

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, March 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
Dale Watkins	Maintenance Supervisor
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:

Nick Bainbridge, Ansted Middle School student, was recognized along with his teacher, Samantha Gerwig, for winning the Geography Bee.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Dale Arrington reported on the upcoming Social Studies Fair scheduled for Saturday, March 12, 2011, with approximately 135 total projects competing. He stated the winners will compete in Lewisburg on March 26, and the State competition will be held April 29. He thanked the following people for their support and participation: Board of Education members, teachers, school sponsors, principals, and parents. He also thanked Mr. Dials, Dr. Starcher, Aimee Shumate, Mr. Payton, Mr. Mullins, Mr. Seay, Oak Hill High School Cooks, Sandy Coleman, OHHS Girl's Softball Team and Boosters, WV Humanities Council, Jan-Care Ambulance, Oak Hill City Police and Police Chief Whisman.

BOARD ACTION:

The following items were approved upon motion by Mr. Ivey, seconded by Mr. Arritt, carried 5 to 0, with an amendment to the February 22, 2011, Regular Meeting Minutes.

- A. February 16, 2011 – Special Meeting Minutes
- B. February 22, 2011 – Regular Meeting Minutes (*Amended*)
- C. February 28, 2011 – Special Meeting Minutes
- D. Out-of-State Trip Request – Valley High School – Good Kid Trip (See Attachments)
- E. Trip Request – Valley High School – 6th, 7th, & 8th Grade (See Attachments)

ITEMS FOR BOARD REVIEW:

- Maintenance and Mount Hope Transition – Ron Cantley II, Director of Operations

Mr. Cantley presented a report on school facilities including addressing issues from the WV Board of Risk and Insurance Management, a 2011 spring and summer maintenance list, and a list of transition notes regarding Oak Hill High, Collins Middle, Mount Hope Elementary, and Mount Hope High. He stated four things that can dramatically and quickly improve facilities and cause us to move forward are support from the WV School Building Authority, school mergers and/or closures, passing a bond, and working to model and instill a sense of pride that manifests itself into action.

- Policy Development and Review – First Reading (See Attachments)
 - 1) *Policy A-17: Travel Reimbursement/Meal Allowance*
 - 2) *Policy A-39: Purchase Card*

Dr. Starcher reported there is a twenty day comment period for policies placed out for first reading.

Mr. Arritt questioned the travel reimbursement policy. He also stated that he was against Policy A-39 remarking that he previously voted against it.

Mr. Dials stated there are serious consequences that have been built around violating Policy A-39.

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

BOARD COMMENTS: (*not all inclusive*)

Mr. Bush thanked the Directors and Mrs. Fridley for their clarification on board review items. He congratulated the upcoming LPN class at Fayette Institute of Technology. He stressed these students are greatly needed in the work force not just in Fayette County but throughout West Virginia

Mr. Gray reported on the recent RESA meeting he attended with Mr. Dials. He encouraged all middle schools to get involved in the History Bowls. He reported on matching grants that are available for field trips in West Virginia. He also reported on the upgrades at Camp Washington Carver that will allow them to host band, math and science camps.

Mr. Arritt commented on U.S. Rep. Nick Rahall's 2011 Service Academy nominations including Robert Striker of Hinton, Mark Phinisey of Fayetteville, and Michael Burton of Mount Hope. He reported on a recent article in the March 2011 issue of Wonderful West Virginia about Pickens High School in Randolph County stating they had the second highest WESTEST scores in the state in 2009 and the highest scores in 2010.

Mr. Ivey congratulated Oak Hill High on winning the sectional basketball tournament. He commented on Mr. Cantley's presentation stating that every Board LSIC Meeting each school prepares a facility needs list. He expressed his excitement that some of these needs are being addressed. He questioned the possibility of devising a plan to inform the public of maintenance and facility issues and schools that could be slated for closure if a bond is not passed. He stated the county should be informed of what is coming "down the pike" and what could happen if we don't put the money behind it.

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

Mr. Dials reported that a facilities needs document has been put together. He stated we must gain the confidence of our public by developing a plan showing what is needed and why it is needed for the students of Fayette County. He stressed the importance of gaining the public's trust and support by making sure the needs and plans are well communicated. He reported there is still much work to do regarding test scores. He distributed a handout from Dr. Starcher to Board members regarding communication to the State from the transition planning group.

BOARD COMMENTS: *(not all inclusive)*

Mr. Newman stated he is encouraged by the work and progress and is looking forward to seeing more. He expressed his appreciation to everyone that is trying to move Fayette County forward. He reported on the recent West Virginia School Boards' Association meeting that he, Mr. Bush, and Mr. Gray attended in Charleston and an informative session regarding graduation and dropout rates. He thanked Mr. Cantley and everyone for their input at the meeting.

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. Ivey, carried 5 to 0, the Board convened in executive session at 7:20 p.m. to conduct a student discipline hearing. At approximately 7:48 p.m. Mr. Newman announced the return to open session.

FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS:

Regular Meeting	Monday, April 4, 2011 Board of Education Office	6:00 p.m.
Statutory/Regular Meeting	Tuesday, April 19, 2011 Board of Education Office	6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Upon motion by Mr. Ivey, second by Mr. Gray, carried 5 to 0, at approximately 7:53 p.m. the meeting was adjourned.

President

Secretary/Superintendent