

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, January 23, 2012, in the George M. Edwards Conference Room of the Board of Education Office, 111 Fayette Avenue, Fayetteville, West Virginia. Those present were:

Pat Gray	President
Steve Bush	Vice-President
David Arritt	
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
Jackie Mollohan	Executive Secretary

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Gray following with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mr. Ivey. All members were present.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

RECOGNITIONS/REPORTS:

Dr. Starcher presented a report on Common Core State Standards. She reported it has been adopted by forty-five states and the mission is to provide a consistent, clear understanding of what students are expected to learn, so teachers and parents know what they need to do to help them. She explained the Common Core State Standards for math, reading, and writing. Dr. Starcher also presented a report on the WV Growth Model that will measure student progress by tracking the achievement scores of the same students from one year to the next, with the intent of determining whether the students in a given group are making progress.

BOARD ACTION:

Upon motion by Mr. Ivey, second by Mr. Bush with a vote of 4 to 0 the following items were approved:

- A. Approval of Minutes:
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ITEMS FOR BOARD REVIEW:

Personnel Changes – (See Attachments)

Board Bills – (See Attachments)

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BOARD COMMENTS: *(not all inclusive)*

Mr. Bush thanked Dr. Starcher for her very comprehensive report on Common Core State Standards and WV Growth Model. He stated the kinetics in moving a child forward can sometimes feel like you're dealing with Greek until you can get to the point of gaining some understanding. He reported that five students from West Virginia participated in The Virginia Tech Honor Band and four were from Fayette County. He said these Oak Hill Students were Hannah Bartlett, Amy Harrah, McKayla Burgess, and Tyler Carte.

Mr. Arritt questioned the Energy Savings Program asking how much money was borrowed to pay for the HVAC systems. He remarked he wanted to make sure the citizens of Fayette County do not have to pay the outstanding loan amount. He stated he was unaware of the \$12 million dollar amount.

Mr. Dials responded the HVAC's are worn out and obsolete and the only option was to replace them if we are going to continue to have school. He stated he has been as open and honest as he could be. Mr. Dials explained there is an agreement but the obligation is with Jeff Brown, who represents Omega, and Casto Technical to pay the loan amount; also, a bond is in place to secure the payment. He further explained the HVAC equipment is our Certificate of Participation which the Legislature allows in order to replace a unit with a more energy efficient unit and pay for it by the savings costs. He stated the equipment is located on our buildings and that is how we are tied into it.

Mr. Cantley responded the new units are designed to pay for themselves with cost savings. He explained if the savings do not pay for the units, there are surety bonds in place to cover any shortfalls. He stated the process for repayment has been expanded to pay out over fifteen years. He stressed in order to get back local control of our school system, OEPA recommendations on facility issues must be addressed.

Mr. Arritt asked how much money has been paid to Jeff Brown or Bank of America and also questioned if Jeff Brown is an employee of the Fayette County Board of Education.

Mr. Dials stated Jeff Brown represents Omega and is not a Fayette County Board of Education employee. Mr. Cantley reported he can bring any information Mr. Arritt asked for at the next meeting.

Mr. Arritt commented on a recent request for an afterschool program for Child Evangelism Fellowship and stated, in his opinion, church groups have the right to use schools for programs. He also asked for the continuance of Gideon Bibles being distributed to students.

Mr. Dials stated nothing has come before him on either of these issues. He explained the problem when it comes to church and state issues, you have organizations on both sides of that subject and they are ready to exercise their influence.

Mr. Arritt asked if anyone knew the outcome of the recent wrestling match in Bristol.

Mr. Ivey responded one student from Collins Middle School placed.

Mr. Ivey expressed his appreciation to Mr. Cantley for the work that is being done on the schools. He reported on visiting Oak Hill High School and was impressed with some of the good things that are going on and the orderliness of the school. He stated he would like to see a newspaper article on what is going on now at Oak Hill High School with their recent consolidation with Mount Hope High School and how things are faring. He said there are good things going on and sometimes we fail to bring out the positives in our school system. Mr. Ivey questioned if students at Fayetteville Elementary had to travel between the two buildings during the school day. He stated his question arose from a recent newspaper article regarding the City of Fayetteville turning the "stone building" located between the schools into rental spaces and his concern was to have a safe and secure environment for the students at the school.

Mr. Cantley responded the gates will be locked and anyone entering the "stone building" would have to enter from the back entrance.

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Mr. Ivey also reported on attending an informational night at Oak Hill High School for parents and students which covered safe and supportive school issues, seniors completing their final year, and other informative topics.

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

Mr. Dials reported on a recent visit from Dr. Jorea Marple, State Superintendent of Schools, to Oak Hill High School. He stated she got a chance to see the transition between Mount Hope High and Oak Hill High students. He said Dr. Marple talked with students and asked and answered their questions. Mr. Dials commented on the separation of church and state and how sometimes the courts have allowed the minority to rule on these issues. He discussed the formula for ranking students and reported we are looking at other Counties policies regarding this complex issue.

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."

At approximately 7:50 p.m., upon motion by Mr. Bush, second by Mr. Ivey, carried 4 to 0, the Board agreed to convene in executive session following a 10-minute break to conduct student discipline hearings.

Board Ratification – Superintendent Dials' recommendation for ratification of the placement of three students in alternative school placement and one student in Homebound placement was approved upon motion by Mr. Ivey, second by Mr. Arritt, carried 4 to 0.

At approximately 8:13 p.m. Mr. Gray announced the return to open session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR DISCUSSION OF PERSONNEL MATTER:

In accordance with 6-9A-4 (2) (A) 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 consider: Matters arising from the appointment, employment, retirement, promotion, transfer, demotion, disciplining, resignation, discharge, dismissal or compensation of a public officer or employee unless the public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee requests an open meeting."

At approximately 8:14 p.m., upon calling for the vote to convene into executive session for the purpose of discussion for Board member applicants, Mr. Ivey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Arritt and carried 4 to 0.

At approximately 8:30 p.m. Mr. Gray announced the return to open session.

FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS:

Special Meeting: Personnel RIF/Transfer Hearings <i>(if needed)</i>	Thursday, January 26, 2011 Board of Education Office	6:00 p.m.
Regular Meeting	Monday, February 6, 2012 Board of Education Office	6:00 p.m.
Regular Meeting	Monday, February 20, 2012 Board of Education Office	6:00 p.m.
Special Meeting: LSIC Mount Hope Elementary School	Monday, February 27, 2012 Mount Hope Elementary School	6:00 p.m.

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ADJOURNMENT:

Upon motion by Mr. Ivey, second by Mr. Arritt and carried 4 to 0, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:33 p.m.

President

Secretary/Superintendent