

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, May 7, 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	
William Arthur	
Leon Ivey	Members
Dwight D. Dials	Superintendent
Dr. Serena Starcher	Associate 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
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. Arritt. All members were present.

RECOGNITIONS/REPORTS:

Anna Kincaid-Cline introduced Fayette County's Young Writer's Contest Winners for 2012 (See Attachment)

Mary Ann Freeman recognized Fayette County's Knights and Ladies of 2012 Golden Horseshoe as follows: Haley Skaggs (Nuttall Middle); Bailey Bowling (Collins Middle); Jared Stover (Nuttall Middle); Brianna Canterbury (Valley High); Tyler Zickafoose (Nuttall Middle).

Deanna Gill introduced the WV History Bowl team from Nuttall Middle: Jared Stover, Steven Blume, Logan Syner, and Gus Ellison.

Dale Arrington presented the WV State Social Studies Fair Winners for 2012 (See Attachment)

Mr. Arrington also reported on the new National History Day competition which is only conducted on the state level. He reported the two projects that received second place and will compete in the national competition in June were Grace Bigelow and Faith Bigelow from Collins Middle School and Fairan Gill from Nuttall Middle School.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Ansted Elementary teachers Jill O'Dell and Norma Travis reported on projects that were completed at Ansted Elementary's 21st Century After School Program this year. The projects included collection of pop tabs, jump rope for heart, marathon readers, 21st Century math, reading, and physical education. They also conducted a canned food drive, planted flowers in the community, and made throw quilts for local nursing homes. As a regional outreach program, the students made tie blankets, sewed quilts, pillows, and teddy bears for the Ronald McDonald House.

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BOARD ACTION:

Upon motion by Mr. Bush, second by Mr. Ivey with a vote of 5 to 0 the following items were approved:

- A. Approval of Minutes:
April 17, 2012 – Statutory/Regular Meeting
- B. Out-of-State Trip Request – Gifted Class (See Attachments)
- C. Out-of-State Trip Request – Fayetteville Elementary 6th Grade (See Attachments)
- D. Out-of-State Trip Request – Ansted Middle 6th Grade (See Attachments)
- E. Out-of-State Trip Request – Collins Middle 8th Grade (See Attachments)
- F. Out-of-State Trip Request – Oak Hill MLB Action Team (See Attachments)
- G. Out-of-State Trip Request – Valley High Good Kid Trip (See Attachments)

ITEMS FOR BOARD REVIEW:

Personnel Changes – (See Attachments)

WVU Tech Upward Bound Summer Program Bus Lease – (See Attachments)

Board Bills – (See Attachments)

BOARD COMMENTS: *(not all inclusive)*

Mr. Bush applauded the winners and participants from Young Writer's, Golden Horseshoe, History Bowl, and the Social Studies Fair. He expressed his appreciation to the teachers, central office directors, and parents who help make it possible. Mr. Bush reported on the work that transpired at the recent meeting he attended with Mr. Dials, Mr. Gray, and Mr. Ivey at Stonewall Jackson Resort for counties under State intervention. He also commented on the groundbreaking ceremony at Valley High School for the auxiliary gymnasium and the remembrance of Mr. Leon Newman.

Mr. Arthur expressed his appreciation to the students and parents that attended the meeting. He thanked the administrators for their work.

Mr. Arritt questioned Mr. Hollandsworth about a recent Charleston Gazette article regarding \$24 million in federal funds spent on routers and if any of these routers were received by Fayette County Schools and if we are going to be able to keep them.

Mr. Hollandsworth responded several schools have received routers and they will be able to keep them through Federal funding with no cost to Fayette County.

Mr. Ivey congratulated the students, parents, and educators that were recognized at the meeting. He shared the program from the recent Valley High School auxiliary gymnasium dedication which included a picture of Mr. Leon Newman. He said he was encouraged by the projects Ansted Elementary School completed in their after school program. Mr. Ivey reported on the meeting conducted by the West Virginia School Boards Association for State takeover counties. He said discussion included what State takeover means and what it will take to get out from under the process. Mr. Ivey concluded his comments by reporting on the beautiful prom at Oak Hill High School where he helped with valet parking of student cars.

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

Mr. Dials also reported on the recent meeting for State takeover counties and the questions that were raised about what it will take to regain local control. Mr. Dials stated he feels like he has been inadequate in explaining the whole process of the state's takeover of the county school system. He stressed the OEPA audit identified the performance standards that must be achieved to get results. Mr. Dials said we have been working in so many ways to measure up and comply with the standards. He said we have teachers and principals that are taking it to another level and we need to build on that and continue to grow and develop to get results.

BOARD COMMENTS:

Mr. Gray echoed the sentiments on the great achievements that were recognized at the meeting. He asked if a report could be made at the next meeting on the Danese Elementary and Nuttall Middle transition.

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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 7:00 p.m., upon motion by Mr. Bush, second by Mr. Arthur, carried 5 to 0, the Board agreed to convene in executive session following a 5-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 two students expelled from Fayette County Schools for twelve (12) consecutive months was approved upon motion by Mr. Ivey, second by Mr. Bush, carried 5 to 0.

At approximately 7:59 p.m. Mr. Gray announced the return to open session.

FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS:

Regular Meeting	Monday, May 21, 2012 Board of Education Office	6:00 p.m.
Regular Meeting	Monday, June 4, 2012 Board of Education Office	6:00 p.m.
Regular Meeting	Monday, June 18, 2012 Board of Education Office	6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Upon motion by Mr. Arritt, second by Mr. Ivey and carried 5 to 0, the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:00 p.m.

President

Secretary/Superintendent