

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, August 1, 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
Gary Hough	Director of Transportation
Anna Kincaid-Cline	Director of Secondary Schools
Margaret Pennington	Director of Personnel
Linda Palenchar	Director of Special Education
David Seay	Director of Child Nutrition
Jackie Mollohan	Executive Secretary

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Newman following with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mr. Bush.

RECOGNITIONS/REPORTS:

**Teri Harlan**, School Health Director at New River Health, gave a report on School-Based Health Center Funding. She reported on the \$500,000 grant New River Health received to support the expansion of the school based health program. Included in the grant is money to purchase a modular unit for Valley High School to serve as a clinic to provide services to students at Valley High and Valley Elementary as well as faculty, staff, and the community. She stated the clinic will also provide dental care. The remainder of the grant will be utilized to replace outdated equipment and furniture and purchase dental equipment that can be transported to other clinics.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

**Jeremy Whiteside**, parent and town councilman from Gauley Bridge, reported on the possibility of securing funds to refurbish Gauley Bridge football playing surface for Valley High to use instead of the field at WVU Tech. He conveyed the possibility of securing equipment and money to cut brush and trees, replace seats on bleachers, paving and/or patching of road, installing sound system, replace chain link fence, replace scoreboard, paint and replace roofing on buildings, light poles with lighting, and repair goal post.

*Mr. Dials responded there would be many approvals and reviews in order for this to take place due to risk management. He stated he is in the process of having engineers look into the possibility of developing a playing field at the high school for the safety and convenience of students.*

**Cathy Broughman**, music teacher at Mount Hope Elementary, reported on the band instruments for students at Mount Hope Elementary. She stated there were 33 instruments and 18 were broken. She questioned funding to repair the broken instruments and stated Oak Hill High received first pick of the

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instruments, Collins Middle second and she was last. She detailed the stipulations for playing in the band at Collins Middle School students are to be enrolled for the full year of beginning band in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade. She questioned if Mount Hope Elementary students would be eligible to participate in the band at Collins Middle when they are in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade after receiving only one semester of band in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade at Mount Hope Elementary.

*Mrs. Kincaid-Cline responded with instructions and funding sources for the repair of broken band instruments.*

*Mrs. Cavalier discussed differences in scheduling with middle schools and elementary schools. She stated 5<sup>th</sup> graders in the middle school setting are allowed to receive a full year of band.*

*Mr. Dials reported the issue will be looked into because we would like to have maximum participation and accommodate the students.*

BOARD ACTION:

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

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ITEMS FOR BOARD REVIEW:

Policy Development and Review – First Reading (Struck from Agenda)

Personnel Changes – (See Attachments)

Board Bills – (See Attachments)

BOARD COMMENTS: (not all inclusive)

**Mr. Bush** thanked Teri Harlan, Jeremy Whiteside, and Cathy Broughman for their comments. He commented on the country's economic state and the connection with education and the well-being of families. He thanked Mr. Dials, Mrs. Cavalier, and Directors for their efforts and expressed his anticipation for great things to happen this school year.

**Mr. Gray** thanked Teri Harlan for updates and asked for New River Health to establish a partnership with the social worker from Fayette County Schools. He thanked Mr. Whiteside for his suggestions for a solution at Valley High. He also thanked Mr. Cantley for his work and the facility updates. He applauded Mr. Dials and his staff for work that is being done and stated there has been more work done recently than in the last 20 years. He also relayed the positive comments he received about the child nutrition program to Mr. Seay.

**Mr. Arritt** read recent Charleston Gazette article ranking Mountain State University as the nation's 23<sup>rd</sup> worst "dropout factory" for 2010, citing a 13 percent graduation rate. He shared Register-Herald article pertaining to precautions for athletes performing in extremely hot weather by John Spiker, veteran coordinator of medical services for student athletes at West Virginia University. He asked Mr. Dials to share the article with coaches. He reported on Danny Wright, former Board of Education member, being honored as Fayette County's Democrat of the Year. He expressed his sympathies to Karen Vuranch on her recent accident. He also reported on Raleigh County's Academy of Careers and Technology in Beckley being named Best Career and Technical Facility in the state. He questioned if auctions had already been held and if a printout showing the buyer was available.

*Mr. Dials responded an auction was held all records were available for inspection. He stated miscellaneous items were sold and approximately \$5,000 was cleared. Mr. Cantley stated the money would be allocated to Mount Hope Elementary for their playground.*

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**Mr. Ivey** complimented the School Health Centers stating nowhere has he ever seen greater access for students. He expressed his concern about discussing football fields when there are schools without a cafeteria. He commended Mr. Cantley for his work. He stated he was hopeful and appreciative for everything that is getting done in Fayette County. He remarked on the 5<sup>th</sup> grade band students at Mount Hope Elementary and hopes a resolution is found before they begin the 6<sup>th</sup> grade at Collins Middle. He thanked Mr. Whiteside for his concerns. He reported he will be attending the upcoming Oak Hill City Council meeting to express his thanks for the walking trail in Oak Hill.

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

**Mr. Dials** commented on what a difference participating in the band can make with a child. He affirmed the music and band programs will be worked on. He reported on progress being made to get things right and the possibility of experimenting with year-round schooling when the facilities can be relied upon. He reported on roof repairs being completed at Fayetteville Elementary. He discussed the CEFPP process and coming together with the public to pass a bond for facility needs. He reported on the challenges to get ready for the new school year. He also reported on budget concerns that come from federal funding.

BOARD COMMENTS: *(not all inclusive)*

**Mr. Newman** thanked Mr. Whiteside for his concern and his effort. He expressed his excitement for the health center at Valley. He reported on distributing lunch applications for the universal feeding program and the tremendous difference it will make for children to have breakfast and lunch daily. He expressed his appreciation to everyone for their hard work.

FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS:

Special Meeting <i>(Work Session)</i>	Thursday, August 4, 2011 Board of Education Office	12:00 p.m.
Regular Meeting	Monday, August 15, 2011 Board of Education Office	6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Upon motion by Mr. Ivey, second by Mr. Gray, carried 5 to 0, the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:55 p.m.

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President

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Secretary/Superintendent