

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, February 18, 2013, 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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| Steve Bush | President |
| Lou Jones | Vice-President |
| David Arritt | Members |
| Pat Gray | |
| Leon Ivey | |
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| Keith A. Butcher | Superintendent |
| Dr. Serena Starcher | Associate Superintendent |
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| Ron Cantley II | Director of Operations |
| Jean Cavalier | Director of Elementary |
| Paula Fridley | Treasurer |
| Bob Hollandsworth | Director of Technology |
| Anna Kincaid-Cline | Director of Secondary |
| Judy Lively | Director of Attendance |
| Margaret Pennington | Director of Personnel |
| David Seay | Director of Child Nutrition |
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| Jackie Mollohan | Executive Secretary |

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Bush following with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mr. Arritt.

RECOGNITIONS/REPORTS:

None.

DELEGATIONS/PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Anita Ennis addressed the Board about a Policy regarding a student fighting back after being bullied receiving the same punishment as the student that started the fight. She stated the Policy violates the Constitution of the United States.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT / INFORMATION:

Dr. Serena Starcher reported the Fayette County Excess Levy Election results: She reported there was a 71.4 percent passage rate. She stated out of 2,842 votes there were 2,030 voted in favor of the levy.

Mr. Butcher distributed a list produced by the Office of Education Performance Audits exhibiting the annual accreditation rating for academic achievement assigned to each school in Fayette County. (See Attachment) He stated we are continuing to work with all schools and looking forward to seeing progress this coming year.

BOARD ACTION:

Upon action by Mr. Ivey, second by Mrs. Jones and approved 5 – 0, the following was approved:

- A. Regular Meeting Minutes – February 4, 2013

BOARD REVIEW / INFORMATION:

- A. Personnel Changes – (See Attachments)
- B. Board Bills – (See Attachments)
- C. Budget Transactions:

Supplements:

1. S-18	ABE/Secondary/Vocational/Adult Ed.	\$ 258,277
2. S-19	High Cost Reimbursement (Special Ed.)	72,115
3. S-20	Federal Programs	60,499
4. S-21	County/SBA Project	944,548

Transfers:

1. T-9	Federal Programs	\$ 302,048
2. T-10	Vocational Enhancement & Support	5,000

Mr. Ivey asked if No. 4 under Budget Supplements was for the Divide Elementary Project and asked for a progress report.

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

Mrs. Jones asked again if Valley High School will have a place to play their football games in the fall. She stated she called Delegate David Perry to request help.

Mr. Gray stated he is very pleased with the results of the special levy election and thanked the voters for their support.

Mr. Arritt thanked Mrs. Ennis for bringing her concern to the Board of Education and stated if the bus driver or Principal couldn't give her an answer then it should be followed-up by the Central Office Director or Superintendent. He also thanked the people of Fayette County for voting for the excess levy. He stated he had a personal interest in the levy hoping that with more money there will be a better chance to save a school from closure. Mr. Arritt expressed his hope to form another committee to change the Comprehensive Educational and Facilities Plan for Fayette County stating there have been many changes at the West Virginia Department of Education and the new State Superintendent of Schools was an advocate for smaller schools. Mr. Arritt commented on the film documentary, Abraham Lincoln, stating the lead actor, Billy Campbell, attended Fork Union Military Academy where his son and brother teach. He stressed the importance for students to participate and perform whether it is film making, glee club or track meet. He said he would like to see the broadcasting class offered again.

Mr. Ivey agreed with Mr. Arritt's remarks on having as much to do for our students as possible and having them involved as much as we can. He asked about the possibility of all five high schools competing in a Quiz Bowl that could be televised on the local community channel. He reported seven out of the top ten winners at Math Field Day were students from Oak Hill High which says something for their math program. He expressed his concern on how we are addressing teen pregnancy with statistics showing Fayette County ranks 51 out of 55. He added statistics also show 2 of the 3 counties below us are also State takeover counties and 4 out of 5 are in Southern West Virginia. He asked if anyone has tied these issues together. He stated if Fayette County had fewer high schools we could give students more opportunities to get their minds on other things.

Mr. Bush reported on attending the USA Skills competition at Fayette Institute of Technology stating their accomplishments were outstanding. He also reported on attending a program on Black History at DuBois on Main in Mount Hope. He stated Danny Wright, Fayette County Circuit Clerk, brought remarkable information on Fayette County's rich Black History. He said it would be a great opportunity for students to attend these history programs. Mr. Bush offered his condolences to the family of Jim Lively, Sr. He stated Mr. and Mrs. Lively were wonderful contributors to the community of Oak Hill. Mr. Bush thanked the teachers for their hard work.

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 6:38 p.m., upon motion by Mr. Gray, second by Mrs. Jones, carried 5 to 0, the Board agreed to convene in executive session to conduct student discipline hearings after a five minute recess. At approximately 6:58 p.m., Mr. Bush announced the return to open session.

Board Ratification – Superintendent Butcher’s recommendation for ratification of the placement of four students placed in alternative school was approved upon motion by Mr. Ivey, second by Mrs. Jones, and carried 5 to 0.

FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS:

Special Meeting (If needed) <i>Personnel/RIF/Transfer Hearings</i>	Thursday, February 21, 2013 Board of Education Office	6:00 p.m.
Special Meeting/LSIC <i>(Midland Trail Area Schools)</i>	Monday, February 25, 2013 Midland Trail High School	6:00 p.m.
Regular Meeting	Monday, February 18, 2013 Board of Education Office	6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

At approximately 7:00 p.m., it was moved by Mr. Gray, seconded by Mr. Ivey and carried 5 to 0 to adjourn the meeting.

President

Secretary/Superintendent