

April 10, 2015

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
COUNTY OF FAYETTE, TO-WIT:

The Board of Education of the County of Fayette, West Virginia, met in special session at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, April 10, 2015, in the George M. Edwards Conference Room of the Board of Education Office, 111 Fayette Avenue, Fayetteville, West Virginia, for consideration of New River Recreation Trail. Board members and Central Office personnel present were:

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| Steve Bush | President |
| Pat Gray | Vice-President |
| Patsy Holliday | Members |
| Leon Ivey | |
| Lou Jones | |
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| Dr. Serena Starcher | Superintendent |
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| Jackie Mollohan | Executive Secretary |

CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Bush called the meeting to order followed by him leading The Pledge of Allegiance. All members were present.

NEW RIVER RECREATION TRAIL:

Bill Wells presented information about the proposed New River Recreation Trail and asked for support from the Board of Education. (See Attachment)

Dr. Starcher clarified if the Board votes in favor of supporting the New River Recreation Trail project she would share the information with Dr. Martirano and Deputy Heinlein because Fayette County's Board does not have the authority for approval because it involves school property.

After questions and discussion regarding the New River Recreation Trail Mr. Ivey made a motion to support the New River Recreation Trail with a second by Mr. Gray. The motion carried 5-0.

BOARD DISCUSSION FOR FAYETTE COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT VACANCY:

Dr. Starcher reported June 30 will be her last day serving as Interim Superintendent for Fayette County Schools and she would return to her previous position as Associate Superintendent July 1. She stated the State will name a new Fayette County Superintendent to begin on July 1.

FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS:

Statutory Meeting/Special for Levy Order and Rate Sheet for FY 2016 And Work Session with Dr. O'Cull	Tuesday, April 21, 2015 – 5:00 p.m. Board of Education Office
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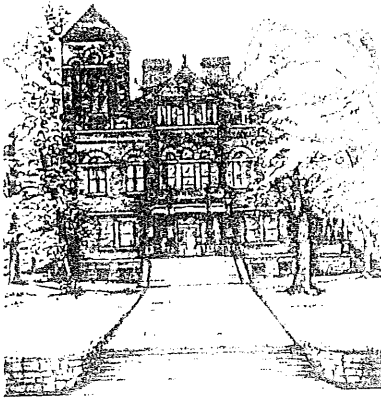
Regular Meeting	Monday, May 4, 2015 – 6:00 p.m. Board of Education Office
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ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:36 p.m. upon motion by Mr. Ivey, second by Mrs. Jones, carried 5 to 0.

President

Secretary/Superintendent



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March 25, 2015

To Whom It May Concern:

The Fayette County Commission endorses and supports the New River Recreation Trail Project including Phase 1 being sponsored by the Fayetteville Town Council. Phase 1 is the first step in creating the trail system proposed by the National Park Service in its report entitled "Connecting the Parks With Their Gateway Communities – Concept Plan". This project will provide an immense value to our county by providing a safe and convenient route to and from the New River Gorge National River for pedestrians and bikers. It will promote the health and fitness of our citizens by giving them a safe place to exercise outdoors. The design standards that will be similar to a rail-trail with a wide lane, gentle grades and improved surface will appeal to all segments of the population.

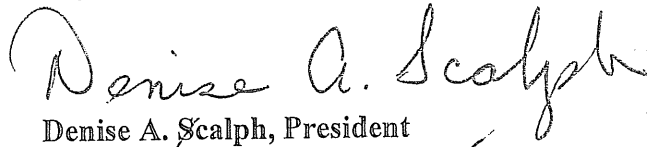
Trails give a community a sense of pride and promote social interaction. Opportunities will exist for educational programs to teach our children about health and exercise, nature and the environment. Phase 1 will connect the Fayetteville High School and Elementary School with the New River Gorge National River, County Memorial Building, County Courthouse and many businesses in town including bike shops, lodging facilities and restaurants. The trail will provide further recreational opportunities for tourists, park users and other visitors to our county and encourage them to stay longer. Future segments will connect other communities like Oak Hill, Mount Hope and Ansted to the park, to Fayetteville and to each other. Overall it will serve to bring West Virginia closer to meeting its goal of connectivity within the statewide trail system.

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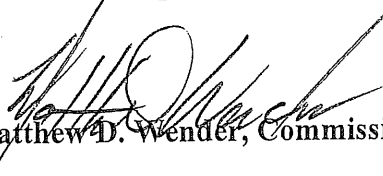
There is strong community support for this project and the landowners of nearly 90% of the proposed trail ROW have already endorsed the project and no landowners have expressed opposition. We have a wonderful opportunity to make this trail a reality and to improve the quality of life for area citizens and tourists.

Sincerely yours,

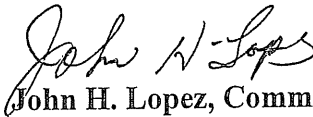
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