

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. Tuesday, January 18, 2011, in the George M. Edwards Conference Room of the Board of Education Office, 111 Fayette Avenue, Fayetteville, West Virginia. 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
Ron Cantley II	Director of Operations
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
Judy Lively	Director of Attendance
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 followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mr. Bush.

RECOGNITIONS:

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

BOARD ACTION:

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

- A. December 7, 2010 – Special Meeting Minutes
- B. January 3, 2011 – Regular Meeting Minutes

ITEMS FOR BOARD REVIEW:

- State Board Decision Regarding Mount Hope Closure – Mr. Dials

Mr. Dials reported on the State Board of Education meeting held on January 12, 2011, and the vote to close Mount Hope High School. He reported Dr. Jorea Marple, Deputy Superintendent of Schools, met with a group of citizens from Mount Hope in her office to hear their concerns about the school closure, future of the building, and changing the name and mascot at Oak Hill High School.

He stated that a transition team for curriculum and socialization is being developed. He reported that the transition of the building will be decided at a later date. He said they discussed the options of the burned out building on Main Street and the cost of demolishing the building for a new elementary school. He discussed developing a freshman academy and providing additional counseling.

Mrs. Kincaid-Cline added there is also discussion of a summer academy and upgrades to the existing facility at Oak Hill High School. She reported on scheduled meetings for the Local School Improvement Councils involving the transition and stated they are in the process of developing a plan. She reported there will be trainings to educate faculties, students, and parents. Mrs. Kincaid-Cline stated they hope to have an "Open House" possibly in late spring to include communities, parents, and students.

Mr. Dials expressed his desire to make sure our children and parents from Mount Hope feel invited and that they are getting something better. He stated it must be better for Mount Hope and also Oak Hill. He emphasized that the instructional leaders will also be helping with the transitional process.

Mr. Arritt stated he spoke at both closure hearings in opposition of the closure of Mount Hope High School. He expressed his sadness and disappointment that Mount Hope High School is being closed. He voiced his concerns about the State Board of Education's approval of Fayette County's Comprehensive Educational Facilities Plan. He questioned the State Board of Education acting as all three factors including legislative, executive, and judiciary roles.

Mr. Dials stated the closure of Mount Hope High School was listed on the WVBOE's agenda and the vote was unanimous to close the school. He questioned Mr. Ivey and Dr. Starcher, who were also in attendance, if that was correct. Mr. Ivey and Dr. Starcher responded "yes".

- Safe and Supportive Schools – Ron Cantley II and Anna Kincaid-Cline – See Attachments

Mr. Cantley and Mrs. Kincaid-Cline presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Safe and Supportive Schools (S3) Grant.

- Personnel Changes – See Attachments
Mr. Ivey expressed his best wishes to Tim Brown, math teacher at Collins Middle School, and Ramona Goodall, art teacher at Oak Hill High School, on their upcoming retirement and his sadness to see them leave.
- Board Bills – See Attachments

Mr. Arritt asked if there could be expenditure reasons listed on the Board Bills. He also questioned if the Board of Education was renting the Fayette County Memorial Building again.

Mr. Dials responded several things impact the need for the use of the Memorial Building including middle school practices and programs. He also stated there are events that cannot seat everyone at the local school facilities.

- At this time Mr. Gray provided a compelling mini-documentary video produced by AT&T regarding texting while driving for everyone to view.

BOARD COMMENTS: (not all inclusive)

Mr. Bush praised Oak Hill High student, Amy Harrah, for her performance at the Governor's Mansion before Christmas. He also praised Oak Hill High and Mount Hope High for their accomplishments. He thanked Ron Cantley and Anna Kincaid-Cline for their report. He asked everyone for their prayers for Sam Cavalier who is suffering from cancer.

Mr. Gray had no additional comments.

Mr. Arritt questioned Policy B50 as to whether it was policy or superintendent's directive if games are automatically cancelled if there is no school.

Dr. Starcher responded that it is not a policy.

Mr. Dials responded that we use discretion in the process of cancelling scheduled games and the decisions are not taken lightly. He stated that student safety and liability are the main issues.

Mr. Arritt also questioned if there is a specific amount of time you must wait after running a bond election before running another one.

Mr. Dials responded that it could be 90 to 100 days.

Mr. Ivey commented on attending the band concert at Collins Middle School on January 6. He questioned if there would be a band class offered to 5th grade students attending Mount Hope Elementary or a 6th grade beginner class at Collins Middle so Mount Hope students will not miss out on band. He reported on attending the State Board of Education meeting on January 12. He said he reminded the State Board members that Fayette County is a takeover county and it wasn't Fayette County's vote to close Mount Hope High. He stated that the reason for the State takeover was facilities and curriculum. He thanked Mr. Gray for providing the mini-documentary video on texting while driving and Mr. Cantley and Mrs. Kincaid-Cline for their presentations. He reported that Oak Hill High School Science Bowl team will be going to the State Tournament in Morgantown.

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

Mr. Dials announced that we are working on the transition and will involve our planning and development council in the process. He reported that thus far we have had eleven snow days and only eight makeup days in the school calendar. He suggested the possibly of using "snow packets" containing reviews and assignments for students on days when school is cancelled.

BOARD COMMENTS: *(not all inclusive)*

Mr. Newman commented on the anti-texting video and stated he would like for all students to have the opportunity to view it. He reported the Spelling Bee will be rescheduled for Monday, January 24.

FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS:

Special Meeting: Personnel RIF/Transfer Hearings <i>(if needed)</i>	Monday, January 24, 2011 Board of Education Office	6:00 p.m.
Special Meeting: Personnel RIF/Transfer Hearings <i>(if needed)</i>	Tuesday, January 25, 2011 Board of Education Office	6:00 p.m.
Special Meeting: Personnel RIF/Transfer Hearings <i>(if needed)</i>	Wednesday, January 26, 2011 Board of Education Office	6:00 p.m.
Special Meeting: Personnel RIF/Transfer Hearings <i>(if needed)</i>	Thursday, January 27, 2011 Board of Education Office	6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Upon motion by Mr. Ivey, second by Mr. Arritt, carried 5 to 0, at approximately 8:00 p.m. the meeting was adjourned.

President

Secretary/Superintendent