

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 21, 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. Ivey.

RECOGNITIONS:

Carol Learmonth, Fayetteville High teacher, was recognized for her achievement for National Teacher Board Certification by Mrs. Kincaid-Cline and Mr. Dials.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Dale Arrington provided names and information regarding the county social studies fair held at Oak Hill High. He reported 38 projects qualified for the regional fair to be held in Lewisburg on Saturday, March 26.

BOARD ACTION:

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

- A. March 2, 2011 – Special Meeting Minutes
- B. March 7, 2011 – Regular Meeting Minutes
- C. Out-of-State Trip Request – Collins Middle 8th Grade (See Attachments)

ITEMS FOR BOARD REVIEW:

- Policy Development and Review – First Reading (See Attachments)
 - 1) *Policy F-5: Extra-duty/Extra-Curricular Bus Transportation*
- Personnel Changes – (See Attachments)
- Proposed Levy Rates for Fiscal Year 2012 (See Attachments)
- Board Bills – (See Attachments)

BOARD COMMENTS: *(not all inclusive)*

Mr. Bush thanked Mr. Arrington for giving 110 percent with the fairs and the students. He congratulated Carol Learmonth on her remarkable achievement. He reported on the beautiful and moving graduation ceremony for the Fayette Institute of Technology LPN program. He also congratulated the Oak Hill High School boys' basketball team for the AA State Basketball tournament. He commented on making efforts to be as resourceful as we possibly can to help provide more for the students.

Mr. Gray had questions regarding the budget and requirements for putting in a placeholder for this year's funds. He thanked Mr. Arrington for doing a terrific job in putting together social studies fair and Mrs. Coleman for all of her help. He reported that he spent the entire day there as a parent and thoroughly enjoyed the experience including the living history program. He remarked the Oak Hill High auditorium was filled and we need more events like this one in our school system. He commented that we had at least two schools participate in the regional history bowl. He reported on the new web site for Fayette County Schools.

Mr. Arritt congratulated Carol Learmonth on her National Teacher Board Certification accomplishment and recalled knowing her family for many years. He also congratulated Oak Hill High School boys' basketball team for their championship and Javonne Staunton-Bailey, DeAndre Leonard, and Kalif Wright for making the all-tournament team. He commented on Midland Trail and Meadow Bridge who were in the tournament and defeated in a very tough bracket. He expressed his condolences to Bill Arthur, former Board of Education member, on the recent death of his wife. He commented on Mr. Ivey's previous remarks concerning running a bond and the expenses of an election. He requested a tape from the previous meeting stating that he did not understand several of Mr. Dials' comments or Mr. Cantley's report.

Mr. Ivey commended Mr. Arrington and the social studies fair. He stated there should be more events of this type in the county. He commented on attending Oak Hill's basketball games and proudly reported they received the school spirit award as well as their second state championship. He commented Midland Trail High School and Meadow Bridge High School had the misfortune of playing in the "private" school bracket.

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

Mr. Dials apologized for any misunderstanding of his previous comments. He explained he does not want to brag, embarrass, or humiliate any school but to work hard and put forth the best effort to make them better. He emphasized that test scores shouldn't be ranked like ball team scores. He stated it takes teachers, principals, and hard work in the classroom to get results. He reported previous low test scores resulted in our eligibility for some of the grants we received this year. He congratulated the basketball teams and said they represented the county well. He reported on budget and finances and the existing needs for maintenance of the facilities.

BOARD COMMENTS: *(not all inclusive)*

Mr. Newman echoed the feelings of appreciation for Mr. Arrington and his efforts. He reported on attending the graduation for the LPN class from Fayette Institute of Technology and the respect he has for the nursing profession. He expressed his happiness for Oak Hill High School boys' basketball team for winning the state championship two consecutive years. He extended his condolences to his dear friend, Bill Arthur, on the recent death of his wife. He also expressed his condolences to Mr. Gray for the loss of his niece. He extended his get well wishes to Mr. Dials' father on his recent illness. He stated he was excited about the direction we're heading and the progress that we're making.

FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS:

Special Meeting: LSIC <i>(Local School Improvement Councils)</i> Mount Hope Area Schools	Monday, March 28, 2011 Mount Hope High School	6:00 p.m.
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.

RECESS:

Upon motion by Mr. Ivey, second by Mr. Arritt, carried 5 to 0, the meeting recessed at approximately 6:50 p.m. until the April 19, 2011 Statutory Meeting.

President

Secretary/Superintendent