

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

FAYETTE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Public Hearing

Ansted Middle School Gymnasium
Ansted, West Virginia 25812

Tuesday, April 25, 2017
6:30 p.m.

The Board of Education of the County of Fayette, West Virginia, met in special session at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 25, 2017 at Ansted Middle School Gymnasium, Ansted, West Virginia, to conduct a public hearing for proposed closure of Ansted Middle School at the close of the 2018 school year; the reconfiguration/consolidation of Midland Trail High School to grades 6-12, resulting from the influx of students from Ansted Middle School, at the close of the 2018 school year.

The hearing was called to order by Mr. Bush at 6:30 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mr. McGuffin.

The following were in attendance:

Terry George, Superintendent, Fayette County Schools
Steve Bush, President, Fayette County Board of Education
Pat Gray, Vice-President, Fayette County Board of Education
Steve Slockett, Member, Fayette County Board of Education
Patsy Holliday, Member, Fayette County Board of Education
Darrin McGuffin, Member, Fayette County Board of Education
Gary Hough, Associate Superintendent
David Keffer, Director of Operations
Dawn Dooley, Director of Elementary Schools
Paula Fridley, Treasurer
Robert Hollandsworth, Director of Technology
Anna Kincaid-Cline, Director of Secondary Schools
Joe Dooley, Director of Child Nutrition
Rebecca Tinder, Attorney
Beverly Campbell, Executive Secretary

Mr. Bush, President, Fayette County Board of Education called the public hearing to order and read WV Code 18-5-13A giving the instructions to the speakers who had signed up by 6:30 p.m. (See Attachment A)

Rebecca Tinder, Attorney-at-Law, served as moderator and Evalyn Garrett Bibbee, Court Reporter of Garrett Reporting Service was the official recorder for the public hearing. Beverly Campbell, Executive Secretary, recorded those in attendance and brief minutes of the public hearing.

Those who signed to speak addressed Mr. George, and the Fayette County Board of Education as follows:

1. **Jennifer Campbell**, parent was the only speaker. She said this is important. It is important to look back. The structural report regarding Ansted Middle School said the boiler failed, they have window air conditioners, and the HVAC system is below standard. I am a parent of an upcoming Ansted Middle School 6th grader. I have concerns. I have spoken to Mr. Petitt and I have visited several private schools. I must make sure my child succeeds in the eighteen years I am with him. Mr. Petitt answered

SCHOOL CLOSURE HEARING SCRIPT

I call this public hearing to order. My name is Steve Bush. I declare that at least a quorum of the Board and the Superintendent are present. It is now 6:30 p.m. This public hearing has been convened in accordance with the terms of West Virginia Code 18-5-13a, in connection with the proposed closure/consolidation of Ansted Middle School. This statute provides that members of the public:

1. Have a right to be present;
2. Have a right to submit statements and testimony; and
3. Have a right to question school officials.

Members of the public, in the order of sign-in, shall be afforded with an opportunity to submit statements and testimony and to ask questions of school officials. A total of 1 members of the public have indicated their desire to submit statements and testimony or question school officials. Therefore, in order to give every member of the public a fair opportunity to submit statements and testimony and to question school officials, 5 (no less than 3) minutes have been allotted for each member of the public. The responses of school officials to questions shall not be included in the time allotted. No member of the public may present more than once. No member of the public may "grant" time to another presenter. Mr. Gary Hough has been designated as the time keeper and will advise when 1 minute is remaining for each presentation and when time has expired. It is not necessary to consume the total amount of time allotted. Written statements and materials will be given full consideration.

All questions shall be initially be directed to the Superintendent. The Superintendent may elect to respond to the question or may delegate another school official to respond to the question.

At the conclusion of all presentations by members of the public, the administration will be afforded with an opportunity to respond to any information that has been presented by members of the public.

Aside from questions that may be directed to school officials and the responses, there will be no direct debate or dialogue between members of the public and school officials.

No decision upon the proposed closure will be made tonight. The proposed closure/consolidation of Ansted Middle School will be the subject of a meeting scheduled for May 16 2017, at the conclusion of the 6:30 p.m. meeting. The Board will conduct all deliberations in open session and a vote will be taken in open session following the Board's deliberations.

my questions. My son will go to a private school in 2017-2018 school year. In the event, the CEFP takes place, I will bring him back. Another country has better than our educational facilities. If this plan does not go through, what are you going to do? The kids are in the pits of despair. It is time to move on. I will be here to hold you accountable.

Mr. Bush read the future board meeting dates and times, purpose, and location as follows:

FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS:

Date	Purpose	Location
04/27/17 at 4:30 pm	Closure Hearing	Valley Elementary School
04/27/17 at 6:30 pm	Closure Hearing	Valley High School
05/01/17 at 6:00 pm	Regular Meeting	Fayetteville High School
05/02/17 at 4:30 pm	Closure Hearing	Meadow Bridge Elementary School
05/02/17 at 6:30 pm	Closure Hearing	Meadow Bridge High School
05/04/17 at 4:30 pm	Closure Hearing	Oak Hill High School
05/04/17 at 6:30 pm	Closure Hearing	Fayetteville High School
05/08/17 at 4:30 pm	Closure Hearing	Fayetteville Elementary School
05/08/17 at 6:30 pm	Closure Hearing	Gatewood Elementary School
05/10/17 at 4:30 pm	Closure Hearing	Collins Middle School @ Oak Hill High School
05/10/17 at 6:30 pm	Closure Hearing	Mt. Hope Elementary School
05/15/17 at 6:00 pm	Regular Meeting	Board of Education Office
05/16/17 at 4:30 pm	Closure Hearing	Rosedale Elementary School
05/16/17 at 6:30 pm	Closure Hearing	New River Elementary School

ADJOURNMENT:

At approximately 6:42 p.m., it was moved by Mr. Gray second by Mr. Slockett and carried 5 to 0 to adjourn the meeting.

President

Secretary/Superintendent