies was a million dollars and it had open encumbrances. The kind and size of building needed was discussed.

Mr. Slone made a motion to table the item and find out what kind of metal building and utility installation could be purchased for the \$1M budget. Mrs. Hannah seconded that motion. The motion carried with a vote of 5/0.

b. Discussion and possible action regarding the purchase of new school buses – Joe Howard

Jeremy Brumfield led the discussion. He had three bids for Board members to compare. There were questions and discussion.

Mr. Baisden made the motion to approve the purchase of three International buses. Mr. Preece made the second. The motion carried with a vote of 5/0.

c. Discussion and possible action regarding the purchase of a tool truck for the transportation department – Joe Howard

Mr. Jeremy Brumfield spoke regarding this. The 2010-2011 tool truck had broken down and was sent for an estimated repair cost. The cost came back more than the truck blue booked for.

Mr. Preece made the motion to table this item until three quotes are received. Mr. Baisden seconded that motion. The motion carried with a vote of 3/2. Mr. Preece, Mr. Baisden and Ms. McCormick voted yes. Mr. Slone and Mrs. Hannah abstained.

d. Discussion and possible action regarding the Gilbert home-side football bleacher project –William Hensley

Mr. Hensley was available by phone. He had given all information available at the March 21, 2023 meeting. Just needed an approval to move forward.

Mr. Slone made the motion to approve the bleachers to be ordered and installed. Mrs. Hannah seconded that motion. The motion passed 5/0.

e. Discussion and possible action regarding a contract with Techline Sports Lighting through AEPA (Contract 017-A) for the purchase and installation of LED field lighting for the football field at Burch Pre K-8 – William Hensley

Mr. Hensley stated that the poles and lighting at Burch Pre K-8 posed a safety threat.

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

IV. Workforce realignment for the 2023-2024 School year

a. Abolish positions (professional) (vacant or to become vacant), effective July 1, 2023

- i. Teacher / special education DES
- ii. Teacher / grade 2 DES
- iii. Teacher / special education GK8
- iv. Teacher / grade 5 GK8
- v. Teacher / grade 3 KK8
- vi. Teacher / grade 6 LK8
- vii. Teacher / grade K WK8
- viii. Teacher / grade 6 WK8
- ix. Teacher / Math TVHS
- x. Teacher / Math MCHS
- xi. Teacher / Music Chorus MCHS
- xii. Teacher / Technology Integration Specialist MCHS
- xiii. Teacher / Social Studies & Careers in Education MCHS
- xiv. Teacher / K-6 Itinerant Virtual MELC
- xv. Teacher / K-6 Itinerant Virtual MELC
- xvi. Teacher / K-6 Itinerant Virtual MELC
- xvii. Teacher / K-6 Itinerant Virtual MELC

Each item was explained as why it was needed. There was discussion.

Mr. Preece made the motion to approve all abolished positions. Items i. – xvii. Mr. Slone seconded that motion. (Make note: both men agreed with one another.) The motion passed with a vote of 5/0.

97 **b. Reassign or Transfer as appropriate (professional), effective July 1, 2023**

- 98 i. Asia Salmons teacher / special education DES to a position to be determined
99 ii. Ashley SESCO teacher / grade 6 LK8 to a position to be determined
100 iii. Christy McCoy teacher / K-6 Itinerant Virtual MELC to a position to be determined
101 iv. Tara Smith teacher / K-6 Itinerant Virtual MELC to a position to be determined
102 v. Corey Hatfield teacher / Social Studies & Careers in Education to a position to be
103 determined.

104 Mr. Slone made the motion to approve. (Mr. Preece had a comment.) Mr. Baisden seconded the
105 motion and it carried with a vote of 4/1. Mr. Preece voted no.

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107 **c. Create positions (service), effective July 1, 2023**

- 108 i. Aide / Autism Mentor Itinerant (to begin at TVHS)
109 ii. Custodian IV 230 Days WK8
110 iii. Custodian IV 230 Days MK8
111 iv.

112 Mr. Slone made the motion to approve. (Mr. Preece had comment.) Mr. Baisden seconded that motion.
113 The motion carried with a vote of 4/1. Mr. Preece voted no.

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115 **d. Abolish service position (vacant or to become vacant), effective July 1, 2023**

- 116 i. Aide / Autism Mentor Itinerant DES

117 Mr. Slone made the motion to approve. Mr. Baisden seconded that motion. The motion carried with a
118 vote of 4/1. Mr. Preece voted no.

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120 **e. Appointment of treasurer for the 2023-2024 school year (effective July 1, 2023)**

- 121 i. Mary E. Daniels treasurer / chief school business officer

122 Mr. Slone made the motion to approve Ms. Daniels as the treasurer and chief school business officer.
123 Mrs. Hannah seconded that motion. (Mr. Preece had comments.) The item passed with a vote of 4/1.
124 Mr. Preece voted no.

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126 **X. Adjournment**

127 Mr. Slone made the motion to adjourn. Mr. Baisden seconded that motion. The time was 12:03 p.m.

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130 **Next Regular Meeting**

131 April 18, 2022