

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

The Board of Education of the County of Fayette, West Virginia, met in regular session at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, January 3, 2011, in the George M. Edwards Conference Room of the Board of Education Office, 111 Fayette Avenue, Fayetteville, West Virginia. (*Note: The regular meeting scheduled for December 20, 2010 was cancelled.) Those present were:

Leon Newman	President
Steve Bush	Vice-President
David Arritt	
Pat Gray	
Leon Ivey	Members
Dwight D. Dials	Superintendent
Dr. Serena Starcher	Associate Superintendent
David Cavalier	Acting Director of Special Education
Jean Cavalier	Director of Elementary Schools
Paula Fridley	Treasurer
Bob Hollandsworth	Director of Technology
Gary Hough	Director of Transportation/Custodial Svcs.
Anna Kincaid-Cline	Director of Secondary Schools
Margaret Pennington	Director of Personnel
David Seay	Director of Child Nutrition
Jackie Mollohan	Executive Secretary

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Newman, who also led the Pledge of Allegiance.

RECOGNITIONS:

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Dale Arrington, New River Elementary teacher, extended an invitation to attend the upcoming Spelling Bee for Tuesday, January 11, 2011. The Fayette County Elementary Spelling Bee begins at 9:00 a.m. and the Regional Qualifier begins at 10:00 a.m. in the auditorium at Oak Hill High School. He thanked the following people for their participation and help with the Spelling Bee: Aimee Shumate and Beverly Campbell, Central Office Secretaries; Margaret Pennington and Anna Kincaid-Cline, Pronouncers; Kelvin Holliday, Anthony Canada, Dr. Serena Starcher, Judges; Tim Payton, Principal at Oak Hill High, for organizing the facility; Wendy's for providing lunches to students; and parents who vote to support the school levy which fund these activities. Mr. Arrington also announced the upcoming Fayette County Social Studies Fair at Oak Hill High School on February 19, 2011, that will include a performance open to the public by Ilene Evans, who performs as a part of the West Virginia Humanities Council History Alive Program. Ms. Evans will portray Harriet Tubman during two performances around 10:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

At the request of Mr. Dials, Mr. Arrington explained the state's 90 percent rule regarding the judging of social studies projects. For a project to move up as a first place winner and to the next level of competition, the project must score at least 90 percent out of 100 at the school, county, and RESA level competitions. He reported that Fayette County follows the state rules and guidelines for the fair.

BOARD ACTION:

Upon action by Mr. Bush, second by Mr. Gray, carried 5 to 0, the following items were approved:

A. December 6, 2010 – Regular Meeting Minutes

Mr. Arritt inquired about the Executive Session for Student Discipline Hearing minutes of December 6, 2010, and stated it should be included in the minutes that the vote was in private.

Mr. Dials responded he will share his concern with the State Department of Education.

B. Out-of-State Trip Request – Fayetteville Elementary 6th Grade to Niagara Falls - **TABLED**

Mr. Arritt inquired about the length of the trip and safety of the students. Mr. Newman agreed that it was a lengthy trip for 6th graders. Mr. Gray questioned Jean Cavalier on the feedback from the faculty and parents at Fayetteville Elementary. Mr. Hough asked Mr. Dials if the trip could be tabled until the next meeting in order to take a more thorough look at the concerns.

ITEMS FOR BOARD REVIEW:

- Safe and Supportive Schools Report – *rescheduled for January 18, 2011 meeting*
- Personnel Changes – See Attachments
Mr. Arritt questioned the date for the Oak Hill High head football coach job posting. Mr. Dials responded that it will be placed on the next posting.
- Board Bills – See Attachments
- Budget Transactions – Supplements: a) Community Participation Projects - \$81,000; b) Rural Education - \$12,317; c) Fresh Fruits & Vegetables - \$43,088; d) Carl Perkins Grant – (\$2,917); e) Electronic Health Data - \$1,870. Transfers: a) County ESL - \$257; b) Federal Programs - \$399,383; c) Title I & School Improvement - \$292,588; d) ESL – Federal - \$22.

BOARD COMMENTS: *(not all inclusive)*

Mr. Bush thanked everyone for their efforts and extended his best wishes for the New Year. He expressed his hope for this year to be the very best. He thanked Mr. Arrington for his efforts.

Mr. Gray encouraged everyone to attend the Social Studies Fair. He commented on attending in past years with his children and complimented Mr. Arrington for a job well done. He reported on his participation in the RESA IV teleconference regarding approval for financial statements and personnel requests for the upcoming year. He shared with other board members an anti-texting while driving mini-documentary produced by AT&T. He said the video has been shown at Fayette Institute of Technology on Channel 1 and he thinks it would be useful for all personnel and high school students to view.

Mr. Arritt congratulated Carol J. Learmonth for her National Board Certification achievement. He commented that Carol is also the niece of Charlie McCoy, country music award winner.

Mr. Ivey thanked Mr. Arrington for his work and the update on the rule changes for judging. He spoke on his personal experience with the new ruling and expressed his hope that the State will relook at it. He said that he likes to see every student motivated and wanting to participate.

SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS: *(not all inclusive)*

Mr. Dials reported that we are in the process of analyzing employee transfers and reduction-in-force lists and special meetings will be scheduled before the end of January with a State appointed hearing examiner present. He also reported on policies regarding ball games and practice in inclement weather, OSE days, and an employee Return to Work Policy. He stated these policies are being worked on and will be out for comment and review at a later date. He encouraged Board members to continue to bring their recommendations and suggestions for policies.

BOARD COMMENTS: (not all inclusive)

Mr. Newman commented on his enjoyment of attending last year's Spelling Bee and that he is looking forward to attending again this year. He thanked David Cavalier, Acting Director of Special Education, for his hard work and dedication and wished him well in the future.

EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR STUDENT DISCIPLINE HEARING:

In accordance with 6-9A-4 (3) of School Laws of West Virginia, "The governing body of a public agency may hold an executive session during a regular, special or emergency meeting . . . upon a majority affirmative vote of the members present . . . To decide upon disciplining, suspension or expulsion of any student in any public school . . . unless the student requests an open meeting."

Upon motion by Mr. Bush, second by Mr. Arritt, carried 5 to 0, the Board convened in executive session at 6:55 p.m. following a brief recess to conduct a student discipline hearing. At approximately 8:00 p.m. Mr. Newman announced the return to open session.

FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS:

Regular Meeting	Tuesday, January 18, 2011* Board of Education Office <i>*Monday, January 17, 2011 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day</i>	6:00 p.m.
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ADJOURNMENT:

Upon motion by Mr. Ivey, second by Mr. Arritt, carried 5 to 0, at approximately 8:03 p.m. the meeting was adjourned.

President

Secretary/Superintendent