

# MINUTES

## Amended to add item f. to General Considerations

### Board of Education for the County of Mingo

110 Cinderella Road, Williamson, WV 25661

Regular Meeting

May 15, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.

#### I. Call to order

President McCormick called the meeting to order at 5:12 p.m. (Trying to connect two members by phone.)

**Board Members present:** Machel McCormick, President; John W. Preece, Vice President by phone; Tom Slone, James Baisden by phone, and Amy Dearfield-Hannah. Superintendent, Dr. Johnny Branch also attended.

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

**Central Office Staff in attendance:** Patrick Billips, Director of Technology; Beth Daniels, CSBO / Treasurer; (Chief School Business Officer); Tonya Hagy, RN, BSN Lead School Nurse; 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; Leah Wireman, Director of Human Resources; Christie Tilley, Coordinator of Parent Involvement

#### II. Pledge of Allegiance

Mrs. Dearfield-Hannah led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### III. Spotlight on Success

##### a. State Math Field Day Competition, Fourth Place – Wyatt Varney (Grade 4)

Dr. Branch presented a certificate to Mr. Varney for placing Fourth at the State Math Field Day Competition. Mr. Varney is in fourth grade at Kermit Pre K-8 school. Pictures were made.

##### b. Teacher of the Year

Mrs. Wireman announced the recipients and Dr. Branch handed out certificates. Rachel Hunt of Burch Pre K-8, Alicen White of Dingess Elementary, Naomi Cline of Gilbert Pre K-8, Pam Caldwell of Kermit Pre K-8, Amber Elkins of Lenore Pre K-8, Taylor Elkins of Matewan Pre K-8, Chris Roberson of Mingo Central High School, Taylor Bailey of Tug Valley High School, and Melissa Smith of Williamson Pre K-8, were named Teacher of the Year for their school. **Rachel Hunt of Burch Pre K-8 was awarded a plaque and named Mingo County Teacher of the Year!** Pictures were made.

##### c. Service Person of the Year

Mrs. Wireman announced each recipient, and Dr. Branch handed out certificates. Lee Justice of Burch Pre K-8, Natasha Duty of Dingess Elementary, Annette Hatfield of Gilbert Pre K-8, Brandon Sartin of Kermit Pre K-8, Nikki Copley of Lenore Pre K-8, Robyn Fields of Matewan Pre K-8, Jonathan Dove of Mingo Central High School, Judy Moore of Tug Valley High School, Bobby Runyon of Williamson, Pre K-8 were named Service Person of the Year of their school. **Jonathan Dove of Mingo**

**Central High School was awarded a plaque and named Mingo County Service Person of the Year!**  
Pictures were made.

**d. Retirees Recognition**

Dr. Branch awarded each retiree a plaque.  
Leigh Ann Smith, 30 years of service; Melissa Hackney, 38 years of service; Tamera Cline, 21 years of service; T. Michael Kinder, 15 years of service; Rebecca Endicott, 23 years of service; Pam Caldwell, 28 years of service; Daniel Dean, 31 years of service; Rhonda Williamson, 14 years of service; Margaret Woolum, 31 years of service; Billie Lockard, 18 years of service; Ira T. Wellman, 12 years of service; Freda Church, 9 years of service; and Pamela Jarrell, 33 years of service. Pictures were made.

**IV. Delegations**

Josh Fletcher and Justin Hale were present to speak. Mr. Fletcher spoke regarding the hazardous conditions they work under versus the amount of pay they receive. He also spoke regarding the education needs that needed to met for his child.

**V. Public Hearing: FY24 Operating Budget – Finance**

There were no delegations.

**VI. Informational Items**

**a. School-based health pilot WPK8, in collaboration with Williamson Health and Wellness**

There were several folks present who spoke regarding the new upcoming pilot program for the health and wellness of our students. This pilot would take place at Williamson Pre K-8 school next year. It would offer health services through a Nurse Practitioner who would be present part of the week to provide primary care and mental health services. There could also be other services such as a tele-health Psychiatrist and a mobile unit for Dental Care.

**b. Carnegie Fast Forward pilot and K-3 district-wide implementation**

Dr. Branch spoke regarding this item. It was piloted at Williamson Pre K-8 school earlier this year with great success. Reporting indicates that In 28 days of use, growth up to one year was achieved! The program is based on learning and brain research, it is curriculum based for grades K-3. New state law requires all grade three students be able to read before fourth grade, or not be promoted. This program will be implemented in our schools next year.

**c. NFHS video streaming of athletic events**

Dr. Branch and Virginia Taylor-Mounts spoke regarding the National Federation of High Schools Association and the pixelott cameras to be installed in our gyms and on our playing fields this coming year. There were questions and answers.

**d. Update on current facilities projects**

**1. Lenore PK8 Roof**

Rod McCoy addressed this item. Work was scheduled to begin after testing and closer to the summer months.

**2. Gilbert Bleachers and**

**3. MCHS and Kermit PK8 concrete**

Mr. Hensley attended the Pre-bid meeting and it was awarded. The concrete projects would get started in the next couple of weeks. The Gilbert football field project would be first followed by Kermit PK8. At Mingo Central, an area at the front entrance would be replaced.

97  
98 **4. Field lighting Burch PK8**

99 The lights were on order for the BK8 football field and work would begin mid-June.  
100

101 **5. Gym seating TVHS**

102 The bleacher had been ordered. Fall installation was scheduled.  
103

104 **6. HVAC ESSER Tug Valley, WPK8**

105 These projects were scheduled to start this summer.  
106

107 **7. HVAC project MPK8**

108 The units would be direct replacements for what exists. More quotes were needed.  
109

110 **8. Dingess Elementary storm damage**

111 There was too much water for the gutters to handle. There was discussion.  
112

113 **9. Safe Entry TVHS**

114 There would be a classroom used to re-configure the entryway.  
115

116 **10. Restroom renovations**

117 Dingess restroom was finished and they had moved on to Gilbert. Maintenance department had been  
118 working on other projects, but planned to get back into those renovations.  
119

120 **11. TVHS Classroom dividers**

121 The principal suggested this project wait until summer.  
122

123 **VII. General Considerations**

124 **a. Discussion and possible action regarding new architectural recommendations for the Tug**  
125 **Valley CTE building.**

126 There was discussion. No action was taken on this item. Finance was to move forward with the metal  
127 building.  
128

129 **b. Discussion and possible action on approving contract for auditorium renovations at Burch**  
130 **Pre K-8 and Tug Valley High School as part of Mingo County's ARP ESSER funding.**

131 There was discussion.

132 Miss McCormick made the motion to approve the auditorium upgrades at Burch Pre K-8 and Tug Valley  
133 High School with the recommendation that had been set forth. Mr. Preece seconded that motion. The  
134 motion carried with a vote of 5/0.  
135

136 **c. Discussion and possible action regarding construction of a restroom for TVHS Special**  
137 **Education.**

138 There was a need and a discussion took place.  
139

140 Mr. Preece made a motion to approve this item of business. Mrs. Hannah seconded that motion. The  
141 motion carried with a vote of 5/0.  
142

143 **d. Discussion and possible action on non-congregant feeding vendor for Summer 2023- Kay**  
144 **Maynard**

Mrs. Maynard addressed this item and explained the summer feeding program. They wanted to use the vendor Multitude Food.

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

**e. Discussion and possible action on approving school- based fundraising groups for the 2023-2024 school year.**

Mr. McCoy addressed the Board. There was discussion and questions.

Ms. McCormick made the motion to approve the list of school-based fundraising groups for the 2023-2024 school year. Mrs. Hannah seconded that motion. The motion carried with a vote of 5/0.

**f. Discussion and possible action to approve the FY24 Operating Budget.**

There were questions and discussion.

Mrs. Hannah made the motion to approve the Operating Budget for FY24. Mr. Slone seconded that motion. The motion carried with a vote of 4/1. Mr. Preece voted no.

**VIII. Departmental Updates**

**a. Attendance Report- Rocky Hall**

Mr. Hall gave the attendance update. Overall the county was above 90%. Attendance for each school was down a little except for Dingess, their attendance was up a little. There were questions and discussion.

**b. Parent Engagement (Kindness Kits)- Christie Tilley**

Mrs. Tilley gave the presentation. She explained how the 'Kindness Kits' came into existence and how the name came about. Some teachers had suggested that student from the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades to be given a presentation about hygiene. At the end of the presentation each student was given a Kindness Kit that consisted of soap/bodywash, deodorant, toothbrush and toothpaste. The program was named on behalf of our late Superintendent Mr. Donald Spence who recommended to always be KIND to everyone.

**c. Maintenance Report - William Hensley- Attachment U1**

Mr. Hensley addressed the Board. Maintenance had been catching up with work-orders and addressing all other work needs.

**d. Treasurer's Report - Beth Daniels - Attachment U2**

Mrs. Daniels informed members we had received about 81% of our revenue for the year. About 75% had been spent. Getting ready to start closing of the year. Finance is very busy this time of year.

**IX. Consent Agenda**

**a. Approval of Minutes**

1. Minutes of April 18, 2023, Special LEVY - Attachment M4-18(1)
2. Minutes of April 18, 2023, Regular - Attachment M4-18(2)

**b. Bills, Transfers, Supplements**

1. Payment of Bills - Attachment F1

Bills presented for approval through May 8, 2023. The invoice list is available for review during public hours two business days prior to the meeting.

Amount	
Fund 11	\$490,594.46
Fund 41	\$-
Fund 51	\$-
Fund 61	\$264,319.61
Fund 71	\$363,577.23

**2. Budget Supplements - Attachment F3**

Budget Supplements presented for approval

Budget Supplements April	
1	\$366,788.00
2	\$11,184.00
3	\$41,492.41
4	\$18,045.35
5	\$2,000.00
6	\$700.00
7	\$13,000.00
	\$453,209.76

**c. Personnel Actions**

**1. PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL**

**a. New Employment into Existing Position**

- i. **Katie Hager** Teacher / English MCHS (effective ~~May 16, 2023~~) (**July 1, 2023**)

**b. Transfer into Existing Position**

- i. Alicen White teacher / grade 2 DES to teacher / grade 6 MK8 (effective July 1, 2023)
- ii. Christy McCoy teacher / K-6 Itinerant Virtual MCS to teacher / Title 1 MK8 (effective July 1, 2023)
- iii. Ella Maynard teacher / Special Education DES to teacher / Special Education TVHS (effective July 1, 2023)
- iv. Isaac Williamson Substitute Teacher MCS to teacher / grade 1 LK8 (effective July 1, 2023)
- v. Wanda Watson teacher / Pre-K Special Needs WK8 to teacher / Physical Education WK8 (effective July 1, 2023)
- vi. Asia Sammons teacher / special education DES to teacher / special education WK8 (effective July 1, 2023)
- vii. Ashley Sesco teacher/grade 6 LK8 to teacher / grade 2 KK8 (effective July 1, 2023)
- viii. Tara Smith teacher / K-6 Itinerant Virtual MCS to teacher / grade 1 MK8 (effective July 1, 2023)
- ix. Randall Crum teacher / special education MCHS to teacher / special education BK8 (effective July 1, 2023)

~~x. \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_ to Teacher / English MCHS (effective July 1, 2023)~~ **STRIKE THIS ITEM**

227  
228 **c. Resignation**

- 229 i. Thomas Jude teacher / music BK8 (effective May 1, 2023)  
230 ii. Amy Maynard Substitute Teacher MCS (effective April 25, 2023)  
231

232 **d. Rescind**

- 233 i. Steven Alley teacher / math TVHS to teacher / Pre-Engineering MCHS (effective  
234 July 1, 2023) ( teacher will remain teacher at TVHS) (on the March 21, 2023  
235 board agenda)  
236 ii. Name, effective date  
237

238 **e. Employee Discipline**

- 239 i. ~~Suspend 3 Days without pay May 4,5,8 2023~~ **STRIKE THIS ITEM**  
240

241 **2. PROFESSIONAL EXTRACURRICULAR ASSIGNMENTS**

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

- 243 i. Rebecca White Coach/ Cheer WK8 (effective May 16, 2023) (pending  
244 certification)  
245 ii. Jackie May Assistant Coach / Cheer WK8 (effective May 16, 2023)  
246 iii. **Chris Burns** Assistant Coach/ Football MCHS (effective May 16, 2023) (pending  
247 certification) (zero comp)  
248 iv. **Robert Goble** Assistant Coach / Football MCHS (effective May 16, 2023)  
249 (pending certification) (zero comp)  
250 v. **Garrett Bevins** Assistant Coach / Football MCHS (effective May 16, 2023)  
251 (pending certification) (zero comp)  
252 vi. **Josh Sammons** Assistant Coach / Football MCHS (effective May 16, 2023)  
253 (pending certification) (paid)  
254 vii. Durand Warren Assistant Coach / Football WK8 (zero comp) (pending  
255 certification) (effective May 16, 2023)  
256 viii. Alyssa Newsome Assistant Coach/ Girls Basketball TVHS (paid) (pending  
257 certification)  
258 ix. Destiny Fitzpatrick Assistant Coach / cheer KK8 (Zero Comp) (effective May 16,  
259 2023)  
260 x. Erin McCoy camp success teacher student advisor BK8  
261 xi. Heather Spaulding camp success teacher student advisor BK8  
262 xii. **Travis Ward** camp success site coordinator BK8  
263 xiii. Deborah Hensley camp success teacher student advisor DES  
264 xiv. Lisa Vance camp success site coordinator DES  
265 xv. Patricia Brown camp success teacher student advisor GK8  
266 xvi. Sherry Rutledge camp success teacher student advisor GK8  
267 xvii. Cynthia Glasscock camp success site coordinator GK8  
268 xviii. Lisa Justice camp success teacher student advisor WK8  
269 xix. Randi Murphy camp success teacher student advisor WK8  
270 xx. **Ashley Willis** camp success site coordinator WK8  
271 xxi. Marsha Kay Bays camp success teacher student advisor MK8  
272 xxii. Bethany Hurley camp success teacher student advisor MK8  
273 xxiii. Barbara Fields camp success site coordinator MK8  
274 xxiv. Mark Blackburn camp success site coordinator LK8  
275 xxv. Jamie Heflin camp success teacher student advisor LK8

- 276 xxvi. Aileen Perry camp success teacher student advisor LK8
- 277 xxvii. David Mollett camp success teacher student advisor KK8
- 278 xxviii. Gina Hicks camp success teacher student advisor KK8
- 279 xxix. Marsha Deskins camp success site coordinator KK8
- 280 xxx. Pamela Booth Credit Recovery Instructor (ELA) TVHS
- 281 xxxi. Glen Hartsoch Credit Recovery Instructor (Science) TVHS
- 282 xxxii. Eric Starr Credit Recovery Instructor (Social Studies) TVHS
- 283 xxxiii. Steven Alley Credit Recovery Instructor (Math) TVHS
- 284 xxxiv. Corey Hatfield Credit Recovery Instructor (ELA) MCHS
- 285 xxxv. Corbin Fields Credit Recovery Instructor (Science) MCHS
- 286 xxxvi. Joe Hunt Credit Recovery Instructor (Social Studies) MCHS
- 287 xxxvii. Christine Cline Credit Recovery Instructor (Math) MCHS
- 288

### 3. SERVICE PERSONNEL

#### a. New Employment into Existing Position

- i. Natalie Manuel Substitute Custodian MCS (effective May 16, 2023)
- ii. Tera Beth Thacker Substitute Cook MCS (effective May 16, 2023)
- iii. Bobby Evans Substitute Bus Operator MCS (pending certification)

#### b. Transfer into Existing Position

- i. Rebecca Fouch Bus Operator (Tug Valley Area) to Bus Operator (Tug Valley Area) (effective May 16, 2023)
- ii. Amy Baisden Substitute Bus Operator MCS to Bus Operator (Tug Valley Area) (effective May 16, 2023)

#### c. Resignation

- i. Rhonda Yates Aide / Autism Mentor Itinerant (to start at Kermit) (effective June 30, 2023)

#### d. Request for Leave of Absence

- i. Leslie Hatfield aide / autism mentor GK8 March 27- July 1, 2023
- ii. Christopher Evans custodian III WK8 March 20, 2023-May 10, 2023

### 4. SERVICE EXTRACURRICULAR ASSIGNMENTS

#### a. New Employment for School year 2022-2023

- i. Holly Hoffman camp success secretary BK8
- ii. Andrew Hoffman camp success custodian BK8
- iii. Pamela Jarrell camp success cook BK8
- iv. ~~Robert Channell~~ **Thomas Crum** camp success bus operator BK8
- v. Lori Powers camp success bus operator BK8
- vi. Tammi Hunt camp success secretary DES
- vii. Yvonna Vance camp success cook DES
- viii. Chris Evans camp success custodian DES
- ix. Charles Fowler camp success custodian GK8
- x. Wanda Browning camp success cook GK8
- xi. Vivian Smith Carter camp success secretary GK8
- xii. Patricia Chapman camp success cook WK8
- xiii. Kimber Hensley camp success secretary WK8
- xiv. Melissa Turner camp success custodian WK8



- xv. Sheila Adkins camp success secretary MK8  
xvi. Tammy Sartin camp success custodian MK8  
xvii. Jennifer Fields camp success cook MK8  
xviii. Cynthia Rose camp success cook LK8  
xix. Crystal Canterbury camp success secretary LK8  
xx. Michelle Copley camp success custodian LK8  
xxi. Julie Sheppard camp success cook KK8  
xxii. Thelma Hensley camp success custodian KK8  
xxiii. Tammy Hodge camp success secretary KK8  
xxiv. Ericka Phillips Summer School Secretary MCHS  
xxv. Angela Fleming Summer School Secretary TVHS  
xxvi. Andrea Ellis Summer School bus operator MCHS  
xxvii. Joan Rogers Summer School bus operator MCHS  
xxviii. James Sloan Summer School bus operator MCHS  
xxix. Roger Staton Summer School bus operator MCHS  
xxx. Rocky Church Summer School bus operator MCHS  
xxxi. Beverly Workman Summer School bus operator TVHS  
xxxii. Tabitha Jarrell Summer School bus operator TVHS  
xxxiii. Cecile Wright Summer School bus operator TVHS  
xxxiv. Zelda Croaff II MCHS (Summer Feeding Program)  
xxxv. Tina Evans II TVHS (Summer Feeding Program)  
xxxvi. Jennifer Adkins Summer School custodian MCHS  
xxxvii. Rickey Bailey Summer School custodian TVHS  
xxxviii. **Jamie Newsome** Camp Success Bus Operator DES  
xxxix. **Jesse Stroud** Camp Success Bus Operator DES  
xl. **Christina Carter** Camp Success Bus Operator GK8  
xli. **Tammy Hatfield** Camp Success Bus Operator GK8  
xlii. **Karen Evans** Camp Success Bus Operator KK8  
xliii. **Johnny Hager** Camp Success Bus Operator KK8  
xliv. **Rob Channel** Camp Success Bus Operator LK8  
xlv. **Donald Lawrence** Camp Success Bus Operator LK8  
xlvi. **Dwight Stepp** Camp Success Bus Operator MK8  
xlvii. **Susan Cook** Camp Success Bus Operator MK8  
xlviii. **Ralph Mahon** Camp Success Bus Operator MK8  
xlix. **Ron Joplin** Camp Success Bus Operator WK8  
l. **James Maynard** Camp Success Bus Operator WK8  
li. **Marty Copley** Camp Success Bus Operator WK8  
lii. **Derrick Hensley** Camp Success Bus Operator WK8

*End Consent Agenda*

Mrs. Wireman had two items to strike and several names to fill in.

**Changes are listed above in BOLD.** Mr. Preece had a question that was answered.

Mrs. Hannah made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Mr. Slone seconded that motion. The motion carried with a vote of 5/0.

**XI. Board Member Comment Period**

Members were given an opportunity to make comments.



374 **XII. Superintendent's Update**

375 Dr. Branch had updates. The Governor's office announced a grant in excess of three million dollars for  
376 the Cinderella Resort – that grant would affect our building. Our students are in testing. Teachers were  
377 seeing improvement on interims and benchmarks testing. CIR visits were very positive.

378

379

380

381 **XIII. Adjournment**

382 Mrs. Hannah made the motion to adjourn. Mr. Slone seconded that motion. The time was 8:41 p.m.

383

384

385 **Next Regular Meeting**

386 ~~June 20, 2023~~

387 June 15, 2023