

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 22, 2011, in the auditorium of Fayetteville High School, 515 W. Maple 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
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. Arritt.

RECOGNITIONS:

Stephanie Haynes presented awards to the 2010-2011 Fayette County Math Field Day Winners (See Attachments)

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

BOARD ACTION:

**Upon action by Mr. Ivey, second by Mr. Bush, carried 5 to 0, the Board moved to add Addendum Item (*Out-of-State Trip Request – Oak Hill High School Hi-Y Club*) to the Regular Agenda.**

**The following items were approved upon motion by Mr. Bush, seconded by Mr. Arritt, carried 5 to 0.**

- A. February 7, 2011, 2011 – Regular Meeting Minutes
- B. Out-of-State Trip Request – Fayetteville Elementary – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade (See Attachments)
- C. Out-of-State Trip Request – Oak Hill High School – Band/Choir (See Attachments)
- D. Out-of-State Trip Request – Oak Hill High School Hi-Y Club (See Attachments)

ITEMS FOR BOARD REVIEW:

- Policy Development and Review – Second and Final Reading (See Attachments)
  - 1) *Policy A-25: School Board Policy Process*
  - 2) *Policy A-29: Return to Work*
  - 3) *Policy F-3: Vehicle use*

*Mr. Arritt remarked that he was not in favor of Policy F-3. He stated he would like to continue with the same practice that we have been using.*

*Mr. Dials reported this policy will constitute a cost savings for the Board of Education by cutting down on the 51 cents per mile reimbursement that we are currently paying.*

*Mr. Newman added that it comes down a management issue.*

*Mr. Gray asked Mr. Hough, Director of Transportation, to include his report in the minutes showing the costs constituting Policy F-3.*

*Mr. Hough responded he will be doing a study for the month of March comparing the use of county vehicles and paying mileage reimbursement. He will report his findings at a future meeting.*

- Personnel Changes – (See Attachments)
- Board Bills – (See Attachments)
- Budget Transactions
  1. Supplements:
 

a. S-21 Appalachia Service Project	\$ 5,000
b. S-22 Student Enrichment Program	\$181,575
c. S-23 High Acuity Health Care Needs	\$ 12,709
d. S-24 Technology System Specialists	\$130,000
  2. Transfers:
 

a. T-5 Step 7	\$126,864
b. T-6 Title I	\$361,668
c. T-8 ESL	\$ 2,431
d. T-9 Learn & Serve	\$ 423
e. T-10 Food Service	\$ 4,200
f. T-7 Title I ARRA	\$399,272

BOARD COMMENTS: *(not all inclusive)*

**Mr. Bush** congratulated Math Field Day winners. He commented on the recent transition meetings between Mount Hope and Oak Hill. He noted a pendant that was presented to students when Gauley Bridge High merged with Valley High School portraying the Gauley Bridge High emblem on one side and Valley High emblem on the other and stated it would be great to do the same for the Mount Hope students. He expressed his excitement on the Valley Elementary School addition.

**Mr. Gray** echoed Mr. Bush's comments regarding Math Field Day. He reported that he will be attending the RESA IV Council Meeting on February 23 and the West Virginia School Boards Association Winter Conference on February 25 and 26.

**Mr. Arritt** stated he agreed with comments Mr. Ivey made at a previous meeting regarding last year's test scores going up while absenteeism and student discipline went down. He read from a recent newspaper article regarding Raleigh County Schools and the education performance audit. He read *"the Office of*

*Education Performance Audits performs two types of educational audits, annual desktop audits and on-site reviews that occur between one and five years apart. School accreditation statuses are listed by the OEPA under Exemplary, Distinction, Full, Conditional and Temporary Accreditation or Low Performing".* He reported that Raleigh County did a little better than Fayette County but they did not meet AYP either. He thanked Mr. Dials for doing a good job in encouraging the students to try harder when they took last year's test.

**Mr. Ivey** congratulated Math Field Day winners. He thanked the administrators for their work on Math Field Day and Mr. Parsons for hosting the meeting at Fayetteville High School. He commented on the good math teachers in Fayette County. He stated that many of the Math Field Day participants and winners were students or former students of Tim Brown, Collins Middle math teacher, who will be retiring in June. He wished Mr. Brown the best in his future endeavors.

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

**Mr. Dials** thanked Mr. Arritt for his comments. He stated that we are trying to work together to build a system where education is valued. He also stated effort and work ethic can make a difference and society as a whole has the work cut out for us. He reported the transitioning is a major ongoing thing with strategies and benchmarks being monitored by the State. He also reported that the City of Mount Hope would like to utilize the Mount Hope High building for the community with financial and maintenance assistance coming from the military. He acknowledged we are doing what we can to accommodate but we cannot afford to have another burned-out situation or vandalism like we have experienced with previous vacated buildings. He reported on the possibility of locations if the money is awarded for a new elementary school in Mount Hope. He commended his staff for their hard work and expressed his appreciation to them. He requested the Board members be recognized at a ground breaking ceremony and dedication of the Valley Elementary School addition.

BOARD COMMENTS: *(not all inclusive)*

**Mr. Newman** expressed his gratitude to the participants, parents, and teachers for their hard work on Math Field Day. He extended his best wishes to Joby Groom who is resigning from head basketball coach at Valley High School. He reported Mr. Groom served as head coach for 12 years with a record of 188 wins and 73 losses which was quite an accomplishment. He announced the first available date will be Wednesday, March 2, 2011, at 5:00 p.m. for a representative of the State to be present for the student discipline hearings which were cancelled on February 16.

FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS:

Special Meeting: LSIC <i>(Local School Improvement Councils – Midland Trail Area)</i>	Monday, February 28, 2011 Midland Trail High School	6:00 p.m.
Regular Meeting	Monday, March 7, 2011 Board of Education Office	6:00 p.m.
Regular Meeting	Monday, March 21, 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 7:15 p.m. the meeting was adjourned.**

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President

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Secretary/Superintendent