

MINUTES
WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF EDUCATION
Spring Valley Career and Technical Education Center
1640 Spring Valley Drive
Huntington, West Virginia
April 13, 2011

I. Call to Order

President Priscilla M. Haden called the meeting of the West Virginia Board of Education (WVBE) to order at 1:00 p.m. on April 13, 2011, at Spring Valley Career and Technical Education Center, 1640 Spring Valley Drive, Huntington, West Virginia. The Spring Valley High School JROTC presented the colors.

Following the presentation of colors by the Spring Valley High School JROTC, singing of the National Anthem, and Pledge of Allegiance, the following WVBE members were introduced: President Haden, Vice President Jenny N. Phillips, Secretary Robert W. Dunlevy, Michael I. Green, Burma Hatfield, Lowell E. Johnson, L. Wade Linger Jr., Gayle C. Manchin, William M. White and ex officio Jorea M. Marple, State Superintendent of Schools. Student representative in attendance was Quinton Hinzman of West Union, West Virginia, who attends Doddridge County High School. Members absent were officios Brian E. Noland, Chancellor, West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission, and James L. Skidmore, Chancellor, West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education.

II. Welcome

Mr. Gary Adkins, Superintendent of Wayne County Schools, and Ms. Katie Carey, Vice President of the Wayne County Board of Education, welcomed the Board. Mr. Adkins introduced staff, recognized central office staff and introduced students from Kellogg Elementary (Tanner Dixson, Mitchell Hall, Beth Perry, Mira Cunningham, and Parker Runyon) who provided an overview of Wayne County accomplishments and initiatives.

III. Delegations

Ms. Susan Schiefer (distributed information), Braxton County Middle School Curriculum Team, addressed the Board regarding the deconsolidation of Braxton County Middle School. (Copy appended to Official Minutes, Attachment X.)

IV. Recognitions

Ms. Liza Cordeiro, Executive Director, WVDE Office of Communications, State Superintendent's Office, presented *Global21 Moments*, spotlighting Mingo, Randolph, and Wayne County Schools, and announced a video contest that is part of the WVDE's Read WV project, "What are you reading West Virginia?", for the Board's information.

President Haden recognized Ms. Cordeiro who received a 2011 Next Generation award as reported in The State Journal.

V. Approval of Agenda

Upon motion by Ms. Phillips, seconded by Mr. Dunlevy, the Board unanimously approved the agenda.

VI. Final Report for the Randolph County School District

Dr. Kenna R. Seal, Director, Office of Education Performance Audits (OEPA), reported that an announced Education Performance Audit of the Randolph County Central Office February 25 - 28, 2008. The WVBE reviewed the report at the May 14, 2008 meeting and directed the county to submit a plan of corrective action for the areas identified in the OEPA report. The WVBE further directed the OEPA return to Randolph County in 90 days to review the county's progress in correcting the items identified in the Randolph County Education Performance Audit Report. The OEPA returned to Randolph County October 6 - 8, 2008 to conduct a progress review and presented the progress report to the WVBE at its December 2008 meeting. The WVBE declared a state of emergency in the school system and issued Randolph County Nonapproval status pursuant to the provisions of W.Va. Code §18-2E-5 (p)(C) and gave the county six months to show progress in correcting the emergency or face possible intervention. The OEPA returned to Randolph County October 20 – 23, 2009 to assess progress of the county in correcting conditions that led to the Nonapproval status. The OEPA Team reported that Randolph County had corrected almost all of the deficiencies reported in the December 2008 Progress Report and was granted Full Accreditation status with the provision that the OEPA conduct an Education Performance Audit of the deficiencies that had not been corrected. An OEPA Team reviewed these areas February 15, 2011. Dr. James B. Phares, Superintendent of Randolph County Schools, addressed the Board regarding the audit report.

Upon the recommendation of Dr. Seal and a motion by Ms. Phillips, seconded by Dr. White, the Board unanimously granted Full Approval status and released the Randolph County School District from the oversight provision. (Copy appended to Official Minutes, Attachment A.)

VII. Capacity Building for Low Performing Schools

Mr. Chuck Heinlein, Executive Director, WVDE Office of School Improvement, provided a brief summary of support services provided, in response to OEPA findings, to Roane County, Mason County, Huntington Middle School, and Wayne County. Mr. John T. Mattern, WVDE Superintendent's Liaison, provided information regarding assistance provided to Mingo County, West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind, McDowell County, Fayette County, Grant County and Preston County.

VIII. Consent Agenda

Upon motion by Dr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Dunlevy, the Board unanimously approved the Consent Agenda. (Copies appended to Official Minutes, Attachments B through M.)

- Revised Individual School Strategic Plans for Mountaineer Middle School and South Harrison Middle School, Harrison County, and Watson Elementary School and West Fairmont Middle School, Marion County (Attachment B)
- County Plans to Eliminate Financial Deficits: Approval of the Submitted Plans for the Mason County and Preston County School Systems (Attachment C)
- Meeting minutes of March 9, 2011 (Attachment D)
- Amendment to the Barbour County Comprehensive Educational Facilities Plan (CEFP). During the process of compiling the data for the 2010-2020 CEFP, the Career Center was originally referenced as the Barbour County Vocational Center, but should be corrected to be named The Career and Technical Center at Philip Barbour High School (Attachment E)
- Amendment to the Jefferson County Comprehensive Educational Facilities Plan (CEFP). During the process of compiling the data for the 2010-2020 CEFP, the cost for new facilities was omitted from the final printed copy of the plan. This amendment provides for the cost for new facilities to include the following: a new Jefferson Elementary School - \$13,800,000, a new Jefferson Middle School - \$22,752,000 and a new Jefferson High School - \$43,781,200 (Attachment F)
- Amendment to the Wetzel County Comprehensive Educational Facilities Plan (CEFP). During the process of compiling the data for the 2010-2020 CEFP, there were five pages in the CEFP which contained erroneous references to the closing of Paden City High School. These revisions are not amendments to the document, but are necessary to eliminate the incorrect references. The document was revised to reflect the Wetzel County Board of Education's desire to maintain all schools and grade configurations within the district (Attachment G)
- Notification, per Senate Bill 227, W. Va. Code §18A-4-7a, Transfer of Teachers After Five Days Prior to Starting Instruction, from Wood County Schools (Attachment H)
- Employment of Substitute Teachers and Retired Teachers as Substitutes in Areas of Critical Need and Shortage Policies for Barbour, Lewis, and Wetzel Counties (Attachment I)
- Receipt of Two Affidavits, per W. Va. Code §18A-2-3, Employment of Substitute Teachers and Retired Teachers as Substitutes in Areas of Critical Need and Shortage, from Putnam County (Attachment J)
- One first-time request one continuation request for a waiver of WVBE policy (Attachment K)

- Forty-one (41) county applications representing summer school at 195 county locations (Attachment L)
- West Virginia Annual Application Under Part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) as Amended in 2004 for Federal Fiscal Year 2011 (Attachment M).

IX. Board Reports

WVBE Strategic Plan. Dr. Johnson presented the Board's strategic plan for the Board's information and comment. The plan will be presented to the Board for action at the May 2011 meeting. (Copy appended to Official Minutes, Attachment Mc.)

X. Break

President Haden called for a break at 2:40 p.m.

XI. Call to Order

President Haden called the meeting back to order at 2:50 p.m.

XII. Board Reports (Continued)

WVBE Professional Development Committee. Dr. Johnson (distributed information) presented information regarding the committee meeting that took place on March 30. Agenda items included: Update on Professional Development Participant Survey, Information on Strategic Plans and Professional Development Needs, Report from Sub-committee on Advanced Placement Professional Development, and Review of Proposed Statewide Plan for Professional Development. The next committee meeting will take place on June 23, 2011, at 1:00 p.m. (Copy appended to Official Minutes, Attachment Y.)

Common Ground: Education and the Military Committee. President Haden provided information regarding the committee meeting that took place on March 10. Agenda items included: Project PASS, Keeping Students Engaged Publication (Army Education Program), Legislative Update, Review of Memorandum of Understanding and Reports from Partners on Approval Status, Civil Air Patrol Presentation and Review of Communication Plan. President Haden also presented information regarding the signing of legislation by Governor Earl Ray Tomblin (signed original of bill attached to minutes) and also a visit she made to Capitol Hill. The next committee meeting will take place on April 14 at 1:30 p.m. President Haden presented the Memorandum of Understanding among the Department of Defense Joint Forces in West Virginia, the West Virginia Wing Civil Air Patrol, Operation Military Kids, the West Virginia Department of Education, the West Virginia State Board of Education and the West Virginia Parent Teacher Association for the Board's consideration.

Upon motion by President Haden, seconded by Dr. White, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Memorandum of Understanding among the Department of Defense Joint Forces in West Virginia, the West Virginia Wing Civil Air Patrol, Operation Military Kids, the West Virginia Department of Education, the West Virginia State Board of Education and the

West Virginia Parent Teacher Association. (Copy appended to Official Minutes, Attachment N and addendum.)

WVBE LSIC Committee. Mrs. Manchin (distributed information) provided information regarding the committee meeting that took place on April 13. Agenda items included: Education Alliance “*Community Action Guides*”, Report on Collection of LSIC Chair Information, Review of LSIC Module(s), Update on LSIC Site of WVDE Website, Discussion of LSIC Member Training and Policy, and Next Steps. The next committee meeting will take place on June 8, 2011, at 10:00 a.m. (Copy appended to Official Minutes, Attachment Z.)

WVBE Student Representative. Mr. Hinzman provided a report entitled “*From the WESTEST to Helping Students Succeed in Doddridge County and Teacher Seniority*” for the Board’s information. (Copy appended to Official Minutes, Attachment AA.)

Board Member Reports. Dr. Johnson provided a report regarding the WVDE’s teacher and counselor evaluation work groups. President Haden (distributed information) provided reports regarding the following meetings: Educational Broadcasting Authority legislation and educational initiatives, Education Alliance, National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) Governmental Affairs Committee, and served as a judge for the West Virginia Treasurer’s Smart59 Contest. Mrs. Manchin and Dr. Johnson provided information regarding the NASBE Legislative Conference and NASBE Southern Common Core Regional Meeting to take place on June 29-30, 2011 (members are to inform President Haden if they wish to attend). Mr. Dunlevy attended the following meetings: West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission and School Building Authority of West Virginia. Ms. Phillips attended the following meetings: West Virginia Commission for Professional Teaching Standards, School Building Authority of West Virginia and West Virginia Commission for Holocaust Education. Dr. White reported that he participated in a number of Board committee meetings and wishes dialogue with Superintendent Marple regarding Fayette County. Mr. Green attended a meeting of the West Virginia Commission for Holocaust Education and coordinated a video feed presentation by Dr. Edith Levy (from her location at the Monongalia County Board of Education office) regarding the Holocaust to schools located in Wayne County. (Copy appended to Official Minutes, Attachment BB.)

XIII. Recess

President Haden recessed the meeting at 4:19 p.m. and announced that the meeting would reconvene on April 14, 2011, at 9:00 a.m., in the same location.

XIV. Reconvene

President Haden reconvened the meeting of April 13, 2011, at 9:00 a.m. on April 14, 2011, at Spring Valley Career and Technical Education Center, 1640 Spring Valley Drive, Huntington, West Virginia.

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XV. Memorandum of Understanding between the Fayette County Board of Education and Mount Hope Heritage and Hope, Inc.

Ms. Heather L. Deskins, general counsel to the WVBE and WVDE, presented a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Fayette County Board of Education and Mount Hope Heritage and Hope, Inc., for the Board's consideration. Approval of a MOU between the Fayette County Board of Education and Mount Hope Heritage and Hope, Inc., will provide for the transfer of Mount Hope High School to the nonprofit organization for use as a community center. The organization has a working agreement with the National Guard to house the Guard members there who will be assisting with the development of the Summit, the Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve being built near Mount Hope and to use members to mentor students through community center programs. Mr. Bill Schonage, Vice President, Mount Hope Heritage and Hope, Inc., addressed the Board regarding the MOU.

Upon motion by Dr. White, seconded by Mrs. Manchin, the Board unanimously approved the MOU between the Fayette County Board of Education and Mount Hope Heritage and Hope, Inc. (Copy appended to Official Minutes, Attachment O and addendum.)

XVI. Supplemental Resolution to Authorize the State Superintendent of Schools to Accept the Bid for Bonds on the Behalf of Preston County Schools

Ms. Deskins presented a Supplemental Resolution to Authorize the State Superintendent of Schools to Accept the Bid for Bonds on the Behalf of Preston County Schools for the Board's consideration.

Upon motion by Ms. Phillips, seconded by Ms. Hatfield, the Board unanimously approved the supplemental resolution authorizing the State Superintendent of Schools to accept the bid of the bidder providing the lowest true interest cost; execute, as needed, all documents, certificates, instruments and papers required and/or reasonability necessary to effectuate the closing on the bonds; direct the investment of the process of the bonds from time to time, as may be appropriate; and, take all reasonable actions required and/or reasonability necessary in connection with the issues of the bonds on the Behalf of Preston County Schools. (Copy appended to Official Minutes, Attachment P.)

XVII. Policy 2510, Assuring Quality of Education: Regulations for Education Programs

Mr. Robert E. Hull, Assistant State Superintendent, Division of Curriculum and Instructional Services, presented Policy 2510 for the Board's consideration. Proposed changes to Policy 2510 reflect the first phase of revisions (in response to secondary school redesign and Advanced Placement recommendations from the WVBE Professional Development Committee)

to occur over the next 12 months. Revisions include the elimination of time constraints for teaching particular subjects at the elementary and middle school level; remove expired graduation requirements; condense current graduation requirements into one cohesive set; and other minor provisions. A more comprehensive revision will be forthcoming in the months ahead.

Upon motion by Dr. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Phillips, the Board unanimously placed the revisions, with the exception of any reference to the AP effective date as 2012-2013, to Policy 2510 on public comment for 30 days. (Copy appended to Official Minutes, Attachment Q.)

XVIII. Policy 2340, West Virginia Measures of Academic Progress

Mr. Hull presented Policy 2340 for the Board's consideration. Proposed changes to Policy 2340 will reflect the new name of the office and will change to lower case the names of positions (i.e., county test coordinator, building level coordinator, etc., when used within general) text and replace "one year" with "academic year" in the appendices.

Upon motion by Mr. Dunlevy, seconded by Ms. Phillips, the Board unanimously placed the revisions to Policy 2340 on public comment for 30 days. (Copy appended to Official Minutes, Attachment R.)

XIX. Policy 2525, West Virginia's Universal Access to a Quality Early Education System

Mr. Hull and Mr. Clayton Burch, Assistant Director, WVDE Office of Instruction, presented Policy 2525 for the Board's consideration. Proposed revisions to Policy 2525 have been made to address the continuous quality improvement of WV's Universal Pre-K system. The proposed revisions target three key areas, including continued collaboration of community partners to strengthen universal enrollment processes, the approval process for comprehensive pre-k curricula, and the revision of the current program assessment and continuous quality improvement procedures for the county collaborative early childhood team.

Upon motion by Mrs. Manchin, seconded by Ms. Phillips, the Board unanimously placed the revisions to Policy 2525 on public comment for 30 days. (Copy appended to Official Minutes, Attachment S.)

XX. WVBE Personnel Matters including West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind Superintendent Search, RESA 5 Executive Director Search, and Evaluation Process for RESA Executive Directors

President Haden reviewed the proposed process and timeline for the West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind Superintendent search and it was the consensus of the Board that it be approved.

Dr. Jack McClanahan, Deputy State Superintendent, addressed the Board regarding a proposed process to effectuate the RESA 5 Executive Director search. It was the suggestion that

the Board meet the day prior to or after the May regular meeting to take up matters concerning the RESA 5 Executive Director search. Dr. McClanahan also addressed the Board regarding the annual evaluations of RESA Executive Directors.

President Haden called for a motion to approve the Board's personnel attachment. Upon motion by Dr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Green, the Board unanimously approved the Board's personnel attachment. (Copy appended to Official Minutes, Attachment T.)

President Haden, as provided in W. Va. Code §6-9A-4(b)(2)(A) (personnel exception), called for a motion to move into executive session to discuss applications received for the position of Superintendent of the West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind. Upon motion by Dr. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Phillips, the Board unanimously entered into executive session at 10:16 a.m. Ms. Hatfield departed the meeting.

XXI. Return from Executive Session

The Board returned from executive session at 11:00 a.m. at which time President Haden announced that no decisions were made or action taken.

XXII. State Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Marple presented Department personnel items for the Board's information. (Copy appended to Official Minutes, Attachment U.) **Technology Update including Resolution for Elements of Digital Learning.** Ms. Brenda Williams (distributed information), Executive Director, WVDE Office of Instructional Technology, provided an update regarding technology including a video regarding virtualization at Suncrest Middle School and Mr. Green presented and a Resolution for Elements of Digital Learning for the Board's consideration. Upon motion by Mr. Green, seconded by Mr. Dunlevy, the Board unanimously adopted the Resolution for Elements of Digital Learning. It was requested that the resolution be provided as appropriate. (Copy appended to Official Minutes, Attachment V and addendum.) **Update - Autism/Special Education.** Ms. Patricia Homberg (distributed information), Executive Director, WVDE Office of Special Programs, and Dr. Barbara Becker-Cottrill, Executive Director, Autism Training Center, provided an update regarding autism and special education. (Copy appended to Official Minutes, Attachment CC.) Ms. Phillips departed the meeting. **2011 Legislative Session and Budget.** Mr. Joe Panetta (distributed information), Assistant State Superintendent, WVDE Division of Student Support Services, provided a brief update regarding the 2011 legislative session and 2012 budget. (Copy appended to Official Minutes, Attachment DD.)

XXIII. Board Items for Future Consideration

President Haden asked that items, inclusive of any requested during the meeting, that members wish considered for placement on a future agenda are to be provided to her as soon as possible. Dr. Johnson requested a listing of current policies be provided to the Board for discussion at the May meeting. Mrs. Manchin requested, for the June meeting, that the Youth Challenge Academy be invited to address the Board. (Copy appended to Official Minutes, Attachment W.)

XXIV. Future Meetings

The next meeting of the Board will be held May 11, 2011, at 9:00 a.m. in Charleston, West Virginia. The meeting will continue on May 12, 2011, if the agenda is not completed on May 11, 2011.

XXV. Adjournment

President Haden declared the meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Minutes approved by the Board on May 11, 2011.

Priscilla M. Haden, President

Robert W. Dunlevy, Secretary

*Minutes were recorded by
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