

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, November 7, 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
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 which he led the Pledge of Allegiance. All members were present.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Wayne Yonkelowitz, Fayetteville High teacher, addressed the Board on Benchmark testing. He stated his concerns on testing eight grade students on material they have not been taught. He expressed the students do not take the test serious which could impact the WESTEST. He requested if teachers must use Benchmark testing could they be allowed to pick questions from a test bank. He also stated the Benchmark test is not mandated by the state. It is only recommended to be used as a tool to assess readiness.

Craig Petry, spokesperson for several Valley Elementary parents, expressed their concerns regarding academic problems at Valley Elementary including low test scores, three different curriculum programs within the last three years, and Title I teachers teaching in the hallways. He also remarked on the high turnover rate of teachers. He asked if the feeding program would improve in the future with healthier meals prepared. He lastly addressed the school nurse being moved out of the school, work orders not being addressed, sidewalks, and the fire drill access.

*Mr. Dials pointed out the chain of command had not been followed with their concerns and apologized he could not give them the kind of response they deserve because it was the first time most of these issues have come to his attention. He spoke on our serious need for highly qualified teachers and the seniority law which allows teachers to bid on other jobs. He explained Valley did not qualify for the federally funded fresh fruits and vegetables program which is based on the percentage of qualified free and reduced lunch applicants. He stated universal feeding is an experimental program in Fayette County and more meals are*

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*being served and families are being helped by eliminating the food service bill. The other concerns were addressed by reporting on the work that has been completed at Valley Elementary along with the remaining needs that are being prioritized with other needs throughout the county.*

Mr. Petry asked if a PreK program will be placed at Valley Elementary.

*Mr. Dials stated it is not on the immediate list because the first priority is to accommodate a better middle school program and add a gymnasium onto Valley High School.*

Michelle Bennett spoke in favor of the proposed school consolidation and closing at Danese Elementary and Nuttall Middle School but asked that they not lose their bus. She stated busing is a concern of many parents living in that area.

*Mr. Dials assured Mrs. Bennett it will be handled in a manner that best serves the people while remaining within the technical guidelines.*

Geoff Heeter commended the parents from Valley Elementary for showing up and he reserved further comments for a later meeting.

RECOGNITIONS/REPORTS:

Jeff Brown, from Omega, reported on the Energy Management Contract with Fayette County Schools. – (See Attachment)

BOARD ACTION:

- A. Approval of Minutes:
  - 1) October 20, 2011 – Regular Meeting
  - 2) October 27, 2011 – Special LSIC Meeting
- B. Out-of-State Trip Request – Collins Middle School National Junior Honor Society
- C. Out-of-State Trip Request – Collins Middle School Select Chorus
- D. Out-of-State Trip Request – Fayetteville High

Mr. Bush moved to approve the Board Action. A motion was made by Mr. Ivey to amend the Board Action to vote on Item D separately due to Mr. Dials’ denial of the trip. Mr. Ivey withdrew his motion but stated he wanted to make sure Mr. Dials was not overruled by Board Action on Item D. Upon motion by Mr. Bush, second by Mr. Arritt with a vote of 5 to 0, Items A, B, and C were approved. A motion was made by Mr. Arritt, second by Mr. Gray, voted 5 to 0 to not approve Item D.

ITEMS FOR BOARD REVIEW:

**Dental/Vision Insurance for Retirees Providing Early Written Notification – (See Attachments)**

**Personnel Changes – (See Attachments)**

**Board Bills – (See Attachments)**

**Budget Transactions:**

1. Carryover Supplements:	
a. S-11 FY '11 Carryover Entries	\$ 12,635,003
2. Supplements:	
a. S-1 Fresh Fruits & Vegetables	\$ 48,450
b. S-2 Globaloria	1,508
c. S-3 Curriculum Development	2,250
d. S-4 Community Participation Projects	51,500
e. S-5 Title II	(85,341)
f. Transition to Teaching	2,000
g. S-7 Title III – English as a Second Language	1,180

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h. S-8 Vocational, Technical & Adult Education	51,819
i. S-9 Adult Basic Education	10,260
j. S-10 County, general fund	53,811
3. Transfers:	
a. T-1 Title II	\$ 335,600
b. T-2 Title III	\$ 1,830
c. T-3 County Playground Project	\$ 80,000

BOARD COMMENTS: (not all inclusive)

**Mr. Bush** thanked everyone for their comments and reports. He said it was encouraging to hear Mr. Brown's report stating the units have been in need of replacing for many years. He reported on the worthwhile information he and Mr. Newman received at the West Virginia School Boards Association November Workshop regarding testing assessment and Policy 4373.

**Mr. Gray** congratulated Fayetteville High, Midland Trail High, and Oak Hill High on their success in the Regional Cheerleading Competition and wished them luck in their future competitions. He reported on a presentation on truancy by Chief Justice Robin Davis that he, Mr. Newman, and Judy Lively recently attended. He reaffirmed Fayette County is ahead of the trend and commended our Attendance Department for their work. He expressed his excitement over the Energy Management program stating it is a positive move for Fayette County and wished we would have entered into it many years ago.

**Mr. Arritt** thanked Paula Fridley for information regarding money that was given to Danese Christian School. He asked about the Preschool program that is currently at Danese Elementary and where the preschool students would attend if Danese Elementary is closed.

*Dr. Starcher explained the Pre K Program in Fayette County is overseen by a collaborative agency that makes the decision and recommendation as to where the programs are located. She stated there is no space at Meadow Bridge Elementary.*

**Mr. Arritt** asked for a copy Fayette County's Needs Project which changed from a new elementary at Mount Hope to adding rooms to Midland Trail to accommodate Fayetteville.

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS: (not all inclusive)

**Mr. Dials** stated he was willing to discuss any part of the Needs Project.

*Dr. Starcher reported she distributed a copy to each Board member of the closure document and a copy of the hearing notice located under Tab 13.*

BOARD COMMENTS: (not all inclusive)

**Mr. Newman** reported the November 21, 2011 Regular Board meeting is cancelled but a special meeting needs to be scheduled to conduct student discipline hearings.

*The Board agreed on Monday, November 14, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. to hold a special meeting to conduct student discipline hearings.*

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 7:35 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.

Mr. Gray respectfully requested to be recused from the discipline hearings. Mr. Newman approved the recusal.

Board Ratification – Student 1 – Superintendent Dials’ recommendation of the ratification of Homebound placement for Student 1 was approved upon motion by Mr. Arritt, second by Mr. Ivey, carried 4 to 0.

Board Ratification – Student 2 – Superintendent Dials’ recommendation of the ratification of Homebound placement for Student 2 was approved upon motion by Mr. Arritt, second by Mr. Ivey, carried 4 to 0.

Student A110711 – Superintendent Dials’ recommendation that Student A110711 be expelled from Fayette County Schools for the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year, was approved upon motion by Mr. Ivey, second by Mr. Arritt, carried 4 to 0.

Student B110711 – Superintendent Dials’ recommendation that Student B110711 be expelled from Fayette County Schools for the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year, was approved upon motion by Mr. Arritt, second by Mr. Bush, carried 4 to 0.

Student C110711 – Superintendent Dials’ recommendation that Student C110711 be expelled from Fayette County Schools for the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year, was approved upon motion by Mr. Ivey, second by Mr. Arritt, carried 4 to 0.

Student D110711 – Superintendent Dials’ recommendation that Student D110711 be expelled from Fayette County Schools for the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year, was approved upon motion by Mr. Ivey, second by Mr. Arritt, carried 4 to 0.

Student E110711 – Superintendent Dials’ recommendation that Student E110711 be expelled from Fayette County Schools for the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year, was approved upon motion by Mr. Bush, second by Mr. Arritt, carried 4 to 0.

At approximately 9:30 p.m. Mr. Newman announced the return to open session.

FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS:

Special Meeting	Monday, November 28, 2011	6:00 p.m.
LSIC – Oak Hill Area	Oak Hill High School, Oak Hill, WV	

ADJOURNMENT:

Upon motion by Mr. Ivey second by Mr. Arritt, carried 4 to 0, the meeting adjourned at approximately 9:31 p.m.

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President

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Secretary/Superintendent