

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. Tuesday, July 5, 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
Ron Cantley II	Director of Operations
Paula Fridley	Treasurer
Bob Hollandsworth	Director of Technology
Gary Hough	Director of Transportation
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. Arritt.

RECOGNITIONS/REPORTS:

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

BOARD ACTION:

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

- A. June 21, 2011 – Regular Meeting Minutes

ITEMS FOR BOARD REVIEW:

- Policy Development and Review (See Attachments)
 - 1) Policy Development and Review – Final Reading
 - a. Policy A-21b: Fayette County Parental Involvement
 - 2) Policy Development and Review – First Reading
 - a. Policy D-11: Elementary Childhood Education (PreK Through 4)
 - b. Policy F-8: Inclement Weather
- Personnel Changes – (See Attachments)

- Board Bills – (See Attachments)

BOARD COMMENTS: *(not all inclusive)*

Mr. Bush stated he was looking forward to starting a new fiscal year and expressed his appreciation for the information that was shared at the meeting. He commended Coach Eddie Souk for his work at the field house at Oak Hill High School.

Mr. Gray questioned the length of time it takes to get updated policies posted to the website. He also questioned the progress on the work at Ansted Middle School and Fayetteville Middle School.

Mr. Dials responded that policies are placed out for comment for twenty days before being placed on the website. Mr. Cantley provided a handout to Board members with construction progress and updates.

Mr. Arritt questioned the financing through QZAB (*Qualified Zone Academy Bonds*) on the projects. He stated before the state takeover the Board voted on these issues and he was against the state borrowing \$500,000 that the county is responsible to pay back. He acknowledged he was in favor of the projects but not borrowing the money. He commented that he looks for Fayette County to do better on the WESTEST this year.

Mr. Dials reported he anticipates receiving WESTEST results the third week of July. He asked Board members to schedule a work session to discuss the test results along with progress, goals, and ideas. He reported the statewide prediction of a significant amount of school systems not meeting AYP due to the raising of test standards. He stated with increasing the rigor you can create a greater pressure on drop-out, graduation, and attendance rates. He speculated on whether the Federal Government will continue with No Child Left Behind.

Mr. Ivey asked if the WESTEST was meant to be more of an evaluation of the teachers. He stated that students cannot get it if it is not taught. He stressed his concerns about figuring out the matrix on the scoring to get true results. He said the ACT and SAT tests are a better measure of a nationwide standard. He questioned if students would receive 180 instructional days even if there were no snow days because of OSE and ISE days, assemblies, and days that schools are not taking attendance.

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

Mr. Dials questioned the reality of goals and objectives that are mandated by No Child Left Behind standards with 100 percent mastery to be achieved by the year 2014. He stated that the NAEP (National Assessment of Educational Progress) test is a good measure. He reported we should be monitoring test results to see what we are mastering and where we need to give our time and attention.

Mr. Ivey questioned Mr. Dials about the possibility of year round schooling.

Mr. Dials responded that it is still in the talking stages. He stated it can be done and accomplish many things but it is also dependent upon bringing our facilities up to standards to accommodate our children. He reported that some steps are being taken this summer to get us closer to bringing the things that sound good to a reality level.

Mr. Ivey commented on the surplus of \$330 million in the State of West Virginia's budget and speculated if any monies would be allocated for new school buildings.

Mr. Dials reported we received four of the six needed votes to build the new elementary school in Mount Hope. He suggested dates of Thursday, August 4, 2011, or Friday, August 5, 2011, at 12:00 noon for a work session to discuss goals and how to work toward meeting the goals. He reported items for discussion would include: test results; facilities; WV Tech charging Valley High \$1,000 per game to use their football field; handicapped access to the bleachers at Oak Hill High; addition of assistant football coach at Oak Hill High

due to increased enrollment and WVSSAC classification status; athletic directors; coaches pay; principal's pay; strengthening our staff and services; construction and upgrades; energy management; and auctions.

Mr. Cantley reported on two auctions in the immediate future with one being at Mount Hope High School and proceeds going to playground repair and equipment at Mount Hope Elementary. The other scheduled auction will be for buses, driver education cars and items that have been in storage for numerous years.

Mr. Dials discussed properties such as the old bus garage at Gauley Bridge, the old vocational building at Mount Hope, and a parcel of land in Glen Jean that we did not know we owned until recently. He stated the items that are declared surplus will be sold at a fair auction price and vacated properties can become a liability if they are not addressed. He briefly discussed work that is currently going on in the county such as Ansted Middle roof and Midland Trail sewage treatment plant. He stated that within the realm of money we are trying to take every appropriate discretionary measure we can to bring about improvements and maintain ourselves for twenty years.

Mr. Seay reported on Fayette County Schools being chosen to pilot a Universal Feeding Program that will offer more home-cooked and locally produced food free to students. He stated that 65 percent of our students are below the poverty line and physical needs must be met before academic results can be met. He stressed the importance for each student to complete a meal application whether it is free, reduced, or paid in order for Fayette County to receive federal reimbursements. He also stressed the importance of every child eating breakfast.

Mr. Dials commended Mr. Seay on his hard work to pilot this important program.

BOARD COMMENTS: *(not all inclusive)*

Mr. Newman agreed with the energy savings plan and stated the twenty-five and thirty year old units being replaced will not only save money but will make it more comfortable for our students and teachers. He stressed the importance of preventive maintenance. He reported on working at local food pantries and stated the significance of feeding children. He said students knowing they are going to get breakfast and lunch will help them with the academic, physical, and mental end. He asked Board members if they would be available to schedule a work session on Thursday, August, 4 or Friday, August 5, and inquired about topics to be discussed in the session.

Mr. Ivey stated he would like to discuss facilities, school closures, utilization factors, building capacities, and job postings.

Mr. Gray stated he would like to have a discussion on defining critical attendance, WESTEST, funding, and budgeting.

Mr. Newman stated he would like to focus on staffing and discipline procedures.

FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS:

Regular Meeting	Monday, July 18, 2011 Board of Education Office	6:00 p.m.
Regular Meeting	Monday, August 1, 2011 Board of Education Office	6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Upon motion by Mr. Ivey, second by Mr. Arritt, carried 5 to 0, the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:40 p.m.

President

Secretary/Superintendent