

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
COUNTY OF FAYETTE, TO-WIT:

CONTINUATION OF RECESSED SESSION OF MARCH 19, 2012:

On Tuesday, April 16, 2013, commencing at 6:00 p.m. the Board of Education of the County of Fayette, West Virginia, held a statutory meeting in continuation of the recessed session of March 19, 2013, in the Auditorium of Fayetteville High School, 515 W. Maple Avenue, Fayetteville, West Virginia. Mr. Bush called the continuation of the meeting to order.

Final Review of Levy Order and Rate Sheet for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2014:

Final review of Levy Rates for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2014, as submitted to the West Virginia Department of Education and approved by the State Tax Department, Office of the Chief Inspector.

ADJOURNMENT:

At approximately 6:05 p.m., **it was moved by Mr. Bush, seconded by Mrs. Jones and carried 5 to 0 to adjourn the continuation of the Recessed Session of March 18, 2013.**

President

Secretary/Superintendent

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Having concluded its statutory meeting in continuation of the recessed session of March 18, 2013, the Board of Education of the County of Fayette, West Virginia, then met in regular session at approximately 6:05 p.m. on Tuesday, April 16, 2013, in the Auditorium at Fayetteville High School, 515 W. Maple 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 Schools
Paula Fridley	Treasurer
Bob Hollandsworth	Director of Technology
Gary Hough	Director of Transportation
Anna Kincaid-Cline	Director of Secondary Schools
David Seay	Director of Child Nutrition
Moe Shrewsberry	Computer Network Specialist
Jackie Mollohan	Executive Secretary

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Bush followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mr. Arritt. All members were present.

RECOGNITIONS/REPORTS:

Mr. Seay recognized Katrina Brown for winning first place in the talent competition at the West Virginia School Nutrition Association Conference in March. Dianne Perry, Masice Miller, Kathy Shuff, Shirley Elkins, Patty Robertson, Cindy Shell, Janet Hogg and Lisa Falls performed the "Margaritaville Parody" written by Katrina Brown. Mr. Seay also recognized Lisa Falls for winning second place for apple cinnamon jelly; first place for diabetic mandarin orange cake, third place for rum fudge, and second place for 5th Avenue candy.

Mr. Arrington recognized the Regional Social Studies Fair winners. (See Attachment) He thanked Board of Education members, Mr. Butcher, Dr. Starcher, and Aimee Shumate for their support and help. He also thanked the parents for supporting all of the Fairs. Mr. Arrington stated we have 16 projects advancing to the State Social Studies Fair in Charleston on Friday, April 26, 2013.

At approximately 6:30 p.m. Mr. Bush announced the Board would take about fifteen minutes to view the Social Studies Fair projects on display. At approximately 6:45 p.m. the meeting was continued.

DELEGATIONS/PUBLIC COMMENTS: (not all inclusive)

Gary Rowe, Valley parent and spokesperson, reminded the Board there was only 106 days until football season begins and a decision must be made on where Valley High School will play their football games.

Mr. Butcher reported he received estimates to repair the field at WVU Tech today and spoke with Carolyn Long, WVU Tech President, about the options. He stated they will be having a meeting as soon as possible to discuss the possibilities.

Mr. Ivey suggested everyone contact their Legislator especially the ones involved in the "Take Back Tech Committee". Mrs. Jones stated she already spoke with Delegate Perry.

Carolyn Arritt, Meadow Bridge community member and retired teacher, spoke on the opportunity provided by Dr. Phares for citizens to be part of a grassroots effort to keep community schools. She stated her history of involvement with Meadow Bridge and also spoke on Paul McClung's history of involvement within the community. Ms. Arritt asked everyone to work together to pass the bond. She stated legal steps will be taken to insure schools will not close after the bond passes. She closed by asking everyone to stay out of it and let the citizens decide.

Dorothy Foster, retired Fayette County School secretary, questioned the closure of Danese Elementary School stating it was one of the newer schools in Fayette County.

Shirley McGraw, Meadow Bridge community member, commented on her fight against consolidation for the past 35 plus years. She cited her 74 year history with the community of Meadow Bridge. Ms. McGraw reported on attending the CEFM meetings stating they were disorganized and chaotic.

Leon Ivey, Fayette County Board of Education Member, said he would like to talk about the education within the buildings stating Fayette County ranks 53rd out of 55. He reported as a Fayette County citizen, taxpayer, parent, and Board of Education member, he attended the State Board of Education meeting on April 10, 2013, to address State Superintendent Dr. Phares and West Virginia State Board of Education Members. (See Attachment)

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT/INFORMATION:

Mr. Butcher stated he is proud and pleased to say that he is the Superintendent of Fayette County Schools and remains as focused today as the day he started on the educational outcomes for our students. He explained the Steering Committee selection and community forums that will be scheduled to discuss and prioritize facility needs. Mr. Butcher closed by stating the final step of the committee will be the feasibility of a bond.

BOARD ACTION:

The following items were approved upon motion by Mr. Ivey, seconded by Mrs. Jones, carried 5 to 0.

- A. April 1, 2013 – Regular Meeting Minutes
- B. Approval for one Fayette County student to be released to attend Nicholas County Schools and one Fayette County student to be released to attend Raleigh County Schools for the 2013-2014 school year.
- C. Out-of-State Trip Request for FIT Health Occupations secondary students, adult LPN students, and their respective advisors to take a trip to Nashville, TN from June 24-30, 2013, to compete in the HOSA National Competition.
- D. Out-of-State Trip Request for the Senior Class at Meadow Bridge High School to take a trip to Washington, D.C. on May 2-3, 2013.
- E. Out-of-State Trip Request for Fayetteville Elementary 6th Grade students to travel to Columbus, Ohio, to the Columbus Zoo for the end-of-year trip.

APPOINTMENT OF 2 BOARD REPRESENTATIVES TO SERVE ON BOND STEERING COMMITTEE:

Mr. Arritt nominated Steve Bush, Board President, to serve on the Bond Steering Committee. Mrs. Jones seconded his nomination. Discussion ensued regarding representation of Board members attending the committee meetings. Mr. Butcher recommended two Board of Education members serve the Bond Steering Committee on a rotating basis. Mr. Arritt withdrew his nomination for Mr. Bush due to the agreement of the Board members to serve on a rotating basis. Mr. Gray moved to accept Mr. Butcher's recommendation with Mrs. Jones making the second. The motion carried 5 to 0.

BOARD REVIEW/INFORMATION:

- A. Policy Development and Review – Second and Final Reading:
- 1) B-50: Assignment, Salary Supplement and Employment Term of Coaches [revised] (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 [revised] (See Attachments)
 - 5) I-1: Use of School Facilities (See Attachments)
 - 6) I-2: Energy Conservation Management [New Policy] (See Attachments)
- B. 2nd Annual John Flournoy Summer League at Midland Trail High School (See Attachments)
- C. Personnel Changes (See Attachments)
- D. Board Bills (See Attachments)

While discussing Policy B-50, Mr. Arritt made a request for the Superintendent to require coaches to keep track of school uniforms and report scores to the local newspaper.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS/INFORMATION: (not all inclusive)

Mrs. Jones stated she would like to see the issue of the Valley High football field worked out by the April 29 LSIC Meeting. She announced a Blood Drive competition between Fayetteville High School and Midland Trail High School. Mrs. Jones congratulated Mr. Seay and the Fayette County Cooks for their awards and recognition. She also congratulated the Social Studies Fair winners. She closed her remarks by stating we need to get the federal government and state out of it and get back to basics with teaching our students.

Mr. Gray echoed Mrs. Jones' congratulations to the cooks and Social Studies Fair winners. He announced there were Golden Horseshoe winners from Fayetteville, Ansted and Valley. Mr. Gray thanked Mr. Rowe for his diligence regarding the Valley High School football field. He thanked Ms. Arritt, Mrs. Foster, Ms. McGraw, and Mr. Ivey for their comments. He commented he was not in favor of the Danese Elementary Closure stating he wrote a letter challenging the closure to the State Superintendent and State Board Members. He said many times we have targeted our elementary and middle schools in order to save our high schools. Mr. Gray also stated he shares the same passion with the speakers to provide students the best path for success but does not completely agree with what the path looks like. He said he agrees with community schools but the definition of community schools differ because the scope has broadened and the lines have blurred over the years. He quoted his sister, Peggy Tully, on her comments that Fayette Institute of Technology is a true asset in Fayette County and it is a community school that blends all of our students and they are successful and happy with their education. He closed by stating he wants the citizens and parents throughout the county to be heard in order to make the right decisions.

Mr. Arritt thanked the administration for getting information he previously requested.

Mr. Ivey congratulated all of the winners and thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Mr. Bush congratulated Mr. Seay and the cooks for their accomplishments. He also congratulated the Social Studies Fair winners. He expressed his appreciation to Superintendent Butcher for his love and passion for education. He thanked Paula Fridley for her hard work. He closed by saying "I choose to love

because the hate is too bitter a burden to bear.” He said it was from Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and it will make you stop to realize things.

EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR STUDENT DISCIPLINE HEARING(s):

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 8:15 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 fifteen-minute recess to conduct student discipline hearings. At this time Mr. Arritt left the meeting.

Board Ratification – Superintendent Butcher’s recommendation for ratification of the placement of one student placed in alternative school through the end of the second semester was approved upon motion by Mr. Ivey, second by Mrs. Jones, and carried 4 to 0.

At approximately 8:38 p.m., Mr. Bush announced the return to open session.

FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS:

Special Meeting: LSIC (Local School Improvement Councils) Meadow Bridge Area Schools	Monday, April 22, 2013 Meadow Bridge High School	6:00 p.m.
Special Meeting: LSIC (Local School Improvement Councils) Valley Area Schools	Monday, April 29, 2013 Valley High School	6:00 p.m.
Regular Meeting	Monday, May 6, 2013 Fayette County Board of Education	6:00 p.m.
Regular Meeting	Monday, May 20, 2013 Fayette County Board of Education	6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Upon motion by Mr. Ivey second by Mrs. Jones, carried 4 to 0, the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:39 p.m.

President

Secretary/Superintendent