

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA  
COUNTY OF FAYETTE, TO-WIT:

CONTINUATION OF RECESSED SESSION OF MARCH 21, 2011:

On Tuesday, April 19, 2011, commencing at 6:00 p.m. the Board of Education of the County of Fayette, West Virginia, held a statutory meeting in continuation of the recessed session of March 21, 2011, in the George M. Edwards Conference Room of the Board of Education Office, 111 Fayette Avenue, Fayetteville, West Virginia. Mr. Newman called the meeting to order.

Final Review of Levy Order and Rate Sheet for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2012:

Final review of Levy Rates for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2012, as submitted to the West Virginia Department of Education and approved by the State Tax Department, Office of the Chief Inspector.

*Discussion ensued regarding levy rates and property taxation with the State takeover of Fayette County Schools. Mr. Arritt questioned the transfer of vacated school buildings to other entities and asked for it to be placed in the minutes that he is in favor of saving the buildings for county use and if they are disposed of they should be sold at a public auction. He further stated the State Board is giving assets away that were paid for by the citizens of Fayette County.*

*Mr. Dials reported the State Board of Education's vote to transfer ownership of Mount Hope High School to the nonprofit group Mount Hope Heritage and Hope, Inc., is for the purpose of becoming a community center and helping to prepare Mount Hope for a better future. He also reported on buildings left unattended in the past were vandalized and assets were lost.*

*Mr. Ivey added he would rather see the building used by and for the citizens than sold or sitting empty. He stated that a community center is a positive use of community tax funds.*

*Mr. Newman stated disposal of school facilities not in use should be considered on a case-by-case basis.*

ADJOURNMENT:

**At approximately 6:15 p.m., it was moved by Mr. Ivey, seconded by Mr. Bush and carried 5 to 0 to adjourn the continuation of the Recessed Session of March 21, 2011.**

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President

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Secretary/Superintendent

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA  
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Having concluded its statutory meeting in continuation of the recessed session of March 21, 2011, the Board of Education of the County of Fayette, West Virginia, then met in regular session at around 6:15 p.m. on Tuesday, April 19, 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
David Cavalier	Acting Director of Special Education
Jean Cavalier	Director of Elementary Schools
Paula Fridley	Treasurer
Bob Hollandsworth	Director of Technology
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:

Dr. John P. David, Director of Southern Appalachian Schools, expressed his gratitude to Mr. Dials and Board of Education members for the collaborative cooperation provided to various youth programs. He presented Board members, Mr. Dials, and Directors with a book written by a volunteer about the Energy Express program in Beards Fork.

BOARD ACTION:

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

- A. April 4, 2011 – Regular Meeting Minutes

ITEMS FOR BOARD REVIEW:

- Policy Development and Review – Final Reading (See Attachments)

1. *Policy A17: Travel Reimbursement/Meal Allowance*

*Dr. Starcher provided copies to Board members of prepared responses on the comments regarding Policy A17. She reported on working with the legal department of the West Virginia Department of Education and changes were made on 2.3 (a), (b), and (c). She stated the policy will become effective July 1, 2011.*

2. *Policy F-5: Extra-Duty/Extra-Curricular Bus Transportation*

*Mr. Gray asked if all students must ride a bus to attend a sporting event and the possibility of using county cars if only several students were being transported.*

*Mr. Hough responded that we are trying to minimize parent transportation and utilize buses for liability purposes.*

*Mr. Dials commented we are going to transport students in the most efficient and reasonable way while abiding by labor laws. He stated we are trying to offer every opportunity to students and keep them safe at the same time.*

- 2011-2012 Calendars – (See Attachments)
- High School Graduation Dates – (See Attachment)
- Personnel Changes – (See Attachments)
- Board Bills – (See Attachments)

BOARD COMMENTS: *(not all inclusive)*

**Mr. Bush** thanked Dr. John David for his remarkable work and the outstanding improvements that have been made to the former Oak Hill Elementary School building.

**Mr. Gray** had no additional comments.

**Mr. Arritt** offered his apologies to Dr. John David over the destruction of property now owned by the Southern Appalachian Labor School in Oak Hill. He asked if there was a way to work with local police officers to patrol the building.

**Mr. Ivey** had no additional comments.

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

**Mr. Dials** reported on the highly competitive "Needs Project" monies being awarded to counties that have either passed a bond or have one in the works. He stated the importance of leveraging local funds to receive the maximum allocation from the State. He also reported the other major factor was having the building site for the new elementary school being locked down which we have been unable to do by trading the existing elementary school for the "burned out" school building on Main Street. He stated he will not give up on the project and if the other counties fail to fulfill their obligations we could still be considered. He gave a report on energy management and HVAC units being repaired and installed throughout the county with the costs being covered by the savings on more efficient units. He also reported on schools being "relamped" and

bathroom upgrades for conservation and energy savings. He commented on working with employees to perform their jobs efficiently and effectively to preserve the buildings. He praised Fayette Institute of Technology for the cleanliness and care of their building.

BOARD COMMENTS: *(not all inclusive)*

**Mr. Newman** expressed his appreciation to Dr. John David for his work. He thanked Mr. Bush, Mr. Gray, Mr. Ivey, Mr. Dials, Mr. Cantley, Mr. Seay, and Mrs. Cavalier for their work and for attending the ribbon cutting ceremony at Valley Elementary School. He complimented Mrs. Cavalier for standing in for Valley Elementary Principal, Ms. Bennett, who was unable to attend due to a death in her family. He complimented the cleanliness and beauty of the new facility and stressed how important it is to keep it looking nice. He stated when giving vacated buildings to communities the reciprocator should make it look better and not make it an eyesore.

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. Ivey, second by Mr. Gray, carried 5 to 0, the Board convened in executive session at 7:20 p.m. to conduct a student discipline hearing. At approximately 7:49 p.m. Mr. Newman announced the return to open session.**

FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS:

Special Meeting: LSIC <i>(Local School Improvement Councils)</i> Meadow Bridge Area Schools	Monday, April 25, 2011 Meadow Bridge High School	6:00 p.m.
Regular Meeting	Monday, May 2, 2011 Fayette County Board of Education	6:00 p.m.
Regular Meeting	Monday, May 16, 2011 Fayette County Board of Education	6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

**Upon motion by Mr. Bush, second by Mr. Arritt, carried 5 to 0, the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:51 p.m.**

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President

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Secretary/Superintendent