

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, September 6, 2011, in the George M. Edwards Conference Room of the Board of Education Office, 111 Fayette Avenue, Fayetteville, West Virginia. Those present were:

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| 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 |
| Bob Hollandsworth | Director of Technology |
| Gary Hough | Director of Transportation |
| Anna Kincaid-Cline | Director of Secondary Schools |
| Judy Lively | Director of Attendance |
| Linda Palenchar | Director of Special Education |
| 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 following with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mr. Arritt.

RECOGNITIONS/REPORTS:

Jean Cavalier, Director of Elementary Schools, gave a presentation on 2010-2011 AYP results including attendance rates, graduation rates, and test results. She reported the formula calculation for AYP achievement has changed which makes previous year comparisons nearly impossible. She stated last year was the first year they upped the difficulty of the test.

Dr. Serena Starcher, Associate Superintendent, reported enrollment figures at approximately 6,739 students for the 2011-2012 school year.

David Seay, Director of Child Nutrition, gave information on the pilot program for universal feeding in Fayette County showing both an increase in feeding for breakfast and lunch.

Ron Cantley, Director of Operations, reported on two auctions held in August resulting in selling the old bus garage in Gauley Bridge for \$7000 and the one located in Mount Hope for \$600 pending approval from the West Virginia Department of Education.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mary Ann Paavilainen, Oak Hill High teacher and tennis coach, complimented the hard work and dedication of the Oak Hill High tennis team and their parents. She praised Tom Booth, Cindy White, Mrs. Holliday, and Chris Heath for their phenomenal support of the team. She stated Chris Heath installed and painted a backboard and also gave tennis lessons without charge to anyone with an interest.

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BOARD ACTION:

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

August 4, 2011 – Special Meeting/Work Session Minutes

August 15, 2011 – Regular Meeting Minutes

Mr. Arritt questioned the status of the old stone building in Fayetteville and stated he was 100 percent against giving the building away but would be willing to sell it. He stated it could be used for storage.

ITEMS FOR BOARD REVIEW:

Personnel Changes – (See Attachments)

Board Bills – (See Attachments)

BOARD COMMENTS: (not all inclusive)

Mr. Bush thanked Dr. Starcher, Mrs. Cavalier, Mr. Cantley, and Mr. Seay for their reports and tireless work. He complimented the middle school and high school administrators and educators for the difference they make. He commented on Oak Hill High students that are finding opportunity in areas they did not recognize before. He also reported on the recent successful Oak Leaf Festival in Oak Hill.

Mr. Gray questioned Mr. Cantley about the bleachers at Ansted Middle School and stated that a community group could take care of it. He asked about the progress of getting rid of the portable reading lab that is in disrepair and stated that he may be able to arrange to have it towed off of the school property.

Mr. Arritt asked about the possibility of putting in a football field at Valley High. He also questioned if anyone had checked with Kanawha County about the possible utilization of the field at East Bank. He stated WVU Tech played baseball in Kanawha County for the past five years. He commented bleachers could be constructed at Valley High for \$10,000 with the help from Kim Eades and the building construction class and John Scott, maintenance worker that lives in the Valley area. He reported on water draining off the hill at Divide Elementary.

Mr. Cantley stated he was currently in progress of checking the drainage from the hill at Divide Elementary.

Mr. Ivey thanked Mrs. Cavalier, Dr. Starcher, Mr. Seay, and Mr. Cantley for their reports. He applauded Mr. Cantley and the Fayette County Commission for keeping the recycling program in the schools. He thanked Mrs. Paavilainen for the positive comments she brought to the meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS: (not all inclusive)

Mr. Dials reported the school year is off to a good start. He stated we are working hard to hold people accountable but also recognizing the positives and give credit where it's due. He commented on the struggle we are having trying to staff schools with highly effective teachers. He remarked on the large crowd that attended the football game between Oak Hill and Fayetteville and stated there was a great atmosphere at the game.

BOARD COMMENTS: (not all inclusive)

Mr. Newman thanked the Directors for their reports. He reported on the West Virginia School Board Association meeting that will be held on September 9 and 10 in Charleston. He asked for a volunteer to attend the delegate assembly. (*Mr. Gray volunteered.*)

EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR STUDENT DISCIPLINE HEARINGS:

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."

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At approximately 7:30 p.m., upon motion by Mr. Arritt, second by Mr. Ivey, carried 5 to 0, the Board agreed to convene in executive session following a 10-minute break to conduct student discipline hearings.

Student A090611 – Superintendent Dials’ recommendation that Student A090611 be expelled from Fayette County Schools for twelve (12) consecutive months with educational services being provided through homebound services through the end of the first semester of the 2011-2012 school term with review of records in January 2012 to determine any change in educational placement was approved upon motion by Mr. Ivey, second by Mr. Bush, carried 5 to 0.

Student B090611 – Superintendent Dials’ recommendation that Student B090611 be expelled from Fayette County Schools through the end of the first semester of the 2011-2012 term with educational services being provided through alternative school twelve was approved upon motion by Mr. Ivey, second by Mr. Gray, carried 4 to 1 with Mr. Arritt voting No.

Student C090611 – Superintendent Dials ratified Mrs. Kincaid-Cline’s recommendation for Student C090611 to be placed in alternative school through the end of the first semester of the 2011-2012 school term with review of records at the end of the second six weeks.

At approximately 8:40 p.m. Mr. Newman announced the return to open session.

FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS:

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| Regular Meeting | Monday, September 19, 2011 Board of Education Office | 6:00 p.m. |
| Special Meeting <i>LSIC – Valley Area</i> | Monday, September 26, 2011 Valley High School, Smithers, WV | 6:00 p.m. |

ADJOURNMENT:

Upon motion by Mr. Ivey second by Mr. Gray, carried 5 to 0, the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:45 p.m.

President

Secretary/Superintendent