

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. Monday, February 7, 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. Gray.

RECOGNITIONS:

Dale Arrington recognized Spelling Bee Winners and presented them with certificates. The winners are listed below:

Elementary:

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Brandon Banner – Meadow Bridge Elementary
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Jonathan Wriston – Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Gerrid Caldwell – New River Elementary

Regional Qualifier Bee:

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Kate Kistler – Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Taylor Smith – Danese Elementary
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Jocelyn Padilla – Mount Hope High

Mr. Arrington also recognized and presented a certificate to Wendy’s store manager, Peggy Morgan. Wendy’s has been the corporate sponsor for the Spelling Bee for seven years.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

**Susan Lewis**, Fayetteville Elementary parent, inquired about the 6<sup>th</sup> grade trip to Washington, D.C. for Fayetteville Elementary students. She stated it was the same trip as the previous year and they needed approval as soon as possible so fundraising activities can begin.

**Charlene Hughes**, Oak Hill High teacher, presented a letter to Mr. Dials and Board members from Oak Hill High School's faculty asking for permission to return to block scheduling.

BOARD ACTION:

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

- A. January 18, 2011 – Regular Meeting Minutes

ITEMS FOR BOARD REVIEW:

- Lost Instructional Time – Anna Kincaid-Cline

*Mrs. Kincaid-Cline reported on various programs that are being utilized by many teachers for students to use for "Just in Case" school is cancelled due to weather conditions. Mr. Larry Nunnery, FIT instructor, demonstrated a Global Program from CDX that he is using with his students when they need to work from home. Mrs. Ceresa Pettitt, FIT instructor, also presented a similar program she is using in her pre-pharmacy class.*

- Policy Development and Review (See Attachments )

*The following policies were placed out for First Reading:*

- 1) *Policy A-25: School Board Policy Process*
- 2) *Policy A-29: Return to Work*
- 3) *Policy F-3: Vehicle use*

- Personnel Changes – See Attachments
- Board Bills – See Attachments

BOARD COMMENTS: *(not all inclusive)*

**Mr. Bush** thanked Mrs. Kincaid-Cline, Mr. Barry Crist and FIT Instructors for reporting on Lost Instructional Time. He also thanked Oak Hill High teachers, Ms. Hughes and Ms. Paavilainen, for their block scheduling request and stated he supports the request. He commented on the remarkable young adults he recently watched in the Skills USA and HOSA competition at Fayette Institute of Technology. He congratulated the Spelling Bee winners.

**Mr. Gray** also thanked Mr. Crist and remarked on watching the skills competitions and presentations at FIT on Thursday, February 3. He stated that Fayette Institute of Technology is a fantastic asset for this county and money well spent. He reported he was unable to attend the RESA meeting in January but will be attending the next one on February 23. He commented on Senate Bills he is watching that may be of interest to Fayette County Schools including SB 213 (cyber bullying issues) and SB 216 (eminent danger for children).

**Mr. Arritt** commented on recent newspaper article by Mr. Seay regarding snow days. He also reminded Board members of the invitation sent by Mrs. Kincaid-Cline for the Legislative Breakfast in Charleston on Thursday, February 17, 2011.

**Mr. Ivey** thanked the speakers and stated he would like to see more technology throughout the whole system. He reported Fayette County has been under State takeover for almost a year and he has received many compliments on the Central Office. He also stated that many positive things are occurring within the system. He thanked Ms. Jones for taking Oak Hill High students to the Science Bowl in Morgantown. He added that he would like to see money allocated to better prepare students for academic games. He thanked Mr. Cantley for his work. He commented on the recent newspaper article about transitioning Mount Hope and Oak Hill students. He questioned how snow days can be made up in block scheduling. He also stated it may or may not be due to eliminating block scheduling but last year's scores went up and absenteeism and discipline went down.

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

**Mr. Dials** reported he was in Raleigh County when they were one of the first in the state to use block scheduling. He stated there are many problems that go along with this scheduling such as student attention span, content material not needing 90 minutes of instructional time, doing homework during class instructional time, and teacher preparedness. He reported on transitioning issues that are being reviewed and discussed such as a 9<sup>th</sup> grade academy, curriculum upgrades, textbooks, and finances. He reported on recent meetings with LSIC members from Mount Hope and Oak Hill and students and class officers from both schools meeting for lunch. He stressed the importance of everyone pulling together and becoming involved for a smooth transition for all students.

BOARD COMMENTS: *(not all inclusive)*

**Mr. Newman** commented that it was a rewarding evening. He reiterated his gratitude to Mr. Crist and the vocational education programs. He gave his "nod of approval" and appreciation to Mr. Dials, Mr. Cantley, and the Central Office staff for their work.

FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS:

Regular Meeting	Tuesday, February 22, 2011 Fayetteville High School* *Math Field Day Awards to be Presented	6:00 p.m.
Special Meeting: LSIC <i>(Local School Improvement Councils – Midland Trail Area)</i>	Monday, February 28, 2011 Midland Trail High School	6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

**Upon motion by Mr. Ivey, second by Mr. Arritt, carried 5 to 0, at approximately 7:45 p.m. the meeting was adjourned.**

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President

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Secretary/Superintendent