

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, March 18, 2013, 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
Paula Fridley	Treasurer
Bob Hollandsworth	Director of Technology
Gary Hough	Director of Transportation
Anna Kincaid-Cline	Director of Secondary
Dr. 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. Bush following with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mr. Gray.

**RECOGNITIONS/REPORTS:**

The Oak Hill High School Science Bowl Team was recognized by Anna Kincaid-Cline. Team members included Jacob Ivey, Josh Lokant, Michael McGraw, Dustin Teel, McKayla Burgess and Coach and Sponsor, Tasha Yates. The Science Bowl Team placed fifth in the State competition.

**DELEGATIONS/PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**Yolanda Bailey**, Mount Hope Elementary School parent, addressed the need for a new elementary school in Mount Hope. She expressed her concern of health issues relating to the leaking roof. Mrs. Bailey stated they would like to see results and asked what the first step would be and how they could help get a new elementary school in Mount Hope.

**Paul Armentrout**, spokesperson for Valley High parents, questioned the Board on where Valley High School will play their home football games this fall. He stated they would like to make repairs at WVU Tech field to keep the team from having to play at another facility out of the county. He stated the group would be willing to raise money for repairs to the field and asked the Board to pay \$10,000 toward repairs. He reported the Board paid WVU Tech \$10,000 last year to play on WVU Tech's field and this year there would be no charge from Tech.

**Carolyn Arritt**, Meadow Bridge citizen and retired teacher from Fayette County Schools, reported on her involvement with the Meadow Bridge Citizens for Community Schools and the need to have community discussions and not closure hearings. She also reported on attending most of the State Board of Education Meetings since the takeover of Fayette County Schools and has met with Dr. Phares, State Superintendent of Schools. Ms. Arritt stated her intent is to form a committee with representatives from each community in order to work together to regain local control.

**Paul McClung**, Meadow Bridge citizen, reported on his history of involvement with Fayette County Schools and his work to avoid State intervention and consolidation. He stated Fayette County is currently ranked 54 out of 55 counties on WESTEST scores. Mr. McClung outlined a "front porch" campaign that was successful for Dr. Phares when he was Superintendent in Randolph County. Mr. McClung asked Mr. Butcher for his assistance in organizing leaders within every community for this campaign to work together to quickly end the intervention in Fayette County.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT / INFORMATION:**

**Mr. Butcher** reported beginning with the regular meeting on April 1, 2013, Board Meeting Agendas and Minutes will be paperless. He stated any member that would like a hard copy could continue to do so. *Mr. Arritt stated he would like a hard copy.* Mr. Butcher introduced a facilities plan that can address facility needs with keeping our students first and foremost while improving educational opportunities. (See Attachment)

**Dr. MacCorkle** discussed the academic chart with comparisons of high schools in Fayette County to Bridgeport High School which is ranked as number one in the State of West Virginia. (See Attachment)

**Dr. Starcher** outlined the cost of addressing facility needs that have been reported by external agencies which totals 24.6 million dollars. Dr. Starcher also outlined the CEFPP emphasizing it is not set in stone. She discussed personnel costs in alignment with the current CEFPP, expenditures and budget. (See Attachments)

*Mr. Ivey stated he appreciated the financial numbers would like to have another meeting with a work session to further discuss better staffing at schools. He asked for a report showing average class size in each school.*

*Mrs. Jones stated she was previously involved in two consolidations that did not save Fayette County any money.*

*Mr. Arritt agreed with Mrs. Jones stating we have been consolidating for years and he has not seen money saved. He said the citizens of Fayette County have been good to the school system by passing the levy for 60 years and it seems to never be enough. Mr. Arritt stated there needs to be a change of the facilities plan and Mr. McClung has a good idea to work together to come up with a plan.*

*Mr. Gray thanked Dr. Starcher for her work on putting the facts together for his review.*

*Mr. Bush stated the report is fuel for discernment.*

**BOARD ACTION:**

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

- A. Special Meeting Minutes – February 25, 2013  
Regular Meeting Minutes – March 4, 2013
- B. Out-of-State trip for Fayette County Gifted Program to Carnegie Science Center, Sports Works, and Heinz Field in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on April 10-11, 2013.
- C. Out-of-State trip for nine students at Fayette Institute of Technology to compete in the National Future Educator's Association Conference and Competition in Orlando, Florida from April 24-27, 2013.
- D. Approval for one Fayette County students to be released to attend Nicholas County Schools.

**BOARD REVIEW / INFORMATION:**

- A. Policy Development and Review  
First Reading:
  - 1) B-50: Assignment, Salary Supplement and Employment Term of Coaches (See Attachments)
  - 2) D-9: Adolescent Education (9-12) (See Attachments)
  - 3) F-5: Extra-Duty/Extra-Curricular Bus Transportation (See Attachments)
  - 4) F-8: Inclement Weather Delay and Cancellation (See Attachments)

- 5) I-1: Use of School Facilities (See Attachments)
  - 6) I-2: Energy Conservation Management [New Policy] (See Attachments)
- B. Proposed Levy Order and Rate Sheet for Fiscal Year 2014 (See Attachments)
- C. Personnel Changes – (See Attachments)
- D. Board Bills – (See Attachments)

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

**Mrs. Jones** congratulated Michael Fox, fifth grade student at Valley Elementary, for placing fifth in the Gazette Regional Spelling Bee. She thanked Mrs. Bailey for her comments. Mrs. Jones expressed her hope to get the Valley High School football field settled soon and the games to be played Fayette County. She thanked Ms. Arritt for speaking and stated she agreed with her. She said she knew the information given out was a rough draft but she did not want to see schools closed. She asked if any type of appreciation gift could be given to retiring employees.

**Mr. Gray** congratulated Oak Hill High School Science Bowl Team and echoed Mrs. Jones congratulations to Michael Fox for placing fifth in the Spelling Bee and to Carson Cochran, runner-up. He thanked the speakers and asked Mr. Butcher and Directors to give thought and direction to the topics discussed. He reported on the recent School Boards Association meeting in Charleston stating there were many good speakers that shared pertinent information. He thanked Mr. Butcher for bringing the paperless option to Board meetings and hopes it might save a few trees. Mr. Gray reported the graduation for the Fayette Institute of Technology nursing class will be Friday evening at the Historic Oak Hill School.

**Mr. Arritt** congratulated the Science Bowl Team from Oak Hill High School. He also congratulated Michael Fox from Valley Elementary School for placing 5<sup>th</sup> place in the Spelling Bee stating it is the first time he has seen a Fayette County student compete with the Kanawha Valley schools. Mr. Arritt congratulated the Valley High Girls and Boys Basketball Team on their participation in the State Tournament.

**Mr. Ivey** congratulated the Science Bowl Team stating they worked hard and represented Fayette County well. He said it was the third time Oak Hill made it to the State competition and the first time they made it to the championship round. He reported they drew the team that placed fifth in the nation last year. He congratulated the Valley High School Girls Basketball team stating they fought and played hard in the State Basketball Tournament. He reported on attending Community Night at Oak Hill High School stating he would like to see the program presented to parents because there was good information. He complimented Mrs. Rosiek for displaying the artwork of her students. Mr. Ivey expressed his appreciation for the information received at the meeting. He asked if there have been any studies on placing 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders in high schools. He stated the focus should be shifted to providing a better education for students. He said he hates to see anyone lose a school but also hates to see a student go through school and not have the same opportunities as a student from another school. He expressed his concern for students driving their own vehicles on Rt. 19 in order to take a class that was not being offered at their school. He thanked the speakers and stated he is committed to do everything he can for Valley High to play their football games without driving to another county.

**Mr. Bush** thanked the Board members and the speakers for their comments. He congratulated the Oak Hill High Science Bowl Team for their achievement. He praised Ms. Carolyn Arritt for her work stating she was a remarkable educator and gave 110 percent each day. He reported on the Winter Conference of the West Virginia School Boards Association in Charleston. He said Dr. Phares reported 47 percent of public school students are not proficient. He expressed his appreciation to Dr. MacCorkle for her efforts and tireless 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 7:40 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 8:50 p.m., Mr. Bush announced the return to open session.

Board Ratification and Student Expulsion

Superintendent Butcher’s recommendation for ratification of the placement of three students placed in alternative school, one student suspension continued with stipulations, and two students expelled for twelve consecutive months was approved upon motion by Mr. Gray, second by Mr. Ivey, and carried 5 to 0.

Superintendent Butcher’s recommendation for one student expelled for the remainder of the second semester this year and the first semester next year (2013-2014) with stipulations was approved upon motion by Mr. Ivey, second by Mrs. Jones, and carried 5 to 0.

Superintendent Butcher’s recommendation for one student expelled for the remainder of the second semester this year and the first semester next year (2013-2014) with stipulations to return at the beginning of next year (2013-2014) was approved upon motion by Mrs. Jones, second by Mr. Gray, and carried 5 to 0.

**FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS:**

Special Meeting/LSIC <i>(Meadow Bridge Area Schools)</i>	Monday, March 25, 2013 Meadow Bridge High School	6:00 p.m.
Regular Meeting	Monday, April 1, 2013 Board of Education Office	6:00 p.m.
<b>Statutory/Regular Meeting</b>	<b>Tuesday</b> , April 16, 2013 Board of Education Office	6:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At approximately 8:52 p.m., it was moved by Mr. Ivey, seconded by Mrs. Jones and carried 5 to 0 to adjourn the meeting.

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President

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Secretary/Superintendent