

MINUTES

Board of Education for the County of Mingo

110 Cinderella Road, Williamson, WV 25661

Special LSIC Meeting – Being Held at Lenore Pre K-8 School

January 30, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

I. Call to order

President Machel McCormick called the meeting to order. The time was 6:10 p.m.

Board Members present: Machel McCormick, President; John Preece, Vice President; Tom Slone, and Amy Dearfield-Hannah. Superintendent Dr. Johnny Branch attended.

One Member of the Press in attendance: Bruce Justice of the Mingo Messenger

District Office staff in attendance: Kay Maynard, Director Child Nutrition & Wellness; Virginia Taylor-Mounts, Technology Integration Facilitator; Leah Wireman, Director of Human Resources

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Slone led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. 2022-2023 LSIC Reports

a. Lenore Pre K-8 School

There was a quorum present to represent the school. Peyton Moore, an eight-grade student ambassador at Lenore Pre K-8 introduced Mr. Harris. Mr. Harris, Principal, introduced Jamie Heflin. Mrs. Heflin, Instructional Coach; Mariana Evans, Assistant Principal; and Crystal Varney, fifth-grade teacher; made the presentation. There were many things they were proud of: clubs, teams, intervention programs, and competitions won; achievements made in Math, Reading/ELA, and Science as well as strategies to improve. The Community In Schools program had made a positive impact on students. Mike Lucas was conducting that program for their school. After School achievements and student progress was shared. It was reported that KYLO, the first therapy dog in our county, had made a very positive impact at the school – not only for the social-emotional and mental health for students and staff, but attendance had also improved. The report included items that were considered priority items for their facility.

b. Tug Valley High School

There was a quorum present to represent the school. Steven Alley, math instructor at Tug Valley High made the presentation. His presentation consisted of things they were proud of: clubs, teams, intervention programs, competitions where their students had excelled, etc. After School enrollment had been at an all-time high, and there had been 59 credits recovered last year. He spoke of achievements made in Math, Reading/ELA, and Science. The school had adopted intervention strategies to make improvements in those areas. The report included items that were considered priority items for their facility.

c. Kermit Pre K-8

There was a quorum present to represent the school. Mrs. Starr, Principal; and Marsha Deskins, Instructional Coach; made the presentation. They presented data that covered tested grades for Math and ELA and how

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Exact Path was helping their students succeed. They included items that were considered priority items for their facility.

d. Dingess Elementary

There was a quorum present to represent their school. Jessica May, Fourth grade teacher, made the presentation. She reported several things the school was proud of. They were utilizing After School, and reported good things regarding the Communities In Schools program. Michael Baisden was conducting that program for their school. They were utilizing several programs to help students succeed – WIN intervention, Exact Path, etc. Their intervention strategies included Math centers, Number Talks, Writing Workshops, and After School. They also had items that were considered priority items for their facility.

IV. Consent Agenda

a. Personnel Actions

1. PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL

a. New Employment into Existing Position

- i. Ashley Edmiston substitute teacher MCS (effective January 31, 2023)
- ii. Cameron Newsome substitute teacher MCS (effective January 31, 2023)
- iii. Cameron Workman Professional Accountant MELC (effective January 31, 2023) (50%)

b. Resignation

- i. Jonathan Alan Riffle Technology Integration Specialist MCHS (effective January 19, 2023)

c. Transfer into Existing Position

- i. Brandon Cline from teacher / Pre-Engineering MCHS to Assistant Principal MCHS (effective January 31, 2023)
- ii. Whitney Dempsey from teacher / K-6 virtual itinerate to teacher / alternative education MELC (effective January 31, 2023)

2. PROFESSIONAL EXTRACURRICULAR ASSIGNMENTS

a. New Employment for School year 2022-2023

- i. David Jones coach / Football MCHS (effective January 31, 2023) (pending certification)
- ii. James Maynard coach / Baseball WK8 (effective January 31, 2023) (pending certification)
- iii. Curtis Collins assistant coach / baseball WK8 (effective January 31, 2023) (paid) (pending certification)
- iv. Herbert Jordon Lee Mounts assistant coach / softball TVHS (zero comp) (effective January 31, 2023)

End Consent Agenda

Mrs. Wireman had an addendum and handed it to the Board members prior to the start of the meeting. That addendum added one position to the consent agenda.

3. Service Personnel

a. Transfer into Existing Position

i. Dwight Stepp from substitute bus operator MCS to bus operator Tug Valley Area (effective January 31, 2023)

Mr. Slone pulled IV. **Consent Agenda, a. Personnel Actions, 1. PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL,**

b. Resignation, i. Jonathan Alan Riffle Technology Integration Specialist MCHS (effective January 19, 2023)

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95 Mr. Preece pulled IV. **Consent Agenda, a. Personnel Actions, 1. PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL,**
96 **c. Transfer into Existing Position.** i. Brandon Cline from teacher / Pre-Engineering MCHS to Assistant Principal
97 MCHS (effective January 31, 2023)
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99 Mr. Preece made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda with the exception of the items pulled and to go
100 into Executive session. Mr. Slone seconded that motion. The motion carried with a vote of 5/0. The time was
101 8:08 p.m.

102 Mrs. Hannah made a motion to go back into regular session. Mr. Slone seconded that motion. The motion
103 carried with a vote of 5/0. The time was 8:10 p.m.

104 Mr. Preece made the motion to approve item **c. Transfer into Existing Position.** i. Brandon Cline from teacher /
105 Pre-Engineering MCHS to Assistant Principal MCHS (effective January 31, 2023). Mr. Slone seconded that
106 motion. The motion carried with a vote of 5/0.

107 Mrs. Hannah made the motion to approve **b. Resignation,** i. Jonathan Alan Riffle Technology Integration
108 Specialist MCHS (effective January 19, 2023). Mr. Slone made that second. The motion carried with a vote of
109 5/0.
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111 **XI. Board Member Comment Period**
112 Each member had comments to make.
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114 **XII. Superintendent's Update**
115 There was a new pilot program called Fast ForWord. Two of our teachers attended training for that program.
116 There would be a Principal's meeting on Friday, February 3, 2023. Dr. Branch hoped to have a Student Summit
117 at each of the High schools.
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119 **XIII. Adjournment**
120 Mr. Preece made the motion to adjourn. The time was 8:31 p.m.
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122 **Next Regular Meeting**
123 February 21, 2023