

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. on Monday, September 17, 2012, in the George M. Edwards Conference Room of the Board of Education Office, 111 Fayette Avenue, Fayetteville, West Virginia. Those present were:

Steve Bush	President
Lou Jones	Vice-President
David Arritt	Members
Pat Gray	
Leon Ivey	
Keith A. Butcher	Superintendent
Dr. Serena Starcher	Associate Superintendent
Dr. Mary Lu MacCorkle	Associate Superintendent
Ron Cantley II	Director of Operations
Jean Cavalier	Director of Elementary
Paula Fridley	Treasurer
Bob Hollandsworth	Director of Technology
Gary Hough	Director of Transportation
Anna Kincaid-Cline	Director of Secondary
Judy Lively	Director of Attendance
Dr. 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. Bush following which he led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**DELEGATIONS/PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Debra Elmore, WV AFT Staff Representative, introduced Christy Gill as the new Fayette County AFT President. She said Mrs. Gill is featured at AFT.org in a video on using art to teach other cultures.

Diana Coleman, Fayetteville High School parent, expressed her concern about the lack of seating for students in the cafeteria at Fayetteville High School.

Anthony Salvatore, representative for Pre-K teacher Morgan Lilly, addressed Mr. Butcher regarding her transfer to her new position at Gatewood Elementary School.

**VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC FACILITIES:**

Mr. Butcher introduced a preliminary plan from Bolts Willis that would be privately funded on upgrading the athletic facilities at Valley High School. Mr. Butcher pointed out the plan would be organized by the architect firm planning the proposal, presenting the proposal to the citizens at Valley for input, making an amendment to our current CEFP, and getting approval from Dr. Marple and the WV Board of Education. He stated he will provide more information when it is received from the architects.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT / INFORMATION:**

Dr. Starcher reported on the Major Improvement Project at Divide Elementary that will be presented to the WV School Building Authority to replace the coal-fired boiler at an approximate cost of \$800,000.

Dr. Starcher also presented the Board of Education with the 3% Project submitted to the WV School Building Authority for funds that are available to Career and Technical Centers. She outlined the request would be for a \$909,000 addition to Fayette Institute of Technology to house a cosmetology program and HVAC program.

**BOARD ACTION:**

Upon action by Mr. Ivey, second by Mrs. Jones and approved 5 – 0 the following items were approved with an amendment to the minutes of September 4, 2012:

- A. Special Meeting Minutes for Dropout Prevention Grant – August 30, 2012  
Regular Meeting Minutes (*amended*) – September 4, 2012

**BOARD REVIEW / INFORMATION:**

- A. Policy Development and Review: Second/Final Reading (See Attachment)
  - 1) Policy B-30 Substitutes in Areas of Critical Need and Shortage
- B. WV Board of Education Waiver Request (See Attachment)
- C. Personnel Changes – (See Attachments)
- D. Board Bills – (See Attachments)

**BOARD MEMBER REPORTS / INFORMATION:** (*not all inclusive*)

**Mrs. Jones** shared a recent newspaper article recognizing Meadow Bridge High School's accomplishments stating the school has received a bronze rating in U.S. News and World Report's Best High Schools for the third year in a row. She stated Meadow Bridge High also has a graduation rate of 95 percent which is one of the highest in the state of West Virginia. Mrs. Jones commented on the auxiliary gym that is being constructed at Valley High School stating her concern and disappointment that the auxiliary gym will not have bathroom facilities.

**Mr. Gray** reported on the recent West Virginia School Boards Association meeting held in Charleston. He commented an excellent presentation from Jonathan Kozol who authored *Fire in the Ashes: The Deepening Crisis in Our Public Schools—Victims and Survivors*. Mr. Gray thanked the citizens and staff that helped with the grounds work and painting of the scoreboard at Midland Trail High School. He introduced Ms. Shuff from U.S. Cellular who distributed information about a fundraising campaign for schools.

**Mr. Arritt** also commented on attending the recent WV School Boards Association Meeting in Charleston. He asked for further clarification on WESTEST scores stating the ratings were confusing with several schools ranking higher than others but still not achieving AYP. Mr. Arritt also commended Meadow Bridge High School for their accomplishments that were recently reported in the Beckley Register-Herald.

**Mr. Ivey** commented Mr. Newman worked hard for the auxiliary gym at Valley High School. He stated he appreciated the fact that we are looking into ways for citizenry to raise money for needed facilities. He pointed out the absence of lights on the soccer field at Oak Hill High School. He questioned if Fayette County students attending the Erma Byrd Higher Education Center are provided with transportation.

**Mr. Bush** thanked Christy Gill and Debbie Elmore for attending the meeting. He assured Ms. Diana Coleman that the Superintendent will address her issue regarding the lunch tables at Fayetteville High School. He thanked Judy Lively for her tireless work on keeping students in school and how critical attendance is to education.

**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. Ivey, second by Mr. Gray, carried 5 to 0, the Board agreed to convene in executive session following a ten minute recess to conduct student discipline hearings. At approximately 7:25 p.m. Mr. Bush announced the return to open session.

Board Ratification – Superintendent Butcher’s recommendation for ratification of the placement of one student in an alternative school placement was approved upon motion by Mr. Gray, second by Mr. Ivey, carried 4 to 1 with Mr. Arritt voting no.

**FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS:**

Special Meeting / LSIC  
*Local School Improvement Councils*  
*Fayetteville Area Schools*

Monday, September 24, 2012      6:00 p.m.  
Fayetteville High School

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At approximately 7:27 p.m, it was moved by Mr. Ivey, seconded by Mrs. Jones and carried 5 to 0 to adjourn the meeting.

---

President

---

Secretary/Superintendent