

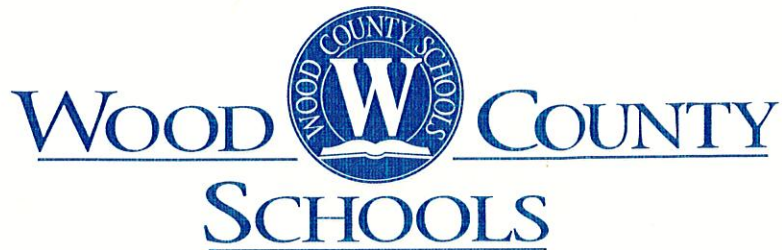
Executive Summary

West Virginia Department of Education Office of School Operations & Finance – School Facilities

Introduction: The Wood County Board of Education respectfully requests approval for the closure of VanDevender Middle School and its merger into Jackson Middle School and Hamilton Middle School. This closure is not contingent on any other actions and is proposed to occur at the end of the 2024-2025 school year.

Action: The Wood County Board of Education requests approval of the following:

- The closure of VanDevender Middle School and its merger into Jackson Middle School and Hamilton Middle School. This closure is not contingent on any other actions and is proposed to occur at the end of the 2024-2025 school year. In consideration of this closure, applicable West Virginia State Board of Education policies were reviewed and followed. Documents were available for public inspection for the required amount of time, and a closure hearing was held for VanDevender Middle School on October 21, 2024. Receiving hearings were held for Hamilton Middle School and Jackson Middle School on October 24, 2024. The Wood County Board of Education voted to approve these closures at their October 24, 2024 board meeting.



November 12, 2024

The Honorable Michelle L. Blatt
Superintendent
West Virginia Department of Education
1900 Kanawha Boulevard East
Charleston, WV 25305-0330

Dear Superintendent Blatt:

The request for consideration is the closure and merger of VanDevender Middle School, 918 31st Street, Parkersburg, West Virginia, 26101, into Hamilton Middle School, 3501 Cadillac Drive, Parkersburg, West Virginia, 26104, and Jackson Middle School, 1601 34th Street, Vienna, West Virginia 26105. The closure of VanDevender Middle School would be at the conclusion of the 2024-2025 school year.

Wood County Schools has completed all requirements for the final closure of VanDevender Middle School. The Wood County Board of Education voted 4-0 to close and merge VanDevender Middle School into Hamilton Middle School and Jackson Middle School on October 24, 2024. All required documentation has been completed and submitted.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter. If you need additional information, please contact me at your convenience.

Respectfully,

Christie M. Willis

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IMPACT STATEMENT AND SUPPORTING DATA

FOR THE

**CLOSURE AND MERGER OF
VANDEVENDER MIDDLE SCHOOL
INTO
JACKSON MIDDLE SCHOOL AND
HAMILTON MIDDLE SCHOOL**

WOOD COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Prepared Pursuant to

**W. Va. Codes §18-5-13 and §18-5-13a and
WVBE Policies 6200 and 6204.**

**Wood County Schools
Under the direction and authority of
The West Virginia Board of Education (WVBE)**

**Public Hearing at VanDevender Middle School on October 21, 2024
Public Hearings at Hamilton Middle School and Jackson Middle School on
October 24, 2024
County Board to Vote on Proposal October 24, 2024**

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3.1. County Procedures

WVDE Application for school closure and/or consolidation

Wood County

Closure and Merger of VanDevender Middle School into Hamilton Middle School and Jackson Middle School

Scheduled Date of Hearing: October 21, 2024, at VanDevender Middle School

Scheduled Date of Hearing: October 24, 2024, at Hamilton Middle School and Jackson Middle School

Scheduled Date of County Board Vote: October 24, 2024

County Procedures

This template shall be used to accumulate and present the data that is requested in Policy 6204 and W. Va. Code 18-5-13a to support the closure or consolidation of a WV public school.

The county shall prepare and submit an impact statement and supporting data concerning proposed school closings or consolidations to the WVBE for approval in accordance with this policy and W. Va. Code §18-5-13a. The impact statement and supporting data shall:

- be available for public inspection in the office of the county superintendent during the 30 days preceding the date of the public hearing; and*

Be delivered in duplicate to the:

- principal of a school that is proposed to be closed or consolidated, and of any school which the county designates to receive the students who are relocated as a result of the closure or consolidation; and*
- chair of the local school improvement council (LSIC) representing a school that is proposed to be closed or consolidated, and any school that the county designates to receive the students who are relocated as a result of the closure or consolidation.*
- A copy of the notice shall be posted at all schools, bus garages, and maintenance areas in the county in conspicuous working areas, for all professional and service personnel to observe.*

Christie M. Willis

Christie M. Willis
Superintendent

11.12.24
Date:

3.2. Executive Summary and Impact Statements

County Procedures

An impact statement shall be prepared on the following items that will summarize the county's supporting data with page references, as defined in section 3.1. The impact statement and supporting data shall be provided to the West Virginia Department of Education – Office of School Facilities at least 10 business days prior to the period for public posting for the purpose of review and coordination.

Over the last decade, the Wood County Board of Education has had a decline in student enrollment. In order to ensure that every student in Wood County receives a high-quality education, the Board proposes to consolidate services which will not only reduce operating expenses but also enable the county to offer services that are currently beyond its budget. The specific proposal is to merge VanDevender Middle School into the current Hamilton Middle School and Jackson Middle School resulting in the closure of VanDevender Middle School.

Enrollment 3.2.a. (Starting on Page 7)

Wood County has had a 1,929 decrease in population from 2014 through 2024. The enrollment is projected to decrease over the next 10 years in Wood County Schools.

VanDevender Middle School has under 300 students enrolled. During the past 10 years, the 2017-2018 school year was the height of enrollment at 415 students. The average decline of VanDevender Middle Schools' enrollment during the last five (5) years is 19 students annually. The enrollment of VanDevender Middle School as of August 9, 2024, was 248 students. As of August 23, 2024, there are 68 Grade 6 students and 78 Grade 7 students at VanDevender Middle School. VanDevender Middle School has a building utilization capacity for 728 students.

Hamilton Middle School has under 500 students enrolled. Over the past 10 years, the 2015 – 2016 school year was the height of enrollment at 555 students. As of August 9, 2024, the enrollment of Hamilton Middle School was 458 students. Hamilton Middle School has a building utilization capacity for 784 students. Approximately 55% of VanDevender Middle School students will attend Hamilton Middle School. The combined enrollment of VanDevender Middle School merged with Hamilton Middle School is projected to be 580 students for the 2025-2026 school year.

Jackson Middle School has under 500 students enrolled. Over the past 10 years, the 2021 –2022 school year was the height of enrollment in the past decade at 519 students. As of August 9, 2024, the enrollment of Jackson Middle School was 440 students. Jackson Middle School has a building utilization capacity for 728 students. Approximately 45% of VanDevender Middle School students will attend Jackson Middle School. The combined enrollment of VanDevender Middle School merged with Jackson Middle School is projected to be 520 students for the 2025-2026 school year.

Facilities 3.2.b. (Starting on Page 10)

Hamilton Middle School is located 1.3 miles away from VanDevender Middle School, if traveling on 32nd Street in Parkersburg. Jackson Middle School is located 3.8 miles away from VanDevender Middle School, if traveling on Grand Central Avenue. VanDevender Middle School is in fair condition and is not ADA compliant. Hamilton Middle School and Jackson Middle School are in good condition and American with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant.

VanDevender Middle School has a current building utilization of 34.1%. Hamilton Middle School has a current building utilization of 58.4% and Jackson Middle School has a current building utilization of 60.4%.

After the merger, Hamilton Middle School will have a building utilization of 74.0% and Jackson Middle School will have a building utilization of 71.4%.

Finance 3.2.c. (Starting on Page 18)

The board is proposing to consolidate services in Wood County in order to provide a high-quality education to every student. The closure of VanDevender Middle School and merger with Hamilton Middle School and Jackson Middle School would save the Board of Education \$1,262,139.52 annually, including savings on maintenance and operating expenses for aging buildings.

Personnel 3.2.d. (Starting on Page 22)

The Wood County Board of Education has attempted to reduce staff due to a loss in enrollment over the last 10 years to meet the formula for professional and service personnel. The American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary Schools Emergency Relief (ARP ESSER) funds were utilized for three (3) school years (2021-2022, 2022-2023, 2023-2024) to stabilize staffing due to enrollment loss during this time period. ARP ESSER funds expire on September 30, 2024. Wood County Schools has decreased staff for the 2024-2025 school year based upon the loss of these funds.

The closure of VanDevender Middle School to merge with Hamilton Middle School and Jackson Middle School will result in a reduction of four (4) professional personnel positions and 3.5 service personnel positions while increasing the likelihood students are taught by certified teachers. Wood County Schools will continue to follow the West Virginia Department of Education recommended guidelines on the number of professional employees as defined in WV Code §18-5-18a and maintain the number of staff required to deliver the education programs to students. Conceivably, other staff may be reduced depending upon duplication of positions or lack of Title I funds after the merger.

Student Transportation 3.2.e. (Starting on Page 29)

Existing bus routes will transport Vandevender Middle School students to Jackson Middle School and Hamilton Middle School. The routes will not exceed the 45-minute guideline as outlined in the WVDE Policy 6200.

Student Educational Program 3.2.f. (Starting on Page 32)

Wood County Schools is dedicated to continuous improvement, preparing students for success in college, careers, and life. The district's mission statement, "Educating Today, Preparing for Tomorrow", emphasizes community collaboration to inspire learning, pursue excellence, and empower students to realize their potential.

Closing VanDevender Middle School and merging its students with Hamilton Middle School and Jackson Middle School students will provide significant benefits to students through educational programs, particularly focusing on a STEAM program, rigorous course options, intervention and enrichment opportunities, middle school team structures, as well as extracurricular and cocurricular activities. These elements contribute to a well-rounded educational experience, fostering academic success, personal growth, and social development.

Wood County Schools employs a framework designed to support the whole child through multi-tiered systems of support. The district and schools strive to provide equitable educational opportunities with high-quality resources, strategies, and practices which addresses not only academic needs but also students' mental health and behavioral needs. Interventionists to support students are included in the merger plans.

Community 3.2.g (Starting on Page 35)

VanDevender Middle School, Hamilton Middle School, and Jackson Middle School are all important to their local communities. All three (3) middle schools are feeder schools to Parkersburg High School. VanDevender Middle School is located in Parkersburg, WV. Hamilton Middle School is located in Parkersburg, WV. Jackson Middle School is located in Vienna, WV. Current Partners in Education will be provided with the opportunity to form partnerships with Hamilton Middle School and/or Jackson Middle School.

3.2.a Student Enrollment

County Procedures

Enrollment and Population Table

Trends in student population growth or decline in the county for the previous 10 years.

Wood County Schools

Year	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024
Total	13,259	13,086	12,860	12,606	12,384	12,216	11,855	11,886	11,674	11,330

Enrollment Table 1

Trends in student population growth or decline in the attendance area of the school targeted for closure or consolidation for the previous 10 years.

VanDevender Middle School

Year	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024
Total	362	385	386	415	370	385	361	323	311	290

Enrollment Table 2

Trends in student population growth or decline in attendance area of the school or schools which the county designates to receive the students affected for the previous 10 years.

Hamilton Middle School

Year	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024
Total	552	555	536	516	492	480	451	419	435	415

Enrollment Table 3

Jackson Middle School

Year	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024
Total	501	499	482	473	455	479	500	519	494	477

Enrollment Table 4

Population data and characteristics for the county. At a minimum, the data shall include the total population, number of births, number of deaths, and age composition of the county for the previous ten years. The requisite information shall be cited and may be obtained from local, state, and national agencies for health and statistics.

Wood County

Year	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Population	86,569	86,237	86,452	85,643	85,104	84,203	83,518	83,518	82,938	83,340	83,052
Births	1,039	1,018	986	944	919	909	838	786	750	714	678
Deaths	1,045	1,097	1,068	1,108	1,094	1,138	1,112	1,192	1,213	1,234	1,255

Enrollment Table 5

Data Source: West Virginia Bureau for Public Health and census.gov

Years 2021, 2022, and 2023 are estimated and italicized
Age Composition

Year	5 years or less	5-14	15-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65-74	75-84	>85
2014	5,142	10,259	9,691	10,111	10,676	12,501	12,524	9,304	4,815	1,862
2015	5,013	10,179	9,869	9,962	10,514	12,208	12,449	9,433	4,958	1,867
2016	4,902	10,093	9,606	9,986	10,301	11,828	12,457	9,546	5,053	1,871
2017	4,913	9,899	9,416	9,823	10,126	11,543	12,460	9,746	5,271	1,907
2018	4,756	9,811	9,209	9,635	10,005	11,217	12,361	9,819	5,480	1,910
2019	4,606	9,779	9,082	9,539	9,864	10,920	12,264	9,956	5,616	1,892
2020	4,503	9,778	8,979	9,514	9,705	10,741	12,076	10,079	5,672	1,891
2021	4,374	9,698	8,801	9,365	9,543	10,448	12,001	10,208	5,815	1,896
2022	4,245	9,618	8,623	9,216	9,381	10,155	11,926	10,337	5,958	1,901
2023	4,116	9,538	8,445	9,067	9,219	9,862	11,851	10,466	6,101	1,906

Enrollment Table 6

Data Source: West Virginia Bureau for Public Health
Years 2014, 2021, 2022, 2023 are estimated (*italicized*)

Projections of enrollment, by grade and school, in the affected attendance area, for the next ten years.

VanDevender Middle School

Year	2024-2025	2025-2026	2026-2027	2027-2028	2028-2029	2029-2030	2030-2031	2031-2032	2032-2033	2033-2034
Grade 6	71	69	99	110	74	79	64	63	63	63
Grade 7	80	71	69	99	110	74	79	64	63	63
Grade 8	97	80	71	69	99	110	74	79	64	63

Enrollment Table 7

2024-2025 Enrollment Data as of 8.9.24

Hamilton Middle School

Year	2024-2025	2025-2026	2026-2027	2027-2028	2028-2029	2029-2030	2030-2031	2031-2032	2032-2033	2033-2034
Grade 6	171	151	156	163	154	150	134	146	146	146
Grade 7	137	171	151	156	163	159	150	134	146	146
Grade 8	150	137	171	151	156	163	159	150	134	146

Enrollment Table 8

2024-2025 Enrollment Data as of 8.9.24

Jackson Middle School

Year	2024-2025	2025-2026	2026-2027	2027-2028	2028-2029	2029-2030	2030-2031	2031-2032	2032-2033	2033-2034
Grade 6	147	132	142	168	117	137	139	124	124	124
Grade 7	142	147	132	142	168	117	137	139	124	124
Grade 8	151	142	147	132	142	168	117	137	139	124

Enrollment Table 9
2024-2025 Enrollment Data as of 8.9.24

Projection Method

Explanation of the projection method utilized addressing the relationship between the most recent Certified October Enrollment, the Certified October Enrollment for the previous three years, and the most recent census data for the county.

Wood County Schools enrollment is projected to decline over the next 10 years. VanDevender Middle School, Hamilton Middle School, and Jackson Middle School have a trending decline in enrollment following the pattern of the district. The determination of enrollment was made by reviewing the past 10 years of enrollment trends for VanDevender Middle School, Hamilton Middle School, and Jackson Middle School, the certified October 1st enrollment for the past three (3) years, and the most recent census data for the county.

3.2.b. Facilities

County Procedures

Descriptive Maps

Charts shall be provided indicating the grade configuration, student enrollment, utilization percentage, and mileage between each school on the map.



Map 1

VanDevender Middle School (closing) to Hamilton Middle School (receiving)
Distance: 1.3 miles if traveling on 32nd Street; 1.4 miles if traveling on 36th Street

Wood County Schools | VanDevender Middle School Merger into Hamilton Middle School & Jackson Middle School



VanDevender Middle School (closing) to Jackson Middle School (receiving)
Distance: 3.8 miles if traveling on Grand Central Avenue; 4.1 miles if traveling on Rosemar Road

Wood County Schools | VanDevender Middle School Merger into Hamilton Middle School & Jackson Middle School

School	Grade Config.	Enrollment Before/After Action	Utilization Before/After Action	Distance to VanDevender Middle School	Distance to Hamilton Middle School	Distance to Jackson Middle School
Closing VanDevender Middle School	6-8	Before – 248 After - 0	Before- 34.1% After - 0%		1.3 Miles	3.8 Miles
Receiving Hamilton Middle School	6-8	Before – 458 After - 580	Before – 58.4% After – 74.0%	1.3 Miles		4.2 Miles
Receiving Jackson Middle School	6-8	Before – 440 After - 520	Before – 60.4% After – 71.4%	3.8 Miles	4.2 Miles	

Facilities Table 1

2024-2025 Enrollment Data as of 8.9.24

The After Action utilization is based upon projected 2025-2026 student enrollment.

VanDevender Middle School (closing) to Hamilton Middle School (receiving)

Distance: 1.3 miles if traveling on 32nd Street; 1.4 miles if traveling on 36th Street, Parkersburg

VanDevender Middle School (closing) to Jackson Middle School (receiving)

Distance: 3.8 miles if traveling on Grand Central Avenue; 4.1 miles if traveling on Rosemar Road in Wood County

Written Facility Condition Description

Written description of the physical condition of the school targeted for closure or consolidation and the school or schools which the county designates to receive the students. This description shall include age, number of buildings, general condition, and adequacy of structural, electrical, and mechanical systems to provide a safe and healthy environment.

VanDevender Middle School is a two-story facility built in 1955, spanning 76,523 square feet. VanDevender Middle School had classroom additions constructed in 1958, 1966, 1973, 1992, and 2004. Multipurpose room was added in 1992. Library, stage, and offices were constructed in 1966. The building currently has 2019 Lochinvar boilers. The windows are single pane. VanDevender Middle School has two (2) stairways to the upstairs of the school, however there is no elevator making it non-compliant with ADA code requirements. Cooling is provided by window AC units that do not provide proper ventilation. The electrical service at VanDevender Middle School is 208/230V 3PH. VanDevender Middle School is a dated building that contains asbestos.

Hamilton Middle School is a two-story facility built in 1955, spanning 78,783 square feet. Hamilton Middle School had classroom additions constructed in 1958, 1961, 1966, 1972, and 1992. A new roof was installed on Hamilton Middle School in 2008. In 2016, new Lochinvar boilers and pumps were installed. New roof top HVAC units, Bard Units, and new foil can units were completed in 2021-2022. HVAC has been installed and almost all windows have been replaced with energy efficient windows at Hamilton Middle School. In the fall of 2024, the gymnasium will have air conditioning installed, and a secure vestibule will be constructed. The electrical at Hamilton Middle School is 208/230V 3PH. Hamilton Middle School has very little asbestos, and the county abates/removes it as per the county asbestos management plan. Hamilton Middle School has an elevator and is ADA compliant.

Jackson Middle School is a multi-level facility built in 1957, spanning 77,030 sq ft. Jackson Middle School had classroom additions constructed in 1958, 1960, 1966, 1973, and 1992. A new roof was installed on Jackson Middle School in 2008. In 2021-2022, new Lochinvar boilers and pumps were installed. New roof top HVAC units, Bard Units, and new foil can units were completed in 2021-2022. Windows have been replaced with energy efficient windows at Jackson Middle School street facing side of the building. In the fall of 2024, the gymnasium will have air conditioning installed, and a secure vestibule will be constructed. The electrical service at Jackson Middle School is 208/230V 3PH. Jackson Middle School has very little asbestos, and the county abates/removes it as per the county asbestos management plan. Jackson Middle School is ADA compliant with chair lifts available on the stairwells.

Educational Programs and Related Student Services

Evaluation of the school targeted for closure or consolidation and the school or schools that the county designates to receive the students in regard to the school(s) adaptability to the present and proposed educational programs, and the provisions of related student services.

VanDevender Middle School

West Virginia Board of Education Policy 6200 guidelines were used in the planning and implementation of the closure of VanDevender Middle School. VanDevender students will benefit from an expanded and rigorous curriculum, specialized and certified staffing, and additional counseling services at both receiving schools. Instruction will be enhanced with full-time certified staff in Physical Education, Health, Instrumental Music, Choral Music, World

Languages, and Algebra I. Additionally, a variety of high-interest co-curricular and/or extracurricular club offerings will be available at both schools.

Hamilton Middle School

Hamilton Middle School has adequate space to accommodate at least 55% of students from VanDevender Middle School. The school features two (2) full grade-level teams of certified teachers for Grades 6, 7, and 8, offering targeted intervention and enrichment periods. Hamilton Middle Schools' curriculum includes an option of Algebra I for Grade 8, Spanish Exploratory and Spanish I, STEAM classes, Physical Education, Health, Instrumental Music, and Choral Music. Teachers at Hamilton Middle School currently teach more than one content area; with the merger the teachers may be able to teach and focus on one content area. The teaming concept at the middle schools after the merger will also be advantageous to meeting students' needs especially those who may have Individualized Education Plans (IEPs).

Hamilton Middle School will be designated a Title I school. Title I funds will provide additional interventionists and family engagement activities. With five (5) full-time interventionists, students receive timely and focused support. Four (4) of the interventionists will be funded with Title I funds. The student support system includes one and a half (1.5) counselors and a Community in Schools Site Resource Facilitator. Additionally, staff will receive professional development on trauma-informed instruction, high-yield, evidence-based instructional strategies, and the Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) program.

As for extracurricular activities, many students at VanDevender Middle School walk to practices. Wood County Schools will provide an activities bus/van to transport students in the evenings from Hamilton Middle School to a bus stop in the vicinity of the current VanDevender Middle School district for students who do not have transportation after school hours to attend practices.

Jackson Middle School

Jackson Middle School has adequate space to accommodate at least 45% of students from VanDevender Middle School. The school features two (2) full grade-level teams of certified teachers for Grades 6, 7, and 8, offering targeted intervention and enrichment periods. Jackson Middle Schools' curriculum includes an option of Algebra I for 8th graders, Spanish Exploratory and Spanish I, STEAM classes, Physical Education, Health, Theater, Instrumental Music, and Choral Music. With two (2) full-time interventionists, students will receive timely and focused support. A student support system is in place with one and a half (1.5) counselors. Teachers at Jackson Middle School currently teach more than one content area; with the merger the teachers may be able to teach and focus on one content area. The teaming concept at the middle schools after the merger will also be advantageous to meeting students' needs especially those who may have Individualized Education Plans (IEPs).

Additionally, staff will receive professional development on trauma-informed instruction, high-yield, evidence-based instructional strategies, and the PBIS program.

As for extracurricular activities, many students at VanDevender walk to practices. Wood County Schools will provide an activities bus/van to transport students in the evenings from Jackson Middle School to a bus stop in the vicinity of the current VanDevender Middle School district for students who do not have transportation after school hours to attend practices.

School Enrollments, Capacities, and Utilizations

<i>School</i>	<i>Enrollment</i>	<i>Building Capacity</i>	<i>Utilization %</i>
Closing VanDevender Middle School	248	728	34.1%
Hamilton Middle School Before Merger	458	784	58.4%
Receiving Hamilton Middle School After Merger (Projected #)	580	784	74.0%
Jackson Middle School Before Merger	440	728	60.4%
Receiving Jackson Middle School	520	728	71.4%

Facilities Table 2
2024-2025 Enrollment Data as of 8.9.24

Approximately 55% of VanDevender Middle School students will attend Hamilton Middle School. Approximately 45% of VanDevender Middle School students will attend Jackson Middle School. Facilities Table 2 is based upon a projected enrollment for VanDevender Middle School to be 220 students for the 2025-2026 school year.

Utilization Calculation Sheet

The supporting School Building Authority of West Virginia's (SBA) Worksheet on Building Program Utilization.

[See Appendix for this Documentation](#)

Required Services and Barrier-free Environments

Comparison of the school(s) targeted for closure or consolidation and the school(s) which the county has designated to receive the students in regard to providing the required services and barrier-free environments to students with disabilities.

VanDevender Middle School is not ADA compliant. It is a two-story facility with no elevator. The second floor can only be accessed by stairwells.

Hamilton Middle School and Jackson Middle School are both ADA accessible. Hamilton Middle School has an elevator to the second floor. The front entrance of Hamilton Middle School will be ADA accessible when the secure entrance is built in the fall of 2024. Jackson Middle School is ADA compliant with chair lifts in the stairwells.

Grade Configurations and Educational Programs

Elaboration on the effect the proposed school closing or consolidation will have on the school system's future plans regarding grade configuration, educational programs, and facility requirements.

Wood County Schools is working to have facilities that are ADA compliant. Hamilton Middle School and Jackson Middle School are ADA compliant. VanDevender Middle School is not ADA compliant.

Wood County Schools is also working to ensure all schools have secure entrances. Hamilton Middle School and Jackson Middle School will have secure entrances constructed in the fall of 2024. The addition of this secure entrance will result in a more secure facility. VanDevender Middle School does have a secure entrance.

VanDevender Middle School nor Jackson Middle School have a Science-Technology-Engineering-Arts-Mathematics (STEAM) teacher. Hamilton Middle School has one (1) STEAM teacher. After the merger, Jackson Middle School and Hamilton Middle School will each have one (1) STEAM teacher which will be beneficial to the academic programming for the students attending Jackson Middle School and Hamilton Middle School.

VanDevender Middle School, Hamilton Middle School, and Jackson Middle School each have a half-time (.5) Spanish teacher. After the merger, Jackson Middle School and Hamilton Middle School will each have one (1) full-time Spanish teacher which will be beneficial to the academic programming for the students attending Jackson Middle School and Hamilton Middle School.

VanDevender Middle School has one (1) Emotional Disturbance class. Hamilton Middle School nor Jackson Middle School have an Emotional Disturbance class. The class was established for the 2024-2025 school year at VanDevender Middle School. After the merger, the Emotional Disturbance class will be located at Hamilton Middle School.

Hamilton Middle School and Jackson Middle School each have an Autism class. VanDevender Middle School does not have an Autism class. Currently, if there is a student at VanDevender Middle School who needs to be serviced in an Autism class, the student would attend Hamilton Middle School or Jackson Middle School. After the merger, a student would be able to remain at their home school and receive services in an Autism class without the need to move schools which is beneficial to students' academic programming and provides a continuum of services to students with Individualized Education Plans at the school they attend.

VanDevender Middle School has four (4) students of gifted. The students of gifted at VanDevender Middle School will be able to participate in classes for gifted students with a greater number of peers who are also gifted which will enhance the students of gifted educational programming and afford the students more interactions with a greater number of students of gifted.

VanDevender Middle School is a Title I school. The Title I funds provide three (3) interventionists at VanDevender Middle School and one (1) Student Success Interventionist. Hamilton Middle School will be designated as a Title I school after the merger. The Title I funds will be utilized to provide three (3) interventionists and one (1) Student Success Interventionist at Hamilton Middle School. There will also be one (1) additional interventionist added to the staff at Hamilton Middle School that will not be Title I funded.

Jackson Middle School will not be designate as a Title I school. To ensure all students attending Jackson Middle School after the merger will continue to be provided the opportunity to have interventionists, Wood County Schools has planned for two (2) interventionists to be on staff at Jackson Middle School.

VanDevender Middle School, Hamilton Middle School, and Jackson Middle School have the grade configuration of Grade 6, 7, and 8. All three (3) middle schools are feeder schools to Parkersburg High School.

Construction Work Required for the Proposed Action

Elaboration on the planned facility additions, renovations, or replacements that are required by the county to accommodate the proposed closing and consolidation.

Additions, renovations, or replacements are not required for VanDevender Middle School to be considered for closure.

Additions, renovations, or replacements are not required or proposed for Hamilton Middle School or Jackson Middle School for the merger to be considered. Both schools have the capacity for VanDevender Middle School students after the merger.

The Future of Closed Facilities

Elaboration on the future use or disposal of facilities designated by the county for closure.

VanDevender Middle School is on property that is an excellent location for a school. Wood County voters passed a bond in 2022 for a new elementary school to be built in the north Parkersburg vicinity. The VanDevender Middle School property will be reutilized, pending Board approval for school closure, as the location for the new elementary school in north Parkersburg. VanDevender Middle School will be torn down if the Board approves the school to be closed.

School Building Authority of WV (SBA)

Identify if the proposed school closing or consolidation is contingent upon receiving funding from the SBA.

The closure of VanDevender Middle School is not contingent upon SBA funding. The current VanDevender Middle School students will be merged into Hamilton Middle School and Jackson Middle School.

3.2.c. Finance

County Procedures

Itemization of Anticipated Cost and Savings

Itemization of the anticipated cost or savings the county will experience in all areas as a result of the proposed school closure or consolidation. Such itemization shall be in the form of a table indicating the following:

Closing School(s) Annual Current Cost

The current annual cost at the school to be closed for:

VanDevender Middle School

Item	Amount
Utilities	\$95,993.00
Personnel - Personnel	\$2,068,192.00
Personnel – Student Support	\$294,674.00
Personnel – Staff Support	\$156,285.00
Personnel – School Admin	\$286,777.00
Personnel – Maintenance	\$159,194.00
Maintenance	\$98,980.00
Transportation	\$42,022.00
Other	\$113,157.00
Total	\$3,315,274.00

Finance Table 1

Receiving School(s) Annual Current Cost

The current annual cost at the school(s) to be receiving for:

Hamilton Middle School

Item	Amount
Utilities	\$77,398.00
Personnel – Instruction	\$2,450,920.00
Personnel – Student Support	\$234,180.00
Personnel – Staff Support	\$74,807.00
Personnel – School Admin	\$320,305.00
Personnel - Maintenance	\$193,417.00
Maintenance	\$107,906.00
Transportation	\$380,841.00
Other	\$119,025.00
Total	\$3,958,799.00

Finance Table 2

Jackson Middle School

Item	Amount
Utilities	\$92,723.00
Personnel - Instruction	\$2,446,687.00
Personnel – Student Support	\$235,527.00
Personnel – Staff Support	\$21,292.00
Personnel – School Admin	\$319,812.00
Personnel - Maintenance	\$194,851.00
Maintenance	\$129,356.00
Transportation	\$84,550.00
Other	\$203,411.00
Total	\$3,728,209.00

Finance Table 3

Anticipated Annual Cost after Action

The anticipated annual cost at the school(s) to be receiving for:

Hamilton Middle School

Item	Amount
Utilities	\$77,398.00
Personnel - Instruction	\$3,062,629.00
Personnel – Student Support	\$770,977.00
Personnel – Staff Support	\$74,807.00
Personnel – School Admin	\$401,628.70
Personnel - Maintenance	\$193,417.00
Maintenance	\$107,906.00
Transportation	\$387,841.00
Other	\$119,025.00
Total	\$5,195,628.70

Finance Table 4

Jackson Middle School

Item	Amount
Utilities	\$92,723.00
Personnel - Instruction	\$2,941,878.64
Personnel – Student Support	\$410,295.34
Personnel – Staff Support	\$21,292.00
Personnel – School Admin	\$401,135.70
Personnel - Maintenance	\$194,851.00
Maintenance	\$129,356.00
Transportation	\$98,550.00
Other	\$203,411.00
Total	\$4,493,492.68

Finance Table 5

Net Cost or Savings

the net cost or savings of the school(s) to be closed and the school(s) designated by the county to be receiving students for:

VanDevender Middle School

Item	Cost or Savings	Amount
Utilities	Savings	\$95,993.00
Personnel - Instruction	Savings	\$2,068,192.00
Personnel – Student Support	Savings	\$294,674.00
Personnel – Staff Support	Savings	\$156,285.00
Personnel – School Admin	Savings	\$286,777.00
Personnel - Maintenance	Savings	\$159,194.00
Maintenance	Savings	\$98,980.00
Transportation	Savings	\$42,022.00
Other	Savings	\$113,157.00
Total	Savings	\$3,315,274.00

Finance Table 6

Hamilton Middle School

Item	Cost or Savings	Amount
Utilities	No Savings	\$0
Personnel - Instruction	Cost	\$611,709.00
Personnel – Student Support	Cost	\$536,797.00
Personnel – Staff Support	No Savings	\$0
Personnel – School Admin	Cost	\$81,323.70
Personnel - Maintenance	No Savings	\$0
Maintenance	No Savings	\$0
Transportation	Cost	\$28,909.00
Other	No Savings	\$0
Total	Cost	\$1,258,738.70

Finance Table 7

Jackson Middle School

Item	Cost or Savings	Amount
Utilities	No Savings	\$0
Personnel - Instruction	Cost	\$495,191.64
Personnel – Student Support	Cost	\$174,768.34
Personnel – Staff Support	No Savings	\$0
Personnel – School Admin	Cost	\$81,323.70
Personnel - Maintenance	No Savings	\$0
Maintenance	No Savings	\$0
Transportation	Cost	\$43,112.10
Other	No Savings	\$0
Total	Cost	\$794,395.78

Finance Table 8

School	Cost or Savings	Amount
VanDevender Middle School	Savings	\$3,315,274.00
Hamilton Middle School	Cost	\$1,258,738.70
Jackson Middle School	Cost	\$794,395.78
	Total Savings	\$1,262,139.52

Finance Table 9

Anticipated Construction Cost to Accommodate Action

Cost of any renovation or addition resulting from the proposed school closure or consolidation, including all proposed funding sources.

Identify School: Hamilton Middle School

No renovation or addition is necessary for the merger at Hamilton Middle School.

Identify School: Jackson Middle School

No renovation or addition is necessary for the merger at Jackson Middle School.

County Expense Fund History

Five-year history of the county's unrestricted general current expense fund balance and that balance as a percentage of the county's approved levy estimate.

Year	Unrestricted General Current Expense Fund Balance	Approved Levy Estimate	Percentage of Approved Levy Estimate
2023	8,737,899	110,561,654	7.90%
2022	10,343,683	108,968,089	9.49%
2021	9,651,495	112,477,424	8.58%
2020	6,024,420	113,691,992	5.30%
2019	4,807,327	105,570,220	4.55%

Finance Table 10

3.2.d. Personnel

County Procedures

Analysis of Anticipated Personnel Changes

An analysis of the effect the proposed school closure or consolidation will have on professional and service personnel. The analysis shall include, at a minimum, the following data regarding the anticipated increases or decreases in employment as a result of this proposed closure or consolidation:

Professional Position Title	VanDevender Middle School Number Employed 2024-2025	VanDevender Middle School Number Employed 2025-2026	Hamilton Middle School Number Employed 2024-2025	Merged Hamilton/VanDevender Number Employed 2025-2026	Jackson Middle School Number Employed 2024-2025	Merged Jackson/VanDevender Number Employed 2025-2026	Difference After Mergers 2025-2026
Principals	1	0	1	1	1	1	-1
Assistant Principals	1	0	1	2	1	2	+1
C&I Assistant Principal	1	0	0	0	0	0	-1
Title I Attendance Worker	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Title I Interventionists	3	0	0	3	0	0	0
Title I Student Success Interventionist	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Interventionists	0	0	0	1	0	2	+3
Counselors	1	0	1	1.5	1	1.5	0
Communities in Schools Site Resource Facilitator	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Nurses	1	0	1	1	1	1	-1
Math Teachers	3	0	6	6	6	6	-3
English Teachers	3	0	6	6	5	6	-2
Science Teachers	3	0	5	6	3	6	+1
Social Studies Teachers	3	0	2	6	4	6	+3
PE/Wellness Teachers	2	0	2	2	2	2	-2
Choir Teachers	1	0	1	1	1	1	-1
Music Teachers	0	0	0	1	0	0	+1

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Art Teachers	1	0	1	1	1	1	-1
Library Teachers	1	0	1	1	0	0	-1
STEAM Teachers	0	0	1	1	0	1	+1
Health Teacher	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
Band Teachers	.5	0	.5	.5	.5	.5	-.5
Spanish Teachers	.5	0	.5	1	.5	1	+5
Special Ed. Multi-Cat Teachers	3	0	4	6	4	5	0
Special Ed. Intellectual Disability Teachers	1	0	0	1	1	1	0
Special Ed. Emotional Disturbance Teacher	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Gifted Teachers	.5	0	.5	.5	1.5	1.5	-.5
Special Education Speech	.5	0	.5	.5	.5	.5	-.5
Special Education Autism Teachers	0	0	1	1	1	1	0
Total Professional Personnel	35	0	36	55	36	48	-4

Wood County Schools | VanDevender Middle School Merger into Hamilton Middle School & Jackson Middle School

Service Position Title	VanDevender Middle School Number Employed 2024-2025	VanDevender Middle School Number Employed 2025-2026	Hamilton Middle School Number Employed 2024-2025	Merged Hamilton/VanDevender Number Employed	Jackson Middle School Number Employed 2024-2025	Merged Jackson/VanDevender Number Employed 2025-2026	Difference After Mergers 2025-2026
Secretaries	1	0	1	1.5	1	1.5	0
Custodians 8hr	3	0	4	4	4	4	-3
Custodians 4hr	.5	0	0	.5	0	.5	+5
Cooks 8hr	2	0	3	4	2	3	0
Cooks 4hr	1	0	.5	.5	1	1	-1
Aides – BD	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Aides – ID	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Aides – AU	0	0	2	2	2	2	0
Aides - Personal Care	0	0	3	3	4	4	0
Total Service Personnel	9.5	0	13.5	17.5	14	16	-3.5

Personnel Table 1

Personnel data are cumulative utilizing full-time equivalency (FTE) and include half-time positions in the total.

VanDevender Middle School – Current School Personnel Data Chart				
Professional Personnel	Administration	Teachers	Counselor	Nurse
<i>Number of professional personnel currently employed at the affected school;</i>	3	27.5	1	1
Service Personnel	Cooks	Aides	Custodians	Secretary
<i>Number of service personnel currently employed at the affected school;</i>	3	2	3.5	1

Personnel Table 2

Personnel data are cumulative utilizing full-time equivalency (FTE) and include half-time positions in the total.

Of the four (4) cook positions, which amount to three (3) FTE, two (2) of the cooks are 8-hour positions and two (2) of the cook positions are 4-hour positions.
 Of the four (4) custodian positions which amount to three and a half (3.5) FTE, three (3) of the custodians are 8-hour positions and one (1) custodian position is a 4-hour position.
 Of the 27.5 teachers, three (3) are half-time at VanDevender Middle School: Band (.5), Spanish (.5), and Gifted (.5).

Hamilton Middle School – Current Before Proposed Action				
Professional Personnel	Administration	Teachers	Counselor	Nurse
<i>Number of professional personnel currently employed at the affected school;</i>	2	31.5	1	1
Service Personnel	Cooks	Aides	Custodians	Secretary
<i>Number of service personnel currently employed at the affected school;</i>	3.5	5	4	1

Personnel Table 3

Personnel data are cumulative utilizing full-time equivalency (FTE) and include half-time positions in the total.

Of the four (4) cook positions, which amount to three and a half (3.5) FTE, three (3) of the cooks are 8-hour positions and one (1) cook position is a 4-hour position.

Of the five (5) aides, three (3) are personal care aides.

Of the four (4) custodian positions, all four (4) positions are 8-hour positions.

Of the 31.5 teachers, three (3) are half-time at Hamilton Middle School: Band (.5), Spanish (.5), and Gifted (.5).

Jackson Middle School – Current Before Proposed Action				
Professional Personnel	Administration	Teachers	Counselor	Nurse
<i>Total number of professional personnel currently employed at all affected schools;</i>	2	31.5	1	1
Service Personnel	Cooks	Aides	Custodians	Secretary
<i>Total number of service personnel currently employed at all affected schools;</i>	3	6	4	1

Personnel Table 4

Personnel data are cumulative utilizing full-time equivalency (FTE) and include half-time positions in the total.

Of the four (4) cook positions, which amount to three (3) FTE, two (2) of the cooks are 8-hour positions and two (2) cooks are 4-hour positions.

Of the six (6) aides, two (2) are personal care aides.

Of the four (4) custodian positions, all four (4) positions are 8-hour positions.

Of the 31.5 teachers, two (2) are half-time at Jackson: Band (.5) and Gifted (.5).

Hamilton Middle School – Anticipated After Proposed Action				
Professional Personnel	Administration	Teachers	Counselors	Nurse
<i>Total number of professional personnel who are anticipated to be employed at the affected school upon the completion of the closure or consolidation;</i>	3	47	1.5	1
Service Personnel	Cooks	Aides	Custodians	Secretaries
<i>Total number of service personnel who are anticipated to be employed at the affected school upon the completion of the closure or consolidation;</i>	4.5	7	4.5	1.5

Personnel Table 5

Personnel data are cumulative utilizing full-time equivalency (FTE) and include half-time positions in the total.

Of the five (5) cook positions which amount to four and a half (4.5) FTE, four (4) cook positions will be 8-hour positions and one (1) cook position will be a 4-hour position.

Of the seven (7) aide positions, three (3) are personal care aides.

Jackson Middle School – Anticipated After Proposed Action				
Professional Personnel	Administration	Teachers	Counselors	Nurse
<i>Total number of professional personnel who are anticipated to be employed at the affected school upon the completion of the closure or consolidation;</i>	3	42	1.5	1
Service Personnel	Cooks	Aides	Custodians	Secretaries
<i>Total number of service personnel who are anticipated to be employed at the affected school upon the completion of the closure or consolidation;</i>	4	6	4.5	1.5

Personnel Table 6

Personnel data are cumulative utilizing full-time equivalency (FTE) and include half-time positions in the total.

Of the five (5) cook positions, which amount to four (4) FTE, three (3) cook positions will be 8-hour positions and two (2) cook positions will be 4-hour positions.

Of the six (6) aide positions, two (2) are personal care aides.

Hamilton Middle School – Anticipated Net Change After Proposed Action				
Professional Personnel	Administration	Teachers	Counselors	Nurse
<i>The anticipated net change in professional personnel due to the proposed closure or consolidation</i>	+1	+15.5	+5	0
Service Personnel	Cooks	Aides	Custodians	Secretaries
<i>The anticipated net change in service personnel due to the proposed closure or consolidation</i>	+1	+2	+5	+5

Personnel Table 7

Personnel data are cumulative utilizing full-time equivalency (FTE) and include half-time positions in the total.

The one (1) additional cook will be an 8-hour position.

Jackson Middle School – Anticipated Net Change After Proposed Action				
Professional Personnel	Administration	Teachers	Counselor	Nurse
<i>The anticipated net change in professional personnel due to the proposed closure or consolidation</i>	+1	+10.5	+5	0
Service Personnel	Cooks	Aides	Custodians	Secretary
<i>The anticipated net change in service personnel due to the proposed closure or consolidation</i>	+1	0	+5	+5

Personnel Table 8

Personnel data are cumulative utilizing full-time equivalency (FTE) and include half-time positions in the total.

One (1) additional cook will be an 8-hour position.

Closure of VanDevender Middle School/ Merger with Hamilton Middle School & Jackson Middle School Attrition and Reduction in Force Summary				
Professional Personnel	Administration	Teachers	Counselor	Nurse
<i>Decrease that will occur through attrition</i>	0	0	0	0
<i>Decrease that will occur through a reduction in force</i>	1	1.5	0	1
Service Personnel	Cooks	Aides	Custodians	Secretary
<i>Decrease that will occur through attrition</i>	0	0	0	0
<i>Decrease that will occur through reduction in force</i>	1	0	3	0

Personnel Table 9

The administrator decrease will be one (1) 261-day principal position.

There will be a decrease of three (3) 8-hour custodians.

There will be a decrease of two (2) 4-hour cooks which is full-time equivalency (FTE) of one (1).

3.2.e. Student Transportation

County Procedures

Analysis of Anticipated Transportation Time Changes

Explain any variances of W. Va. 126CSR92, Policy 4336, West Virginia School Bus Transportation Regulations, Procedures, and Specifications for the Design and Equipment of School Buses (Policy 4336), section 15, Guidelines for Bus Routing, and the effects the variances may have on transportation. Provide the following bus route data and travel times:

Current and Differences of Travel Times

List the current travel time by bus route for students in the communities of the schools planned for closure or consolidation and the estimated increase or decrease in travel time as a result of the closure; and

VanDevender Middle School

Route	Community	Current Travel Time	Estimated Time after Closure or Consolidation	Net Increase or Decrease
Route 42	Downtown Parkersburg Area and Lynn St. Area	13 Min	20 Min	7 Min Increase
Route 43	Rt. 47, City Park and 16 th St. Area	15 Min	15 Min	0 Min
Route 174	Downtown Parkersburg Area	14 Min	22 Min	8 Min Increase

Transportation Table 1

Anticipated Routes and Waiver Requests

List all anticipated bus routes after the proposed closure or consolidation with the estimated total one-way travel time for each route. Clearly identify any bus routes that exceed the recommended travel times and any routes which will require a waiver of Policy 4336.

Hamilton Middle School

Route	Community	One-way Travel Time	Amount Exceeding Recommended Travel Times	Is a Waiver of W. Va. 126CSR92, Policy 4336 Required (Yes / no)*
Route 43	7 th and 16 th St.	15 Min	0 Min	No
Route 42	Downtown Parkersburg Area and Lynn St Area	20 Min	0 Min	No
Route 174	Downtown Parkersburg Area and Washington Ave.	22 Min	0 Min	No

Transportation Table 2

Jackson Middle School

Route	Community	One-way Travel Time	Amount Exceeding Recommended Travel Times	Is a Waiver of W. Va. 126CSR92, Policy 4336 Required (Yes / no)*
Route 43	23 rd St. and 19 th St. Parkersburg	25 min	0 min	No
Route 238	West Virginia Ave. Parkersburg	20 min	0 min	No

Transportation Table 3

*A waiver of WVBE Policy 4336 is only required for middle school routes that have a one-way transportation time greater than 45 minutes.

Travel Time to Neighboring County Public School

Identify and provide the travel time to any neighboring county public schools that could serve the population of the closing school(s) where travel time to the identified out-of-county school is less than or equal to the school(s) designated by the county to receive students.

There are no such neighboring county public schools.

3.2.f. Student Educational Program

Analysis and Assurance of Consideration

Complete a projected educational program improvement analysis which includes a statement of assurance that the following have been considered:

Wood County Schools has monitored academic achievement of Hamilton Middle School, Jackson Middle School, and VanDevender Middle School. Wood County Schools will ensure that student learning will continue to be the focus and educational programming will support academic progress.

On the General Summative Assessment (GSA) administered during the 2023-2024 school year, Hamilton Middle School students scored 38.8% proficient in Mathematics, 52.0% proficient in English Language Arts, and 34.2% proficient in Science.

On the GSA administered during the 2023-2024 school year, Jackson Middle School students scored 54.1% proficient in Mathematics, 57.6% proficient in English Language Arts, and 34.2% proficient in Science.

On the GSA administered during the 2023-2024 school year, VanDevender Middle School students scored 17.9% proficient in Mathematics, 32.5% proficient in English Language Arts, and 23.8% proficient in Science.

Hamilton Middle School, Jackson Middle School, and VanDevender Middle School are middle schools serving students Grades 6, 7, and 8. Hamilton Middle School and Jackson Middle School will have a student body increase at both schools to justify returning to the middle school teaming concept which will be beneficial to the students because they will be assigned to a team which will allow teachers to better focus on individual student needs. Teachers on the same team will have the same students which will provide consistent academic, social, and behavior support after the merger of VanDevender Middle School students into Hamilton Middle School and Jackson Middle School.

VanDevender Middle School nor Jackson Middle School have a Science-Technology-Engineering-Arts-Mathematics (STEAM) teacher. Hamilton Middle School has one (1) STEAM teacher. After the merger, Jackson Middle School and Hamilton Middle School will each have one (1) STEAM teacher which will be beneficial to the academic programming for the students attending Jackson Middle School and Hamilton Middle School.

VanDevender Middle School, Hamilton Middle School, and Jackson Middle School each have a half-time (.5) Spanish teacher. After the merger, Jackson Middle School and Hamilton Middle School will each have one (1) full-time Spanish teacher which will be beneficial to the academic programming for the students attending Jackson Middle School and Hamilton Middle School.

VanDevender Middle School has one (1) Emotional Disturbance class. Hamilton Middle School nor Jackson Middle School have an Emotional Disturbance class. The class was established for the 2024-2025 school year at VanDevender Middle School. After the merger, the Emotional Disturbance class will be located at Hamilton Middle School.

Hamilton Middle School and Jackson Middle School each have an Autism class. VanDevender Middle School does not have an Autism class. Currently, if there is a student at

VanDevender Middle School who needs to be serviced in an Autism class, the student would attend Hamilton Middle School or Jackson Middle School. After the merger, a student would be able to remain at their home school and receive services in an Autism class without the need to move schools which is beneficial to students' academic programming and provides a continuum of services to students with Individualized Education Plans at the school they attend.

VanDevender Middle School has four (4) students of gifted. The students of gifted at VanDevender Middle School will be able to participate in classes for gifted students with a greater number of peers who are also gifted which will enhance the students of gifted educational programming and afford the students more interactions with a greater number of students of gifted.

VanDevender Middle School is a Title I school. The Title I funds provide three (3) interventionists at VanDevender Middle School and one (1) Student Success Interventionist. Hamilton Middle School will be designated as a Title I school after the merger. The Title I funds will be utilized to provide three (3) interventionists and one (1) Student Success Interventionist at Hamilton Middle School. There will also be one (1) additional interventionist added to the staff at Hamilton Middle School that will not be Title I funded.

Jackson Middle School will not be designate as a Title I school. To ensure all students attending Jackson Middle School after the merger will continue to be provided the opportunity to have interventionists, Wood County Schools has planned for two (2) interventionists to be on staff at Jackson Middle School.

Every middle school in Wood County has one (1) principal. In addition to the principal, Hamilton Middle School and Jackson Middle School each have one (1) assistant principal. VanDevender Middle School has one (1) assistant principal and one (1) Curriculum and Instruction Assistant Principal. After the merger, one (1) additional assistant principal will be added to the administrative staff at Hamilton Middle School and Jackson Middle School.

VanDevender Middle School, Hamilton Middle School, and Jackson Middle School each have one (1) full-time counselor position. After the merger, a half-time (0.5) counselor position will be added to Hamilton Middle School and a half-time (0.5) counselor position will be Jackson Middle School which will provide the students with additional support, stability, and foster relationships with families.

VanDevender Middle School has a secure entrance. Hamilton Middle School and Jackson Middle School will have a secure entrance constructed in the fall of 2024.

In consideration of the closure of VanDevender Middle School, the policies below have been considered in the planning of the educational programs at Hamilton Middle School and Jackson Middle School.

Affected School Name(s)

Hamilton Middle School, Jackson Middle School, and VanDevender Middle School

In the preparation of the documents regarding the closure and/or consolidation of the above referenced school, the following codes and policies have been considered:

Please check each item that was considered.

- W. Va. 126CSR16, Policy 2419, Regulations for the Education of Students with Exceptionalities,*
- W. Va. 126CSR42, Policy 2510, Assuring the Quality of Education: Regulations for Education Programs,*
- W. Va. 126CSR44 et al., Policy 2520, Content Standards and Objectives for West Virginia Schools,*
- W. Va. 126CSR172 Policy 6200- Handbook on Planning School Facilities,*
- Policy 6204-School Closings or Consolidations*

Christie M. Willis
Superintendent

9.17.24
Date

3.2.g. Community

An impact statement regarding the effect the proposed school closure or consolidation will have on the affected communities and their students. Where schools and their respective communities are all defined by their own unique relationships, each proposed action will result in varying types and degrees of community impact. To better understand this diverse relational dynamic, the impact statement shall describe:

1. *The known relationships that exist among the affected schools and their communities.*

Identify School: VanDevender Middle School

VanDevender Middle School is located about a six-minute drive from Hamilton Middle School. It is also situated 3.8 miles from Jackson Middle School, taking roughly 10 minutes to reach by car. VanDevender Middle receives students from Jefferson Elementary School and parts of the student populations from Madison Elementary and Emerson Elementary. The school maintains various community connections with local businesses and organizations, including 7-Eleven, Tim Horton's, Rubin's Deli, The Boys & Girls Club, Parkersburg & Wood County Library, and Coplin Health Center.

As of August 23, 2024, there were 68 Grade 6 students and at VanDevender Middle School and 83 Grade 7 students. The 151 students who are in Grade 6 or Grade 7 attending VanDevender Middle School during the 2024-2025 school year will attend either Hamilton Middle School or Jackson Middle School in 2025-2026.

Identify School: Hamilton Middle School

Hamilton Middle School is located about 1.3 miles or a four-minute drive from VanDevender Middle School.

Hamilton Middle School receives students from Jefferson Elementary School, Criss Elementary, Emerson Elementary, Kanawha Elementary, and Madison Elementary. The school maintains various community connections with local businesses and organizations, including Pickering Associates and Wood County Educational Employee's (WEE) Credit Union.

In 1992, Washington Junior High closed and the boundaries were redrawn between VanDevender Middle School and Hamilton Middle School.

When No Child Left Behind (NCLB) was enacted in the 2000s, several students from VanDevender Middle School selected to enroll in Hamilton Middle School due to the offering of school choice. By around 2010, enrollment was approximately 600 students. When NCLB was reauthorized to the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), enrollment began to stabilize as school choice was not a sanction of consequences for not achieving Annual Yearly Progress (AYP). Hamilton Middle School has 48 out-of-district students attending.

Identify School: Jackson Middle School

Jackson Middle School is located about 3.8 miles or a ten-minute drive from VanDevender Middle School. Jackson Middle School is located in Vienna. Greenmont Elementary, Vienna Elementary, and Neale Elementary are current feeder schools to Jackson Elementary. Following the merger, Emerson Elementary, Madison Elementary, and Jefferson Elementary will also be feeder schools to Jackson Middle School. There are currently 21 students from VanDevender Middle School attending Jackson Middle School.

The school maintains various community connections with local businesses and organizations, including WV Credit Union and Mister Bee. The city of Vienna, especially the Parks and Recreation Department, have been extremely supportive of many events and projects. The Parks Department for the city of Vienna mows and cares for the football facilities and takes care of trash removal after events and county games. The city of Vienna also takes care of the sprinkler system and have helped with many upgrades to the field at Jackson Middle School.

The Deitzler Foundation has also been a great supporter of the community and Jackson Middle School.

Students from VanDevender Middle School, Hamilton Middle School, and Jackson Middle School attend Parkersburg High School for Grades 9 – 12.

2. How the existing known relationships could be impacted by the proposed action.

Identify School: VanDevender Middle School

VanDevender Middle School has both formal and informal connections with several local businesses and organizations, including 7-Eleven, Tim Horton's, the Parkersburg & Wood County Public Library, and the Boys & Girls Club. VanDevender Middle School's afterschool program, sponsored by the Boys & Girls Club, might be affected. The Boys & Girls Club will be offered the opportunity to have a program at Hamilton Middle School. Additionally, local wellness grants, which are tied to specific timelines and designated locations, could see impacts. Tim Horton's supports various student activities by offering incentives.

The Partners in Education who are connected to VanDevender Middle School will be offered the opportunity to connect their partnership with Hamilton Middle School and/or Jackson Middle School.

The Communities in Schools program which connects the students from Jefferson Elementary, VanDevender Middle School, and Parkersburg High School will be moved to Hamilton Middle School. With the Communities in Schools program, Parkersburg High School received a therapy dog, Barney. Barney will visit both Hamilton Middle School and Jackson Middle School.

Libraries are academic resources to students in our community. VanDevender Middle School is 0.4 miles to the Parkersburg & Wood County Library. Hamilton Middle School is one (1) mile to the Parkersburg & Wood County Library. Jackson Middle School is 1.3 miles to the Vienna Public Library.

VanDevender Middle School did not have enough students to have three (3) sports teams this year: cross country, tennis, and golf. VanDevender Middle School completed an application to West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission (WVSSAC) for students to be able to join Hamilton Middle School's cross country, tennis, and golf teams, so students from VanDevender Middle School could participate in these sports. Merging these schools will fortify this relationship.

Whether the VanDevender Middle School students attend Hamilton Middle School or Jackson Middle School, there will be more sports and academic teams the students will have an opportunity to participate in after the merger. As for extracurricular activities, many students at VanDevender walk to practices. Wood County Schools will provide an activities bus to transport students in the evening from Hamilton Middle School and Jackson Middle School to a bus stop

in the vicinity of the current VanDevender Middle School district for students who do not have transportation after school hours to attend practices.

Families will benefit from the Title I opportunities provided through family engagement activities at Hamilton Middle School.

Hamilton Middle School will continue to serve the students of Jefferson Elementary, Criss Elementary, Emerson Elementary, Kanawha Elementary, and Madison Elementary.

Jackson Middle School will continue to serve the students of Neale Elementary, Vienna Elementary, and Greenmont Elementary. After the merger, the Jackson Middle School boundary will expand to include some students from Emerson Elementary, Madison Elementary, and Jefferson Elementary.

Students after the merger at Hamilton Middle School and Jackson Middle School will continue to attend Parkersburg High School for Grades 9 – 12.

3. The potential for new relationships that could be developed under the proposed action.

Identify School: VanDevender Middle School

Following the closure of VanDevender Middle School, new relationships could be formed, such as integrating the Game Changers program and the Communities in Schools program into the Hamilton Middle School. Students transitioning to a different school will benefit from existing programs, sports, and afterschool opportunities, along with support from the school's business partners and sponsors. Enhanced learning conditions, like having HVAC units in every classroom, will replace less effective and noisy window air-conditioning units. Moreover, moving to a school with a larger student body will provide students with the chance to interact with a more diverse and extensive peer group.

Identify School: Hamilton Middle School

VanDevender Middle School students attending Hamilton Middle School may benefit from the enhanced learning conditions and updated facilities. New windows and HVAC units will make for an improved learning environment. The Hamilton Middle School and VanDevender Middle School communities are very close to each other. Jefferson Elementary would split their student body population between two middle schools. After the merger, the majority of the students will attend Hamilton Middle School which should assist in the middle school transition so students remain with their peers entering middle school. The potential of additional business partners supporting the school will also be beneficial.

Identify School:

Jackson Middle School

VanDevender Middle School students attending Jackson Middle School may benefit from the enhanced learning conditions and updated facilities. New windows and HVAC units will make for an improved learning environment. The Jackson Middle School and VanDevender Middle School communities are not connected to each other. The merger will integrate students from the VanDevender Middle School attendance zone prior to attending Parkersburg High School which should assist in the high school transition. The potential of additional business partners supporting the school will also be beneficial.

3.3. & 3.4. Public Notices and Hearings

County Procedures

Notice of Public Hearing(s)

The county must provide notice for all public hearing(s) required by section 3.4.a.1. All public hearing notices shall be advertised through a Class III legal advertisement for three weeks prior to the date of the hearing in a newspaper in general circulation in the locality of any school to be closed or consolidated and in the locality of any school that has been designated by the county to receive students from the schools to be closed or consolidated. The notice also shall be posted in all schools as provided in section 3.3.5 at least 30 days prior to the date of hearing.

Section 3.3 of WVBE Policy 6204 contains the requirements for the public hearing notice.

A copy of the notice shall be posted at all schools, bus garages, and maintenance areas in the county in conspicuous working areas, for all professional and service personnel to observe.

If the county will be applying for SBA funding, the procedures must be completed before the SBA will consider a project for funding, as further outlined in section 6. If the county will be utilizing local funding for a construction project related to the closure or consolidation, the procedures must be completed prior to the initiation of construction. For all other closures and consolidations, counties must complete the procedures on or before December 31st of the calendar year prior to the calendar year in which the closures or consolidations are to be effective.

Typed Copy of Legal Advertisement

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

PROPOSED CLOSURE AND MERGER OF VANDEVENDER MIDDLE SCHOOL INTO JACKSON MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HAMILTON MIDDLE SCHOOL

WOOD COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Wood County Board of Education will hold three (3) public hearings on the Superintendent's recommendation to close VanDevender Middle School at the end of the 2024-2025 school year, and to merge it into Jackson Middle School and Hamilton Middle School at that time, as follow:

- **LOCATION:** VanDevender Middle School, 918 31st Street, Parkersburg, WV
DATE AND TIME: October 21, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.
Sign in to speak between 5:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.
- **LOCATION:** Hamilton Middle School, 3501 Cadillac Drive, Parkersburg, WV
DATE AND TIME: October 24, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.
Sign in to speak between 5:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.
- **LOCATION:** Jackson Middle School, 1601 34th Street, Vienna, WV
DATE AND TIME: October 24, 2024, at 7:30 p.m.
Sign in to speak between 7:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

If, at the time a hearing is called to order, the Board determines that the location is of insufficient size to accommodate all who desire to attend, the hearing will be recessed and moved to a new location of sufficient size to accommodate all those who desire to attend. If that happens, the new meeting location will be posted at the original meeting location.

If a public hearing is not completed by 11:00 p.m., it will be recessed, to be continued on a date and at a time designated and announced by the Board just prior to the hearing recess, to be continued day-to-day until concluded. The public hearings, as well as any reconvened session of the public hearings, shall end at the conclusion of each hearing's business or at 11:00 p.m., whichever occurs earlier.

ALTERNATE DATES AND TIMES

If, due to inclement weather or other cause, any hearing cannot be held on the scheduled date, the hearing or meeting will be held at the same location and time as originally scheduled, but on these dates and times:

- for the hearing at VanDevender Middle School, on October 25, 2024, beginning at 6:00 p.m.
- for the hearing at Hamilton Middle School, on October 29, 2024, beginning at 6:00 p.m.
- for the hearing at Jackson Middle School, on October 29, 2024, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

If for any reason a hearing cannot be conducted on the alternate date or time, the Board will determine a date or time.

HEARING PROCEDURES

For a period of 30 minutes prior to the commencement of a public hearing, persons may and are encouraged to register at the hearing location for the purpose of making statements, offering testimony, and questioning school officials concerning the proposals. Each hearing will begin with an oral summary by a representative of Wood County Schools of the reasons and supporting data in connection with the proposed action by the Board. Speakers will then be recognized in the order in which they registered. Each speaker shall be limited to five (5) minutes unless, in accordance with Board Policy 1000, the President reduces that time limit to provide all persons wishing to speak the opportunity to do so.

SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN MATERIAL

The Board will consider any written material submitted by members of the public concerning the proposals if the material, with six (6) copies, is submitted to and received by the Office of the Superintendent of Schools at 1210 13th Street, Parkersburg, West Virginia, before noon on October 17, 2024, including any findings and recommendations from the local school improvement councils representing VanDevender, Hamilton and Jackson Middle Schools.

REASONS AND SUPPORTING DATA

Until the date of the first hearing, written reasons for the Superintendent's recommendations in the form of an Impact Statement and Supporting Data are available for public inspection in the Office of the Superintendent of Schools at 1210 13th Street, Parkersburg, West Virginia, on weekdays between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

FINAL ACTION

The Board of Education will take formal action on the Superintendent's proposal to close VanDevender Middle School at the end of the 2024-2025 school year, and to merge it into Jackson Middle School and Hamilton Middle School, at its meeting at Jackson Middle School, 1601 34th Street, Vienna, West Virginia, on October 24, 2024, beginning at 8:30 p.m. If, due to inclement weather or other cause, the Board meeting cannot be held on the scheduled date, the meeting will be held at the same location and time as originally scheduled, but on October 29, 2024.

Christie M. Willis,
Superintendent
Wood County Board of Education

First Run: September 30, 2024
Second Run: October 7, 2024
Third Run: October 14, 2024
Fourth Run: October 21, 2024

Proof of Public Hearing(s) Notice

contain proof that the hearings were properly advertised with a class III legal advertisement. Such proof can be satisfied with:

- *a notarized letter from the county's qualified newspaper(s) for legal notices, as defined by the West Virginia Secretary of State, that specifically states the three dates in which the newspaper ran the county's public hearing notification; or*
- *a digital reproduction for each of the 3 required legal advertisements from the county's qualified newspaper(s) for legal notices, as defined by the West Virginia Secretary of State, where the full legal notification and date of publication is provided and legible.*

Identify School(s): VanDevender Middle School (closing), Hamilton Middle School (receiving), and Jackson Middle School (receiving)

First Run: September 30, 2024

Second Run: October 7, 2024

Third Run: October 14, 2024

Fourth Run: October 21, 2024

Qualified Newspaper Name: Parkersburg News and Sentinel

[See Appendix for this Documentation](#)

Public Hearing(s) Documentation and Formal Vote on the Closure(s) or Consolidation(s)

Provide documentation of all hearings, motions, written public comments, a synopsis or transcript of verbal public comments, and other actions concerning the proposed school closings and consolidations.

*Section 3.4.a of WVBE Policy 6204 contains the requirements for the public hearing(s).
Section 3.5. of WVBE Policy 6204 contains the requirements for the formal vote(s).*

[See Appendix for this Documentation](#)

3.5. County Board Actions

County Procedures

County Board Vote(s)

After the vote and following compliance with sections 3.4 and 3.5, and prior to the implementation of any school closure or consolidation and following compliance with all statutory and regulatory provisions, the county must file a request for school closure and/or consolidation with the WVBE for approval and this request must contain:

- *A letter from the county superintendent providing the date the action was taken by the county board.*
- *The signed assurance pages contained in this template.*
- *Justification as provided by the impact statement and supporting data in section 3.2.*
- *Documentation of all hearings, motions, written public comments, a synopsis or transcript of verbal public comments, and any other related actions.*
- *Proof of proper Class III legal advertisement*
- *Below CEFP statement*
- *Below SBA statement*

Comprehensive Educational Facilities Plan (CEFP)

Identify if the proposed school closing or consolidation was included in the county's approved CEFP. If the county's approved CEFP did not contain the proposed closure or consolidation, the county must also submit a request to amend their CEFP. The required CEFP amendment forms shall be submitted to the WVDE Office of School Facilities staff simultaneously with the impact statement and supporting data that will be prepared for consideration by the WVBE. The CEFP amendment may be considered by the WVBE concurrently with the closure or consolidation request.

The closure of VanDevender Middle School is in the current Comprehensive Educational Facilities Plan (CEFP).

School Building Authority of WV

Identify if the proposed school closing or consolidation is contingent upon receiving funding from the SBA.

The closure of VanDevender Middle School is not contingent upon SBA funding. The current VanDevender Middle School students will be merged into Hamilton Middle School and Jackson Middle School.

3.6. Superintendent Verification of Board Actions

County Procedures

Date(s) of public hearings:

Closing School: VanDevender Middle School Hearing on October 21, 2024

Receiving School: Hamilton Middle School Hearing on October 24, 2024

Receiving School: Jackson Middle School Hearing on October 24, 2024

Date of county board approval:

October 24, 2024

Wood County requests the West Virginia Board of Education approve the following.

Closure and Merger of VanDevender Middle School into the existing Hamilton Middle School and Jackson Middle School

- The county assures that the applicable sections of the W. Va. Codes §18-5-13 and §18-5-13a, and WVBE Policies 6200 and 6204 have been addressed.*
- This action is justified by the provided supplemental data and information pertinent to the following subjects: enrollment, facilities, finance, personnel, transportation, and educational programs.*
- Documentation of all hearings, motions, written public comments, a synopsis or transcript of verbal comments, and other actions concerning the proposed school closings and consolidations were provided in this document.*
- All hearings were properly advertised with a class III legal advertisement.*

Christie M. Willis

Signature of county superintendent attesting to the completion of all requirements as stated in W. Va. Codes §18-5-13 and §18-5-13a and WVBE Policies 6200 and 6204.

Christie M. Willis
Superintendent

11.12.24
Date:

Appendix of Supporting Data

The list should include, at a minimum, the following data:

1. *SBA Worksheet on Building Program Utilization for all affected schools (Required)*
2. *Supporting Photographs, Floorplans, and other Documentation (As needed)*
3. *SBA Facility Condition Documentation for all affected schools (Required)*
4. *Proof of Public Hearing(s) Notice for all affected schools (Required)*
5. *Public Hearing(s) Documentation for all affected schools (Required)*
6. *Board minutes indicating the action of the board to approve the closure(s) (Required)*
7. *Cover letter addressed to the State Superintendent of Schools (Required)*
8. *Completed superintendent signature pages (Required)*
9. *Most current October 1st certified enrollment for county (Required)*

School Building Authority of West Virginia
BUILDING PROGRAM UTILIZATION WORKSHEET
 Worksheet #1
SBA FORM 301-C

NOTE: THIS FORM MAY BE SUBSTITUTED FOR A SIMILAR SBA-APPROVED DIGITAL INSTRUMENT

County: Wood School: VanDevender Middle Current Enrollment: 248

Classroom Types	Number of Classroom Types	X	Maximum Pupils/ Class Capacity	=	Total Program Capacity
Grade 6	8	X	28	=	224
Grade 7	9	X	28	=	252
Grade 8	9	X	28	=	252
				=	
				=	
				=	
				=	
Totals:	26	X	28	=	728

Program Utilization ($\frac{248}{248}$ divided by $\frac{728}{728}$) times 100 = 34.1 %
Current Enrollment Total Program Capacity Program Utilization

SCHOOLS PROGRAM UTILIZATION = 34.1 % Desirable Program Capacity = 85%

Instructions for Calculating Building Program Utilization

Elementary School – Calculate the number and type of classrooms using the maximum program capacity for each self-contained regular classroom. Assume for example – that all students are seated in a first period block without pullout programs. Do not include library/media, cafeteria, itinerant spaces, resource rooms, or optional academic classrooms such as art, music and computer labs that act as pullout programs to support the core curriculum.

Secondary School – Middle/Junior High School programs where various schedules exist, calculate the number and type of classrooms using the maximum program capacity for each regular or special classroom. Assume for example, that all students are seated in a first period block and exclude library/media, commons or any space that cannot be used for other course offerings in the daily capacity of each facility. The maximum capacity for instructional spaces for specialty classrooms is counted once. A specialty classroom may be available throughout the school day but due to its specialized design or equipment it is rendered impractical to use for other instructional purposes.

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BUILDING PROGRAM UTILIZATION WORKSHEET
 Worksheet #2
 SBA FORM 301-C

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County: Wood School: Hamilton Middle Current Enrollment: 458

Classroom Types	Number of Classroom Types	X	Maximum Pupils/ Class Capacity	=	Total Program Capacity
Grade 6	9	X	28	=	252
Grade 7	9	X	28	=	252
Grade 8	10	X	28	=	280
Totals:	28	X	28	=	784

Program Utilization ($\frac{458}{458}$ divided by $\frac{784}{784}$) times 100 = 58.4 %
Current Enrollment Total Program Capacity Program Utilization

SCHOOLS PROGRAM UTILIZATION = 58.4 % Desirable Program Capacity = 85%

Instructions for Calculating Building Program Utilization

Elementary School – Calculate the number and type of classrooms using the maximum program capacity for each self-contained regular classroom. Assume for example – that all students are seated in a first period block without pullout programs. Do not include library/media, cafeteria, itinerant spaces, resource rooms, or optional academic classrooms such as art, music and computer labs that act as pullout programs to support the core curriculum.

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BUILDING PROGRAM UTILIZATION WORKSHEET
 Worksheet #3
SBA FORM 301-C

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County: Wood School: Jackson Middle Current Enrollment: 440

Classroom Types	Number of Classroom Types	X	Maximum Pupils/ Class Capacity	=	Total Program Capacity
Grade 6	8	X	28	=	224
Grade 7	9	X	28	=	252
Grade 8	9	X	28	=	252
Totals:	26	X	28	=	728

Program Utilization (440 divided by 728) times 100 = 60.4 %
Current Enrollment Total Program Capacity Program Utilization

SCHOOLS PROGRAM UTILIZATION = 60.4 % Desirable Program Capacity = 85%

Instructions for Calculating Building Program Utilization

Elementary School – Calculate the number and type of classrooms using the maximum program capacity for each self-contained regular classroom. Assume for example – that all students are seated in a first period block without pullout programs. Do not include library/media, cafeteria, itinerant spaces, resource rooms, or optional academic classrooms such as art, music and computer labs that act as pullout programs to support the core curriculum.

Secondary School – Middle/Junior High School programs where various schedules exist, calculate the number and type of classrooms using the maximum program capacity for each regular or special classroom. Assume for example, that all students are seated in a first period block and exclude library/media, commons or any space that cannot be used for other course offerings in the daily capacity of each facility. The maximum capacity for instructional spaces for specialty classrooms is counted once. A specialty classroom may be available throughout the school day but due to its specialized design or equipment it is rendered impractical to use for other instructional purposes.

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BUILDING PROGRAM UTILIZATION WORKSHEET
 Worksheet #4
 SBA FORM 301-C

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County: Wood School: Merged Jackson Middle Projected Enrollment: 520

Classroom Types	Number of Classroom Types	X	Maximum Pupils/ Class Capacity	=	Total Program Capacity
Grade 6	8	X	28	=	224
Grade 7	9	X	28	=	252
Grade 8	9	X	28	=	252
Totals:	26		28		728

Program Utilization ($\frac{520}{728}$ divided by $\frac{728}{728}$) times 100 = $\frac{71.4}{728}$ %
 Utilization

SCHOOLS PROGRAM UTILIZATION = 71.4 % Desirable Program Capacity = 85%

Instructions for Calculating Building Program Utilization

Elementary School – Calculate the number and type of classrooms using the maximum program capacity for each self-contained regular classroom. Assume for example – that all students are seated in a first period block without pullout programs. Do not include library/media, cafeteria, itinerant spaces, resource rooms, or optional academic classrooms such as art, music and computer labs that act as pullout programs to support the core curriculum.

Secondary School – Middle/Junior High School programs where various schedules exist, calculate the number and type of classrooms using the maximum program capacity for each regular or special classroom. Assume for example, that all students are seated in a first period block and exclude library/media, commons or any space that cannot be used for other course offerings in the daily capacity of each facility. The maximum capacity for instructional spaces for specialty classrooms is counted once. A specialty classroom may be available throughout the school day but due to its specialized design or equipment it is rendered impractical to use for other instructional purposes.

School Building Authority of West Virginia
BUILDING PROGRAM UTILIZATION WORKSHEET
 Worksheet #5
 SBA FORM 301-C

NOTE: THIS FORM MAY BE SUBSTITUTED FOR A SIMILAR SBA-APPROVED DIGITAL INSTRUMENT

County: Wood School: Merged Hamilton Middle Projected Enrollment: 580

Classroom Types	Number of Classroom Types	X	Maximum Pupils/ Class Capacity	=	Total Program Capacity
Grade 6	9	X	28	=	252
Grade 7	9	X	28	=	252
Grade 8	10	X	28	=	280
Totals:	28		28		784

Program Utilization (580 divided by 784) times 100 = 74.0 %
Projected Enrollment Total Program Capacity Program Utilization

SCHOOLS PROGRAM UTILIZATION = 74.0 % Desirable Program Capacity = 85%

Instructions for Calculating Building Program Utilization

Elementary School – Calculate the number and type of classrooms using the maximum program capacity for each self-contained regular classroom. Assume for example – that all students are seated in a first period block without pullout programs. Do not include library/media, cafeteria, itinerant spaces, resource rooms, or optional academic classrooms such as art, music and computer labs that act as pullout programs to support the core curriculum.

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VANDEVENDER MIDDLE SCHOOL



Exterior





Exterior



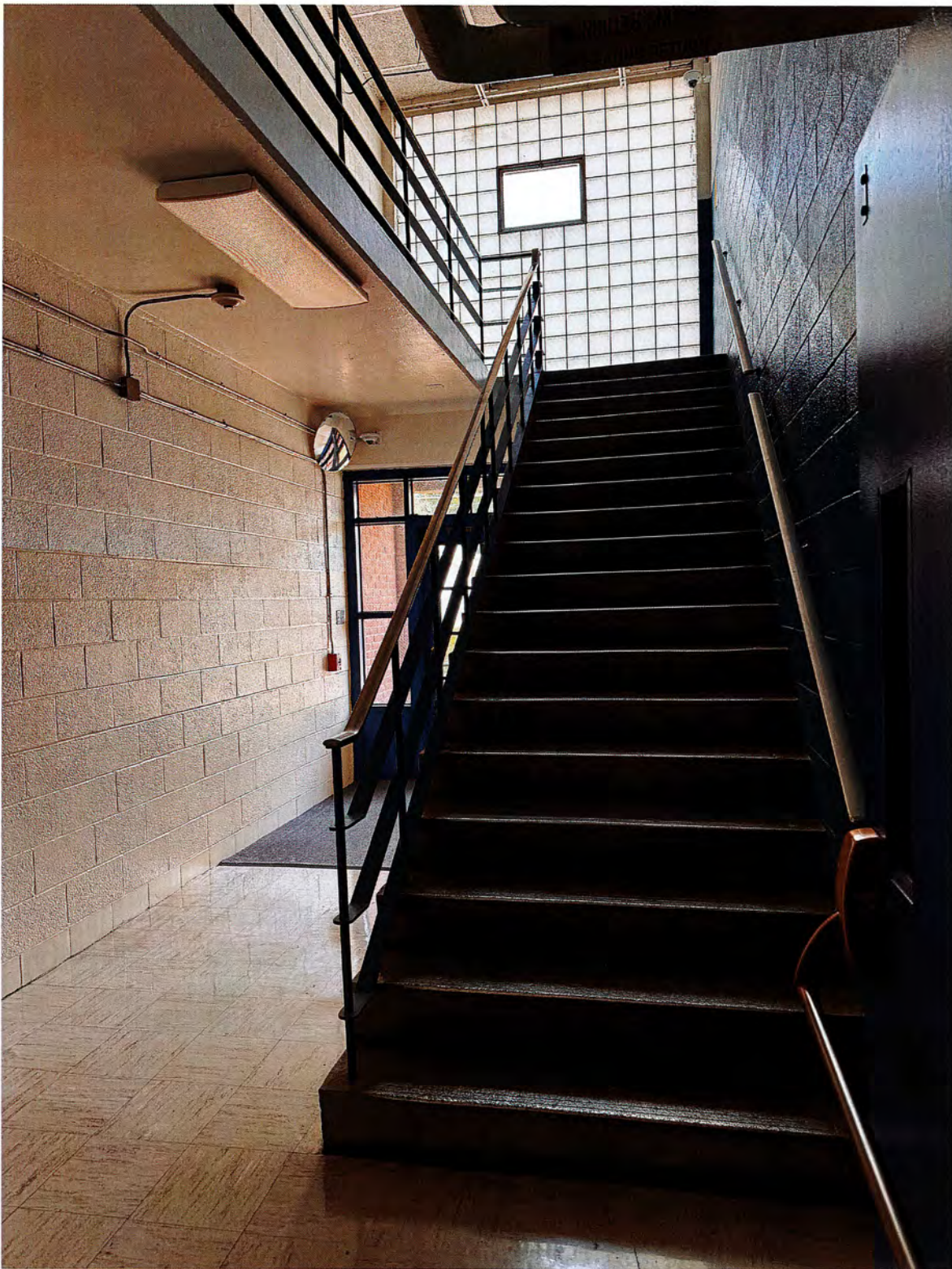
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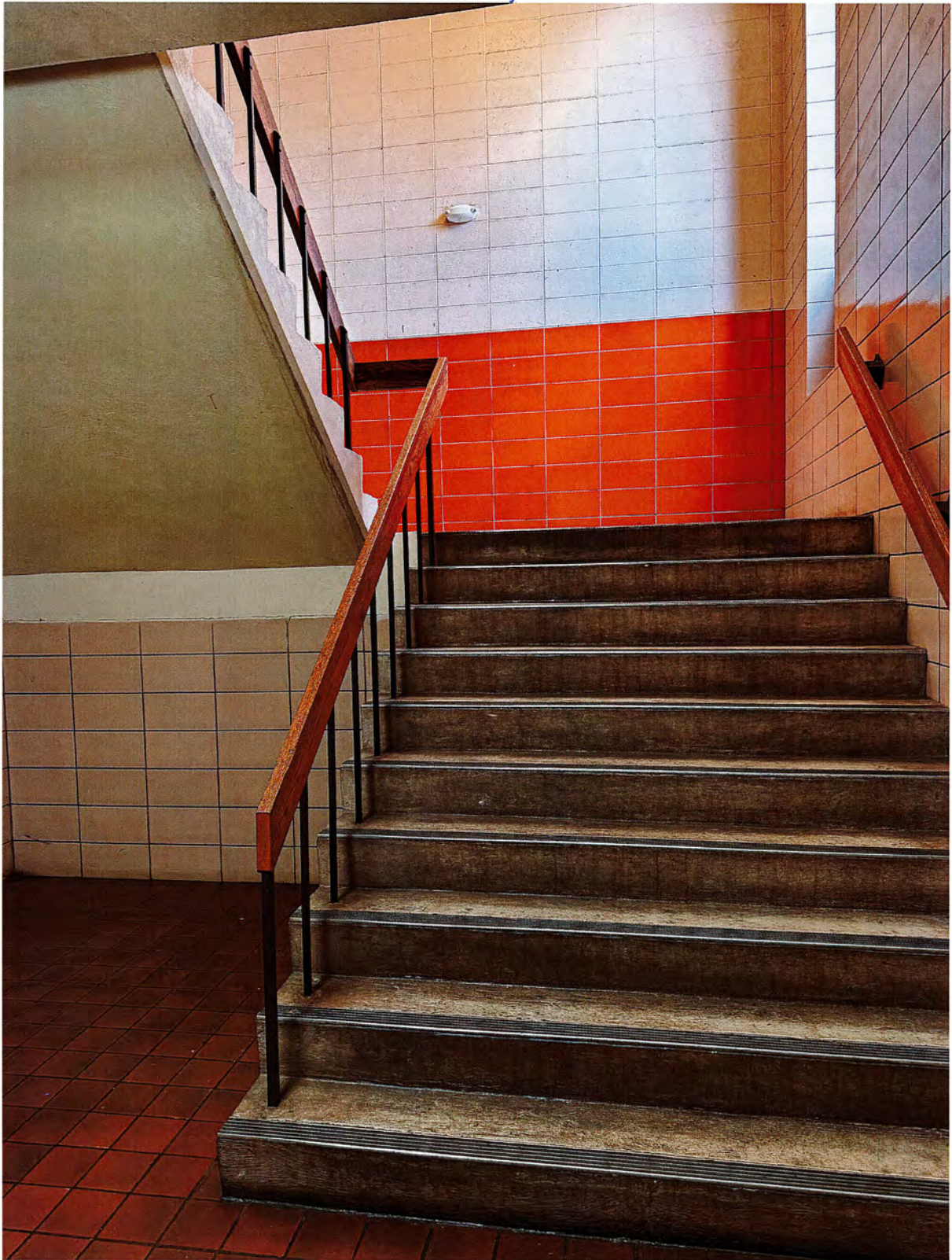
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Stairway



Stairway



Interior



Interior



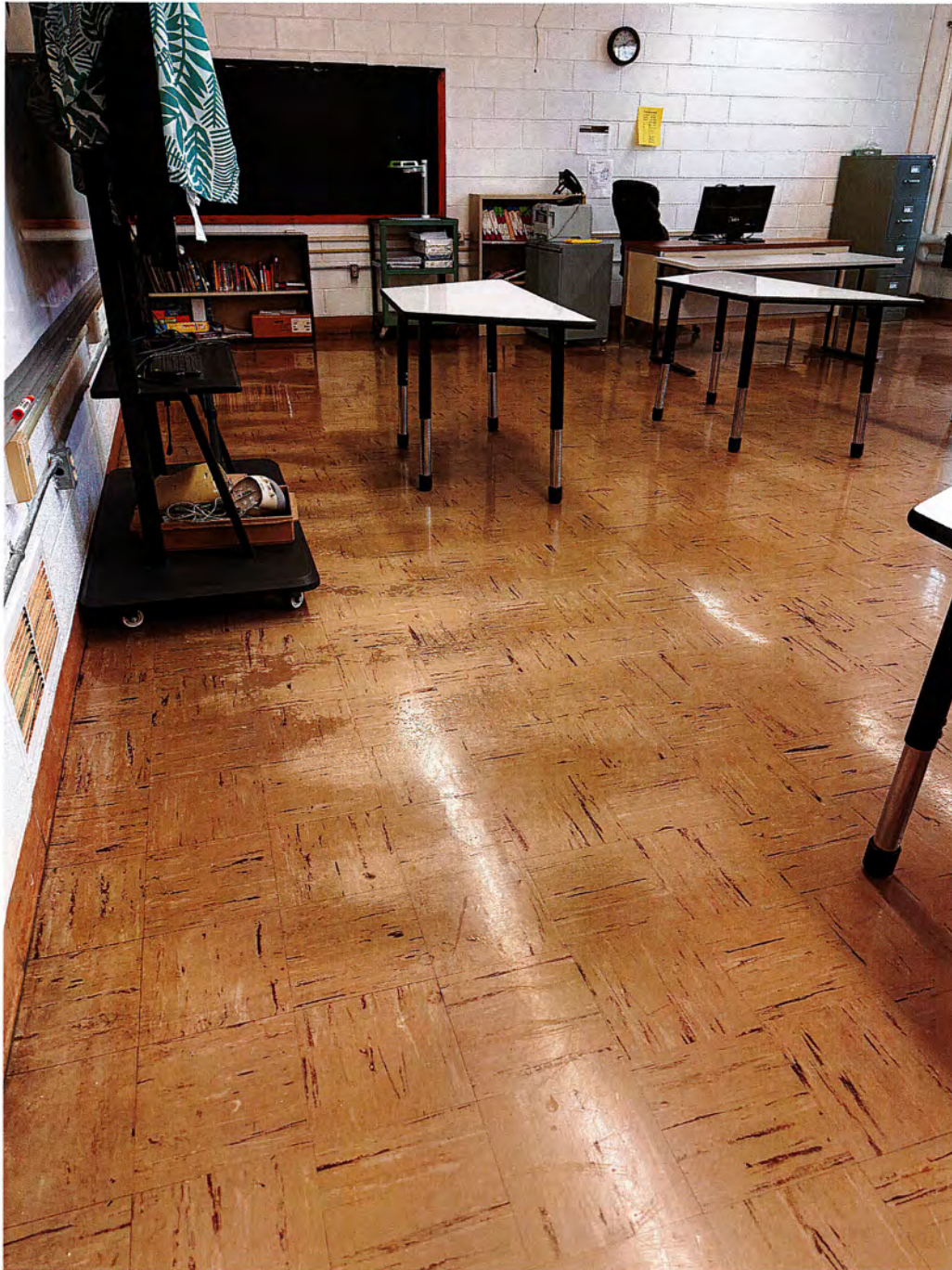
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Bathrooms



Classroom



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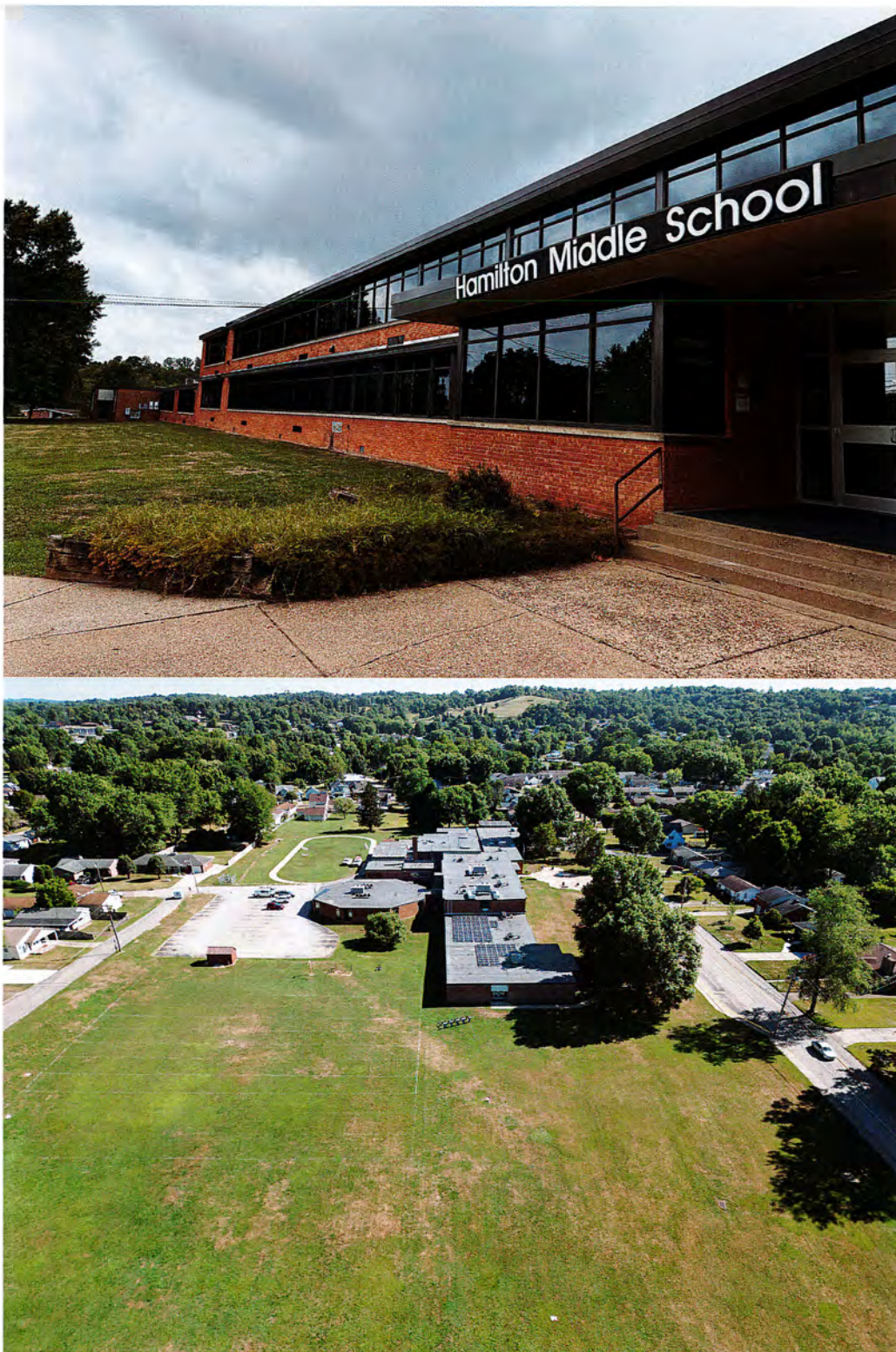
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HAMILTON MIDDLE SCHOOL



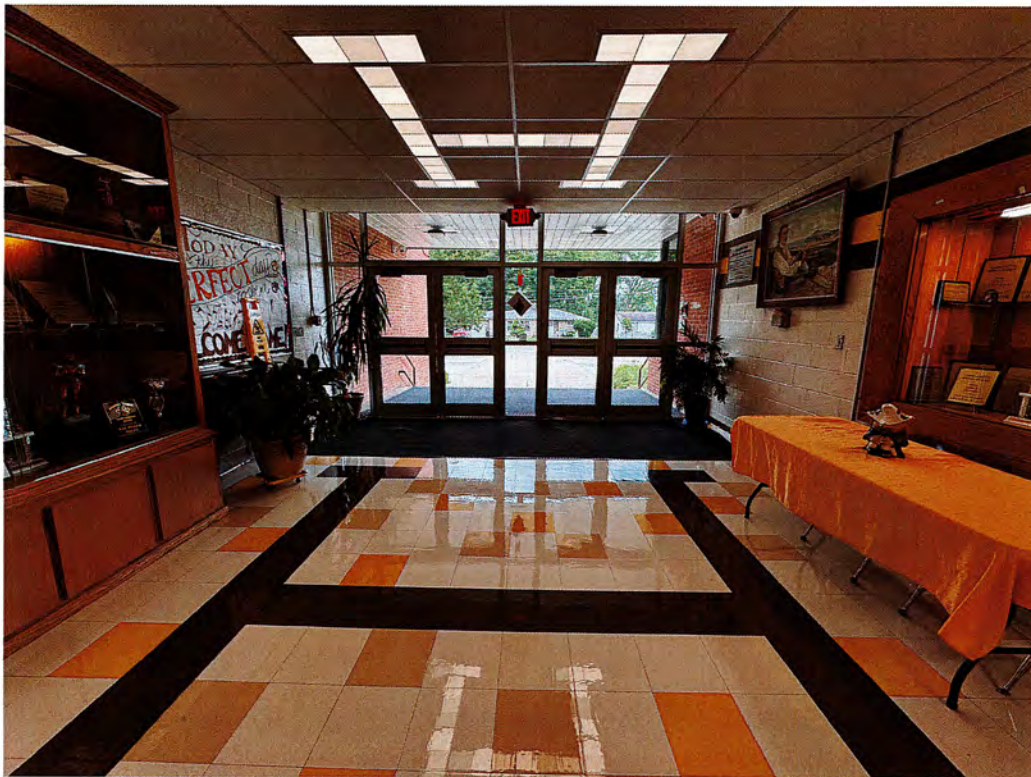
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Wood County Schools | VanDevender Middle School Merger into Hamilton Middle School & Jackson Middle School



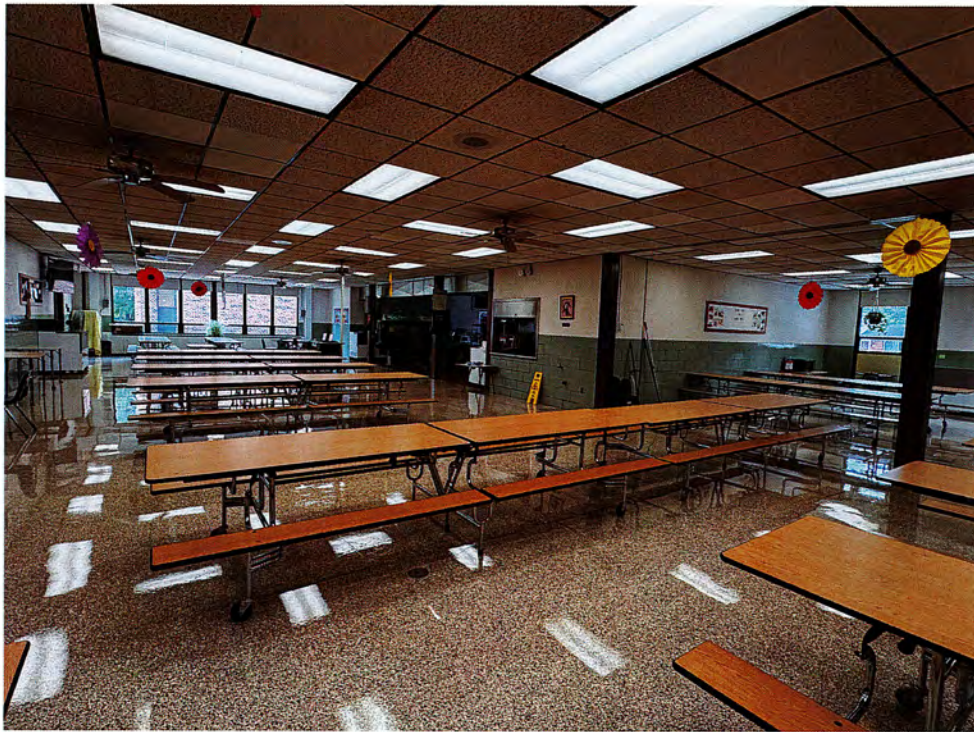
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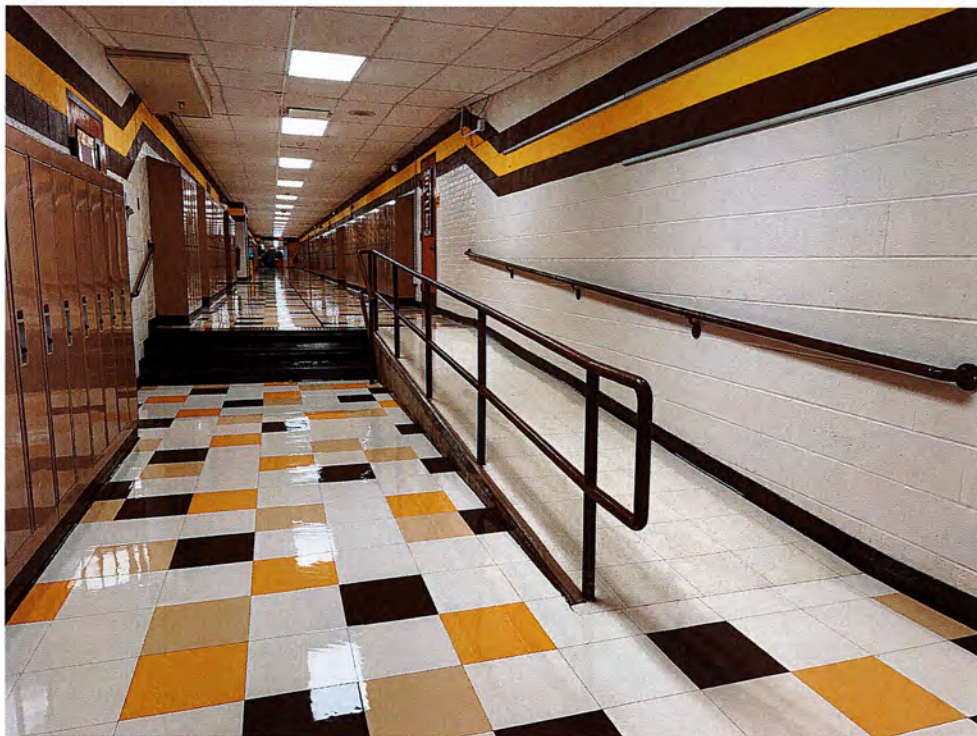
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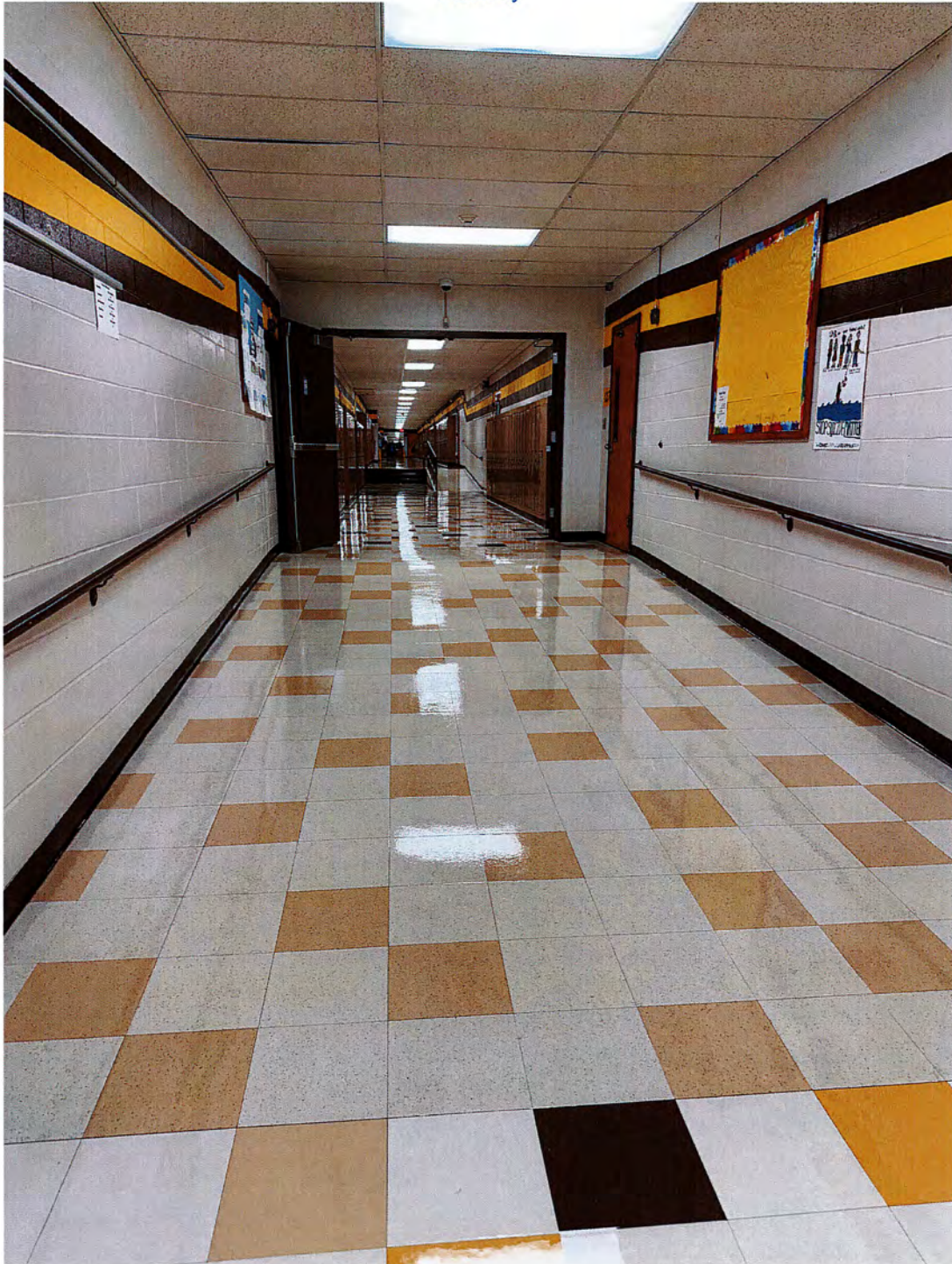
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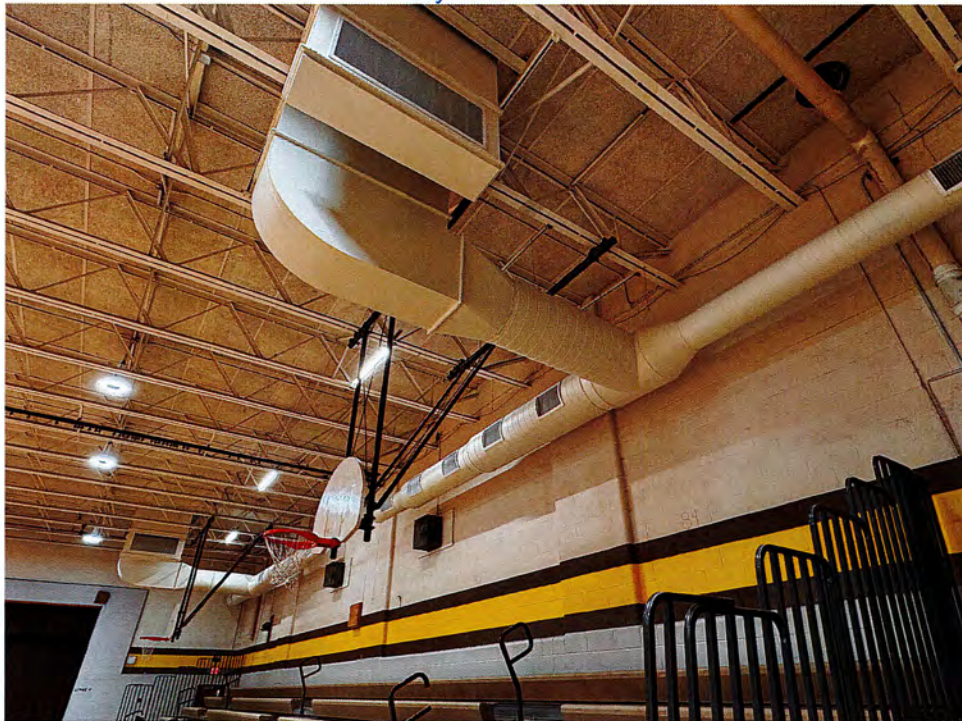
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Hallway



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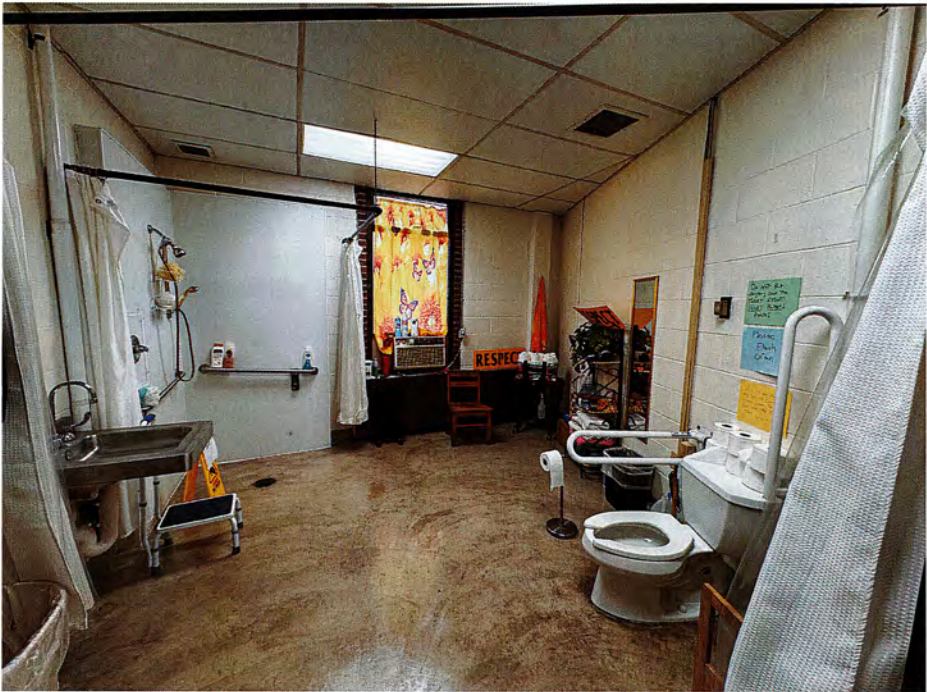
Classroom



Elevator



ADA Bathroom



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Telehealth



JACKSON MIDDLE SCHOOL



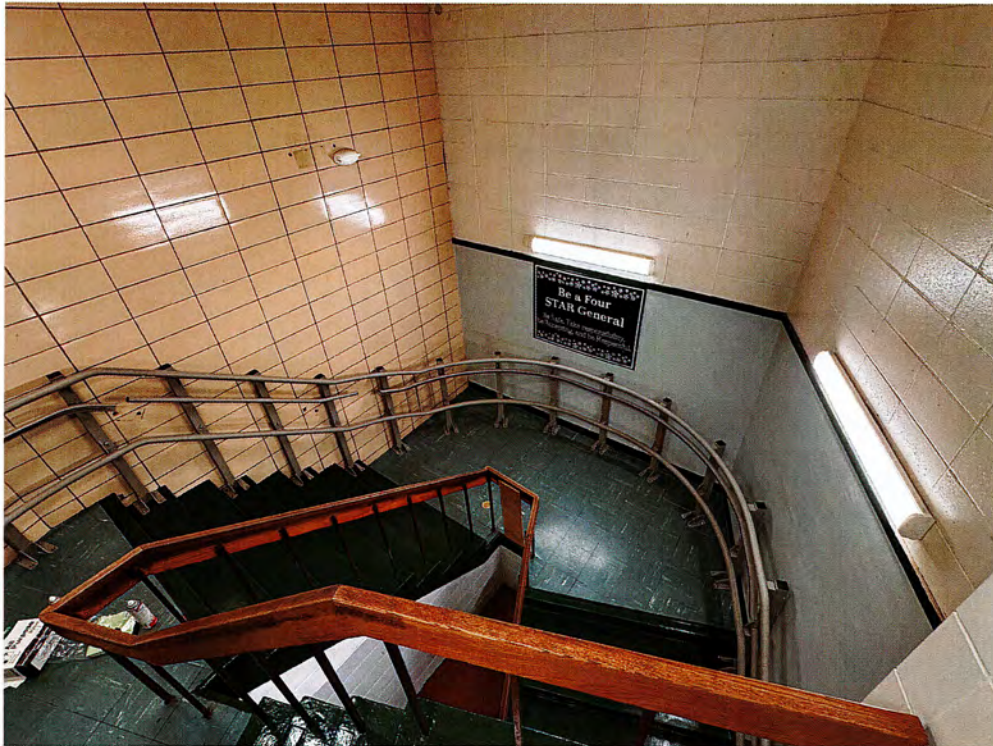
Entrance



Courtyard



ADA Compliant Stairwell



Hallway



Classroom



Classroom



Gymnasium



Cafeteria



School Building Authority of West Virginia
SBA Form 134 Data Collection Form
Campus Information Sheet

Full AE Firm Name
County Name
Campus Name
Campus Type
School Code

Original Construction Yr.
Assessment Date
Current Enrollment



Pavements				Notes	Message
System	Material	Year Installed if different from Building	Condition	SF	
Pedestrian Pavements	Concrete	3 - Average	3 - Average	15,159	
Site Pavements - Parking	Concrete	2005	3 - Average	22,956	

Insert Photo Here

Permanent Buildings							
Record	Building Name	Predominant Building Type	Include building in Assessment	Year Built	Located in Floodplain or Floodway?	GSF	# Floors (incl. Bsmt)
1	North Zone	Classroom	Y	1955	No	76,753	3
2							
3							
4							
5							
6							
7							
8							
9							
10							
Total GSF:						76,753	

Portable Buildings		
Record	Building Name	Year Installed
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		
6		
7		
8		

9				
10				
Total GSF:				

Overview of Findings				
Various window and sills need repairs or replaced.				
Masonry cracking and settling throughout building.				
Roof system in 2019 was updated with seam repairs.				
Various Ceiling Systems need to be reviewed throughout due to leaking.				
Mechanical systems should be schedule to be replaced in the near future, but in working condition.				

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 SBA Form 134 Data Collection Form
 Building Information Sheet

Building Gross Square Feet	North Zone	Year Built	1955	# Floors (Incl. Bsmnt)	3
	76,753	Basement (Y/N)	Y		

Year Installed if different from Building

29 of 29 systems have been evaluated

System	Material	Count	Year Installed if different from Building	Condition	Notes
Electrical - Branch Wiring				3 - Average	
Electrical - Lighting	Fluorescent		1980	3 - Average	
Electrical - Emergency Lighting and Exit Signs				3 - Average	
Electrical - Service and Distribution				3 - Average	
Equipment & Furnishings - Institutional Equipment	Includes Commercial			3 - Average	
Exterior Enclosure - Exterior Windows	Single Pane, Fixed, All frame types			3 - Average	3 windows need Repairs
Fire Protection - Fire Alarm & Detection				3 - Average	fire doors don't close
HVAC - Distribution System				3 - Average	
HVAC - Heat Generating Systems			1980	3 - Average	2 New Boilers installed 2010
HVAC - Cooling Generating Systems				3 - Average	4 window units at cafeteria with issues
HVAC - Controls and Instrumentation				3 - Average	
Interior Construction - Interior Doors	Solid Core Wood			3 - Average	
Interior Construction - Specialties and Casework				3 - Average	
Interior Finishes - Ceiling Finishes	Exposed Vinyl Composition Tile			3 - Average	
Interior Finishes - Floor Finishes				3 - Average	
Interior Finishes - Gymnasium Floor Finishes				3 - Average	
Interior Finishes - Wall Finishes	Painted CMU			3 - Average	
Plumbing - Domestic Water Distribution				3 - Average	
Plumbing - Fixtures	Manual			3 - Average	
Plumbing - Rain Water Drainage				3 - Average	
Plumbing - Sanitary Sewer				3 - Average	
Roofing - Roof Coverings	Membrane, Ballasted		1990	3 - Average	Full Roof Replacement System Designed and Only Edge Repairs complete 2019

Security System				3 - Average	cameras sufficient
Technology Infrastructure				2005 3 - Average	

School Building Authority of West Virginia
SBA Form 134 Data Collection Form
Facility General Information Sheet

1 - Facility General Information Worksheet

LEA ID:	096406	Assessment Date:	08/14/19
County:	Wood	Total Gross Square Feet:	76,753
Facility Name:	Van Devender Middle School	Original Year of Construction:	1955

Energy Indexes

(List the total amount of each fuel source used for one year)

Source (Units)	Consumption per Year	Conversion (BTU/Unit)	Total BTU
Electric (Kilowatt-Hrs)	654,240	3,412	2,232,358,474
Natural Gas (MCF) --OR--		1,037,000	-
Natural Gas (Decotherms)	3,855	1,000,000	3,855,000,000
Coal (Tons)		24,000,000	-
#2 Fuel Oil (Gallons)		138,874	-
Propane (Pounds)		21,600	-
Used Oil (Gallons)		125,000	-
Wood Chips (Tons)		16,500,000	-
Other (specify)			
Amount:			
Units:			

Total BTU: 6,087,358,474
Energy Utilization Index (EUI): 79,311

Worksheet Links:

**School Building Authority of West Virginia
SBA Form 134 Data Collection Form
Site Evaluation Sheet**

LEA ID:	096406	Assessment Date:	08/14/19
County:	Wood	Total Gross Square Feet:	76,753
Facility Name:	Van Devender Middle School	Original Year of Construction:	1955

2 - Site Evaluation Worksheet

Site

City or Rural:
Actual Acres:
Useable Acres:
Site adequate for expansion:
Are public parks/areas adjacent:
% site out of flood plain:
% site in flood plain:

Rural	
8.2	
8.2	
Yes	
No	
100%	
0%	
3-Average	

Site Remarks:
Overall Site Condition:

Drainage

Drainage Remarks:
Overall Drainage Condition:

Parking
Parking Adequately Lit:

3-Average	
Yes	

Adequacy of Parking:

3-Average	
3-Average	

Parking Remarks:
Overall Parking Condition:

Bus Loading

Bus Loading Adequate:

Yes	
3-Average	

Bus Loading Remarks:
Overall Bus loading Condition:

Access Roads

Adequacy of On-Site Access Roads:
Adequacy of Off-Site Access Roads:

3-Average	
3-Average	
3-Average	

Access Roads Remarks:
Overall Access Road Condition:

Playfields/Playcourts

Adequacy of Playfields:
Adequacy of Playcourts:

3-Average	
3-Average	
3-Average	

Playfields/Playcourts Remarks:
Overall Playfield/Playcourts Condition:

Site Utilities

Electrical Services:

Phase:	3
Voltage:	120/208
Amps:	2000
Electric Utility Company:	Mon Power
Main Service Feed into Building:	Underground
Electrical Service Remarks:	
Overall Electrical Service Condition:	3-Average

Fuel Sources:

Natural Gas:	Yes
Coal:	No
Fuel Oils:	No
Propane:	No
Other (Specify):	
Fuel Line Size (inches):	3
Fuel Utility Company:	Dominion Energy of WV
Fuel Sources Remarks:	
Overall Fuel Sources Condition:	3-Average

Water Sources:

Public:	Yes
Well:	No
Water Line Size (inches):	2
Water Utility Company:	Parkersburg Utility Board

Water Sources Remarks:
Overall Water Sources Condition:

3-Average

Sewage Systems:
Public:
Septic:
Other (Specify):
Public Service District (PSD):

Yes
Yes
Parkersburg Utility Board
3-Average

Sewage System Remarks:
Overall Sewage System Condition:

**School Building Authority of West Virginia
SBA Form 134 Data Collection Form
Building Component Evaluation Sheet**

LEA ID:	096406	Assessment Date:	08/14/19
County:	Wood	Total Gross Square Feet:	76,753
Facility Name:	Van Devender Middle School	Original Year of Construction:	1955

3 - Building Component Evaluation Worksheet

Building Structures:

Type:

Load Bearing Masonry	
Building Structures Remarks:	Various Settling Issues that need to be addressed.
Overall Building Structure Condition:	3-Average

Floor Structures:

Steel Joist/Concrete (floor area SF):
Wood Joists (floor area SF):
Slab on Grade (floor area SF):
Other (specify) / Floor area SF:

19,384	
57,369	
3-Average	

Floor Structure Remarks:
Overall Floor Structure Condition:

Roof:

Roof Structure:
Roof Structures Remarks:

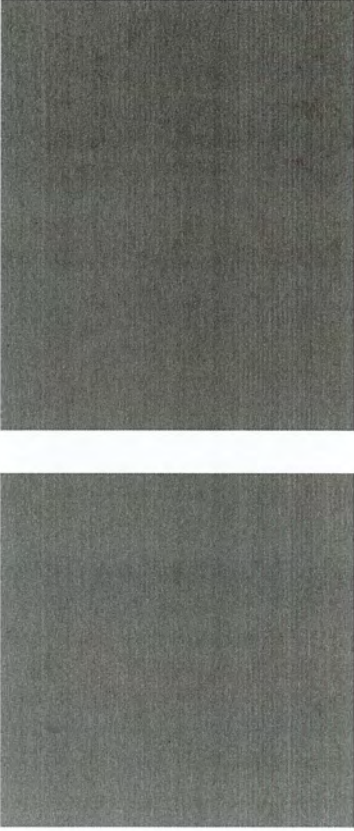
Steel Joists	

Overall Roof Condition:

3-Average

Building Systems:

The systems below are addressed in the FCA data collection tool.



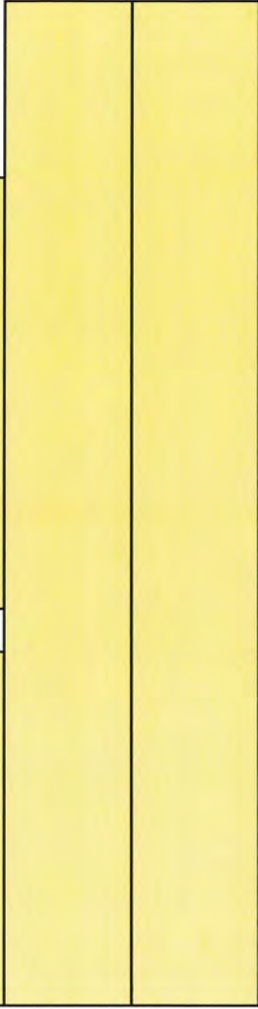
- Roof Coverings
- Wall Finishes
- Ceiling Finishes
- Floor Finishes
- Doors
- Windows
- HVAC
- Electrical
- Fire Alarm

Technology Infrastructure:

- Sufficient Electrical Capacity:
- Power Receptacles Availability:
- ID Network Type (if available):
- Inventory Records Hardware
- Other (specify):

Yes	3-Average
Yes	3-Average
No	
No	

Deficiencies:



Technology Remarks:

Overall Technology Infrastructure Cond

3-Average

Technology Assessment:

- Teacher Training:
- Software Use:

4-Above Average
3-Average

School Building Authority of West Virginia
 SBA Form 134 Data Collection Form
 School Improvement Cost Summary Sheet

LEA ID:	096406	Assessment Date:	08/14/19
County:	Wood	Total Gross Square Feet:	76753
Facility Name:	Van Devender Middle School	Original Year of Construction:	1955
Design Capacity Enrollment:	829		

Please note, the current-year costs shown below are intended to provide a Rough Order of Magnitude (ROM) estimate of costs. While they are appropriate for high-level capital forecasting, they should not be relied upon for determining specific project funding values. Actual project costs will likely deviate from the presented values due to a variety of factors including, but not limited to, hard and soft cost fluctuations and the actual date of construction for the intended project. Therefore, detailed cost estimates are recommended to validate funding requirements prior to obligating funds for facility replacement or renovation.

Improvement Item	Unit	Quantity	Unit Cost	Item Cost	Remarks
1. Site Work					
Land Acquisition	Acres			\$ -	
Excavation/Grade	CUB FT			\$ -	
Drainage	LIN FT			\$ -	
Walks (6 ft wide)	SQ FT			\$ -	
Parking	SQ FT			\$ -	
Bus Loading	SQ FT			\$ -	
Roads	SQ FT			\$ -	
Playing Fields	SQ FT			\$ -	
Other (Describe in 'Remarks')				\$ -	
Other (Describe in 'Remarks')				\$ -	
Other (Describe in 'Remarks')				\$ -	
Sub-Total				\$ -	

Improvement Item	Unit	Quantity	Unit Cost	Item Cost	Remarks
2. Renovations, Exterior					
Wall Structure	SQ FT			\$ -	
Floor Structure	SQ FT			\$ -	
Roof Structure	SQ FT			\$ -	
Wall Facing	SQ FT			\$ -	
Windows	EACH			\$ -	
Doors/Frames	EACH			\$ -	
Roofing	SQ FT	76,753	\$ 20.00	\$ 1,535,060.00	
Coping/Parapet	LIN FT			\$ -	

SQ FT				
LUMP SUM	1	\$ 100,000.00	\$ -	Various Brick Delamination and Window Replacement
Ls	1	\$ 1,250,000.00	\$ 1,250,000.00	Exterior Doors
LS	1	\$ 250,000.00	\$ 250,000.00	

Sub-Total

\$ 3,135,060.00

3. Renovations, Interior

Unit	Quantity	Unit Cost	Item Cost	Remarks
Floor Covering			\$ -	
Patch & Painting			\$ -	
Ceiling Finish			\$ -	
Plumbing			\$ -	
Heating/Ventilating			\$ -	
Air Conditioning			\$ -	
Lighting			\$ -	
Wiring			\$ -	
Fire Alarm			\$ -	
Communication System			\$ -	
Technology			\$ -	
Interior Doors			\$ -	
Other (Describe in 'Remarks')			\$ -	
Other (Describe in 'Remarks')			\$ -	
Other (Describe in 'Remarks')			\$ -	

Sub-Total

\$ -

4. Building Additions Including Furniture, Furnishings & Equipment

Unit	Quantity	Unit Cost	Item Cost	Remarks
Administration (ES, MS, HS)			\$ -	
Student Services (ES, MS, HS)			\$ -	
Kindergarten (ES)			\$ -	
Primary (ES)			\$ -	
Media Center (ES)			\$ -	
Basic (MS, HS)			\$ -	
Reading (MS, HS)			\$ -	
Health Education (MS, HS)			\$ -	
Computer Lab (ES, MS, HS)			\$ -	
Inst. Mat. Center (MS, HS)			\$ -	
Home Economics (MS, HS)			\$ -	
Art (ES, MS, HS)			\$ -	
Ind. Technology (MS, HS)			\$ -	
Music (ES, MS, HS)			\$ -	

Physical Education (MS, HS)	SQ FT				\$ -	
Auditorium (MS, HS)	SQ FT				\$ -	
Special Education (ES, MS, HS)	SQ FT				\$ -	
Multi-Purpose (ES)	SQ FT				\$ -	
Kitchen (ES, MS, HS)	SQ FT				\$ -	
Dining (MS, HS)	SQ FT				\$ -	
Business Education (MS)	SQ FT				\$ -	
Co-Op Education (MS)	SQ FT				\$ -	
Drivers Education (MS)	SQ FT				\$ -	
Staff/Faculty (ES, MS, HS)	SQ FT				\$ -	
Toilets/Fixtures (ES, MS, HS)	SQ FT				\$ -	
Storage General (ES, MS, HS)	SQ FT				\$ -	
Storage Instructional (ES, MS, HS)	SQ FT				\$ -	
Custodial (ES, MS, HS)	SQ FT				\$ -	
Mechanical (MS, HS)	SQ FT				\$ -	
Other (Describe in 'Remarks')	Sq Ft	750	\$ 302.00		\$ 226,500.00	Safe School Entrance
Other (Describe in 'Remarks')					\$ -	
Other (Describe in 'Remarks')					\$ -	
Subtotal of Building Additions (SQ FT)		750				
Circulation	30%	225			\$ -	
Sub-Total					\$ 226,500.00	

5. Special Construction	Unit	Quantity	Unit Cost	Item Cost	Remarks
Elevator	EACH			\$ -	
Sprinkler Systems	SQ FT			\$ -	
Kitchen Equipment	ALL			\$ -	
Waste Treatment	EACH			\$ -	
Other (Describe in 'Remarks')				\$ -	
Other (Describe in 'Remarks')				\$ -	
Other (Describe in 'Remarks')				\$ -	
Sub-Total				\$ -	

6. Other Special Costs	Quantity	Unit Cost	Item Cost	Remarks
			\$ -	
			\$ -	
			\$ -	
Sub-Total			\$ -	
Sub-Total of Items 1 through 6			\$ 3,361,560.00	

7. Architectural/Engineering Fees

	%	Quantity
New Construction Renovations	7.0%	\$ 3,361,560.00

Item Cost	Remarks
\$ -	
\$ 235,309.20	
\$ 235,309.20	

Sub-Total

8. Miscellaneous

Unit	Quantity	Unit Cost
EACH		
EACH		
Other (Describe in 'Remarks')		
Other (Describe in 'Remarks')		
Other (Describe in 'Remarks')		

Item Cost	Remarks
\$ -	
\$ -	
\$ -	
\$ -	
\$ -	
\$ -	

Sub-Total

9. Contingencies

%	Quantity
6.0%	\$ 3,361,560.00

Item Cost	Remarks
\$ -	
\$ 201,693.60	
\$ 201,693.60	

Sub-Total

Grand Total Project Cost	\$ 3,798,562.80
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Worksheet Links:

- [Campus Information](#)
- [Building 1](#)
- [Building 2](#)
- [Building 3](#)
- [Building 4](#)

Reference Data from Prior Sheets (for WVDE Use Only):	
Energy Utilization Index:	79,311
Current Enrollment:	360
Program Capacity:	829
Utilization Calculation:	43%
Building(s) in Floodplain/Floodway:	0

School Building Authority of West Virginia
 SBA Form 134 Data Collection Form
 Campus Information Sheet

Full AE Firm Name
 County Name
 Campus Name
 Campus Type
 School Code

Original Construction Yr.
 Assessment Date
 Current Enrollment

School Photo



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Pavements						
System	Material	Year installed if different from Building	Condition	SF	Notes	Message
Pedestrian Pavements	Concrete	1991 3 - Average	28,532	Gravel for Field Track not included		
Site Pavements - Parking	Asphalt	2010 3 - Average	41,251			

Permanent Buildings									
Record Building Name	Predominant Building Type	Include building in Assessment	Year Built	Located in Floodplain or Floodway?	GSF	Basement (Y/N)	# Floors (incl. Bsmt)	Message	
1 North Zone	Classroom	Y	1957	No	77,745	Y	3		
2 Storage Building	Other	N	1975	No	525	N	1		
3 Lawn Building	Other	N	1991	No	650	N	1		
4 Field House Building	Field House	N	1995	No	1,450	N	2		
5 Field House Storage	Field House	N	1995	No	2,525	N	1		
6 Concessions Building	Field House	N	2000	No	450	N	1		
7 Concessions Storage Building	Field House	N	2000	No	400	N	1		
8									
9									
10									
Total GSF:						83,745			

Portable Buildings			
Record Building Name	Year Installed	GSF	Message
1			
2			
3			
4			
5			
6			
7			
8			

9			
10			
Total GSF:			

Overview of Findings
Existing hallway flooring throughout needs to be assessed for shrinkage and future replacement
Concrete Stairs meant for upper level egress requires immediate repair for fire safety.
Sloping sidewalk and retaining wall needs replacement before failure occurs.
Various exterior structural repairs are required as shown in package
New accessible restroom under construction to be completed before fall 2019.

School Building Authority of West Virginia
SBA Form 134 Data Collection Form
Building Information Sheet

Building Gross Square Feet	North Zone	Year Built	1957	# Floors (Incl. Bsmt)	3
	77,745	Basement (Y/N)	Y		

System	Material	Count	Year Installed if different from Building	Condition	Notes
Conveying Systems	Elevator (2) Stops		2010	3 - Average	
Electrical - Branch Wiring				3 - Average	
Electrical - Lighting	Fluorescent		1990	3 - Average	
Electrical - Emergency Lighting and Exit Signs			1985	3 - Average	
Electrical - Service and Distribution			1972	3 - Average	
Equipment & Furnishings - Institutional Equipment	Includes Commercial		2010	3 - Average	
Exterior Enclosure - Exterior Doors	Metal		1995	3 - Average	Some Doors need more efficient flashing over door
Exterior Enclosure - Exterior Wall Finishes	Masonry			3 - Average	Structural Issues identified and photographed
Exterior Enclosure - Exterior Windows	Single Pane, Fixed, All frame types			3 - Average	
Fire Protection - Fire Alarm & Detection			2005	3 - Average	
Fire Protection - Sprinklers and Standpipes				Not Present	
HVAC - Terminal & Package Units				Not Present	
HVAC - Distribution System				3 - Average	
HVAC - Heat Generating Systems			1972	3 - Average	Boiler issues with heat source. the alarm trips and forces to manual reset
HVAC - Cooling Generating Systems			1985	3 - Average	
HVAC - Controls and Instrumentation			1985	3 - Average	
Interior Construction - Interior Doors	Solid Core Wood			3 - Average	
Interior Construction - Specialties and Casework				3 - Average	
Interior Finishes - Ceiling Finishes	Acoustical Tile		2005	3 - Average	
Interior Finishes - Floor Finishes	Vinyl Composition Tile		1995	3 - Average	Various Tile shrinking and gilled in hallways
Interior Finishes - Gymnasium Floor Finishes				3 - Average	
Interior Finishes - Wall Finishes	Painted CMU			3 - Average	

29 of 29 systems have been evaluated

Plumbing - Domestic Water Distribution					3 - Average	
Plumbing - Fixtures	Manual				3 - Average	
Plumbing - Rain Water Drainage					3 - Average	
Plumbing - Sanitary Sewer					3 - Average	
Roofing - Roof Coverings	Membrane, Direct Glue			2010	3 - Average	
Security System				2000	3 - Average	
Technology Infrastructure				2010	3 - Average	Issues with Cooling

**School Building Authority of West Virginia
SBA Form 134 Data Collection Form
Facility General Information Sheet**

1 - Facility General Information Worksheet

LEA ID:	096405	Assessment Date:	06/21/19
County:	Wood	Total Gross Square Feet:	83,745
Facility Name:	Jackson Middle School	Original Year of Construction:	1957

Energy Indexes

(List the total amount of each fuel source used for one year)

Source (Units)	Consumption per Year	Conversion (BTU/Unit)	Total BTU
Electric (Kilowatt-Hrs)	479,148	3,412	1,634,920,057
Natural Gas (MCF) --OR--		1,037,000	-
Natural Gas (Decootherms)	3,400	1,000,000	3,400,000,000
Coal (Tons)		24,000,000	-
#2 Fuel Oil (Gallons)		138,874	-
Propane (Pounds)		21,600	-
Used Oil (Gallons)		125,000	-
Wood Chips (Tons)		16,500,000	-
Other (specify)			
Amount:			
Units:			

Total BTU: 5,034,920,057
Energy Utilization Index (EUI): 60,122

Worksheet Links:

**School Building Authority of West Virginia
SBA Form 134 Data Collection Form
Site Evaluation Sheet**

LEA ID:	096405	Assessment Date:	06/21/19
County:	Wood	Total Gross Square Feet:	83,745
Facility Name:	Jackson Middle School	Original Year of Construction:	1957

2 - Site Evaluation Worksheet

Site

City or Rural:	City
Actual Acres:	25.8
Useable Acres:	25.8
Site adequate for expansion:	Yes
Are public parks/areas adjacent:	Yes
% site out of flood plain:	100%
% site in flood plain:	0%
Site Remarks:	
Overall Site Condition:	3-Average

Drainage

Drainage Remarks:	Football Field has poor drainage
Overall Drainage Condition:	3-Average

Parking

Parking Adequately Lit:	Yes
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Adequacy of Parking:

3-Average
3-Average

Parking Remarks:
Overall Parking Condition:

Bus Loading

Bus Loading Adequate:

Yes
3-Average

Bus Loading Remarks:
Overall Bus loading Condition:

Access Roads

Adequacy of On-Site Access Roads:
Adequacy of Off-Site Access Roads:

3-Average
3-Average
3-Average

Access Roads Remarks:
Overall Access Road Condition:

Playfields/Playcourts

Adequacy of Playfields:
Adequacy of Playcourts:

3-Average
3-Average
3-Average

Playfields/Playcourts Remarks:
Overall Playfield/Playcourts Condition:

Site Utilities

Electrical Services:

Phase:	3
Voltage:	208/120
Amps:	2000

Electric Utility Company:

Main Service Feed into Building:

Mon Power
Underground

Electrical Service Remarks:

Overall Electrical Service Condition:

Total 5 Meters: 2 Meters used for Main Building Calculation and Other 3 Meters for Exterior Lighting and Sports Complex. 3-Average

Fuel Sources:

Natural Gas:

Coal:

Fuel Oils:

Propane:

Other (Specify):

Fuel Line Size (inches):

Fuel Utility Company:

Yes
No
No
No
3

Dominon Energy of WV

Fuel Sources Remarks:

Overall Fuel Sources Condition:

3-Average

Water Sources:

Public:

Well:

Water Line Size (inches):

Water Utility Company:

Yes
No
3
City of Vienna

Water Sources Remarks:
Overall Water Sources Condition:

Total 3 Meters: 1 for Main Building, and other 2 for Sports Complex
3-Average

Sewage Systems:
Public:
Septic:
Other (Specify):
Public Service District (PSD):

Yes
Yes
City of Vienna
3-Average

Sewage System Remarks:
Overall Sewage System Condition:

**School Building Authority of West Virginia
SBA Form 134 Data Collection Form
Building Component Evaluation Sheet**

LEA ID:	096405	Assessment Date:	06/21/19
County:	Wood	Total Gross Square Feet:	83,745
Facility Name:	Jackson Middle School	Original Year of Construction:	1957

3 - Building Component Evaluation Worksheet

Building Structures:

Type:

Load Bearing Masonry	
Minor issues with Structure. Noted in Cost Sheet.	
3-Average	

Building Structures Remarks:

Overall Building Structure Condition:

Floor Structures:

Steel Joist/Concrete (floor area SF):

Wood Joists (floor area SF):

Slab on Grade (floor area SF):

Other (specify) / Floor area SF:

15,376	
62,378	
3-Average	

Floor Structure Remarks:

Overall Floor Structure Condition:

Roof:

Roof Structure:

Steel Joists	
Roof Structures Remarks:	

Overall Roof Condition:

3-Average

Building Systems:

The systems below are addressed in the FCA data collection tool.



- Roof Coverings
- Wall Finishes
- Ceiling Finishes
- Floor Finishes
- Doors
- Windows
- HVAC
- Electrical
- Fire Alarm

Technology Infrastructure:

- Sufficient Electrical Capacity:
- Power Receptacles Availability:
- ID Network Type (if available):
- Inventory Records Hardware
- Other (specify):

Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes

Deficiencies:

None Provided

Technology Remarks:

Overall Technology Infrastructure Cond

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3-Average

Technology Assessment:

- Teacher Training:
- Software Use:

3-Average
3-Average

Purchasing Practices:
Network Administration:
Inventory Records
Other (specify):

3-Average
3-Average
3-Average
None Provided
3-Average

Deficiencies:

Technology Remarks:
Overall Technology Condition:

School Access Safety Audit:

Planning:
Deterrence:
Detection:
Delay:
Communication:
Evacuation:

4-Above Average
3-Average
3-Average
2-Below Average
3-Average
3-Average
3-Average

Safety Remarks:
Overall Access Safety Condition:

School Building Authority of West Virginia
 SBA Form 134 Data Collection Form
 School Improvement Cost Summary Sheet

LEA ID:	096405	Assessment Date:	06/21/19
County:	Wood	Total Gross Square Feet:	83745
Facility Name:	Jackson Middle School	Original Year of Construction:	1957
Design Capacity Enrollment:	855		

Please note, the current-year costs shown below are intended to provide a Rough Order of Magnitude (ROM) estimate of costs. While they are appropriate for high-level capital forecasting, they should not be relied upon for determining specific project funding values. Actual project costs will likely deviate from the presented values due to a variety of factors including, but not limited to, hard and soft cost fluctuations and the actual date of construction for the intended project. Therefore, detailed cost estimates are recommended to validate funding requirements prior to obligating funds for facility replacement or renovation.

Improvement Item	Unit	Quantity	Unit Cost	Item Cost	Remarks
1. Site Work					
Land Acquisition	Acres			\$ -	
Excavation/Grade	CUB FT			\$ -	
Drainage	LIN FT			\$ -	
Walks (6 ft wide)	SQ FT			\$ -	
Parking	SQ FT			\$ -	
Bus Loading	SQ FT			\$ -	
Roads	SQ FT			\$ -	
Playing Fields	SQ FT			\$ -	
Other (Describe in 'Remarks')				\$ -	
Other (Describe in 'Remarks')				\$ -	
Other (Describe in 'Remarks')				\$ -	
Sub-Total				\$ -	

Improvement Item	Unit	Quantity	Unit Cost	Item Cost	Remarks
2. Renovations, Exterior					
Wall Structure	SQ FT			\$ -	
Floor Structure	SQ FT			\$ -	
Roof Structure	SQ FT			\$ -	
Wall Facing	SQ FT			\$ -	
Windows	EACH	25	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 62,500.00	
Doors/Frames	EACH	5	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 17,500.00	
Roofing	SQ FT			\$ -	

LIN FT		\$ -	
SQ FT		\$ -	
	1	\$ 75,000.00	egress exit door 21 stairs demo and replace
		\$ -	
		\$ -	

Sub-Total		\$ 155,000.00	
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3. Renovations, Interior			
Floor Covering		\$ -	
Patch & Painting		\$ -	
Ceiling Finish		\$ -	
Plumbing		\$ -	
Heating/Ventilating		\$ -	
Air Conditioning	35,000	\$ 1,050,000.00	Partial AC
Lighting		\$ -	
Wiring		\$ -	
Fire Alarm		\$ -	
Communication System		\$ -	
Technology		\$ -	
Interior Doors		\$ -	
Other (Describe in 'Remarks')		\$ -	
Other (Describe in 'Remarks')		\$ -	
Other (Describe in 'Remarks')		\$ -	

Sub-Total		\$ 1,050,000.00	
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4. Building Additions Including Furniture, Furnishings & Equipment			
Administration (ES, MS, HS)		\$ -	
Student Services (ES, MS, HS)		\$ -	
Kindergarten (ES)		\$ -	
Primary (ES)		\$ -	
Media Center (ES)		\$ -	
Basic (MS, HS)		\$ -	
Reading (MS, HS)		\$ -	
Health Education (MS, HS)		\$ -	
Computer Lab (ES, MS, HS)		\$ -	
Inst. Mat. Center (MS, HS)		\$ -	
Home Economics (MS, HS)		\$ -	

Sub-Total		\$ 1,050,000.00	
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Art (ES, MS, HS)	SQ FT				\$ -
Ind. Technology (MS, HS)	SQ FT				\$ -
Music (ES, MS, HS)	SQ FT				\$ -
Physical Education (MS, HS)	SQ FT				\$ -
Auditorium (MS, HS)	SQ FT				\$ -
Special Education (ES, MS, HS)	SQ FT				\$ -
Multi-Purpose (ES)	SQ FT				\$ -
Kitchen (ES, MS, HS)	SQ FT				\$ -
Dining (MS, HS)	SQ FT				\$ -
Business Education (MS)	SQ FT				\$ -
Co-Op Education (MS)	SQ FT				\$ -
Drivers Education (MS)	SQ FT				\$ -
Staff/Faculty (ES, MS, HS)	SQ FT				\$ -
Toilets/Fixtures (ES, MS, HS)	SQ FT				\$ -
Storage General (ES, MS, HS)	SQ FT				\$ -
Storage Instructional (ES, MS, HS)	SQ FT				\$ -
Custodial (ES, MS, HS)	SQ FT				\$ -
Mechanical (MS, HS)	SQ FT				\$ -
Other (Describe in 'Remarks')	SQ FT	900	\$ 302.00	\$ 271,800.00	
Other (Describe in 'Remarks')	LS	1	\$ 3,925,000.00	\$ 3,925,000.00	
Other (Describe in 'Remarks')				\$ -	
Subtotal of Building Additions (SQ FT)		901			
Circulation	30%	270.3	\$ 302.00	\$ 81,630.60	

Sub-Total \$ 4,278,430.60

5. Special Construction						
Elevator	Unit	Quantity	Unit Cost	Item Cost	Remarks	
	EACH			\$ -		
Sprinkler Systems	SQ FT	83,745	\$ 7.00	\$ 586,215.00		
Kitchen Equipment	ALL			\$ -		
Waste Treatment	EACH			\$ -		
Other (Describe in 'Remarks')				\$ -		
Other (Describe in 'Remarks')				\$ -		
Other (Describe in 'Remarks')				\$ -		
Sub-Total				\$ 586,215.00		

6. Other Special Costs					
	Unit	Quantity	Unit Cost	Item Cost	Remarks
				\$ -	
				\$ -	

	\$ -
Sub-Total	\$ -
Sub-Total of Items 1 through 6	\$ 6,069,645.60

	%	Quantity	Item Cost	Remarks
7. Architectural/Engineering Fees				
New Construction			\$ -	
Renovations	7.0%	\$ 6,069,645.60	\$ 424,875.19	
Sub-Total			\$ 424,875.19	

	Unit	Quantity	Unit Cost	Item Cost	Remarks
8. Miscellaneous					
Survey	EACH			\$ -	
Soil Inv.	EACH			\$ -	
Other (Describe in 'Remarks')				\$ -	
Other (Describe in 'Remarks')				\$ -	
Other (Describe in 'Remarks')				\$ -	
Sub-Total				\$ -	

	%	Quantity	Item Cost	Remarks
9. Contingencies				
New Construction			\$ -	
Renovations	6.0%	\$ 6,069,645.60	\$ 364,178.74	
Sub-Total			\$ 364,178.74	

Grand Total Project Cost \$ 6,858,699.53

Worksheet Links:	
Campus Information	
Building 1	60,122
Building 2	456
Building 3	855
Building 4	53%
	0

Reference Data from Prior Sheets (for WVDE Use Only):	
Energy Utilization Index:	60,122
Current Enrollment:	456
Program Capacity:	855
Utilization Calculation:	53%
Building(s) in Floodplain/Floodway:	0

School Building Authority of West Virginia
SBA Form 134 Data Collection Form
Campus Information Sheet

Full AE Firm Name
County Name
Campus Name
Campus Type
School Code

Pickering Associates
Wood
Hamilton Middle School
Middle School
096404

Original Construction Yr. 1955
Assessment Date 07/23/19
Current Enrollment 497

School Photo



Insert Photo Here

Pavements			
System	Material	Year Installed if different from Building	Condition
Pedestrian Pavements	Concrete	3 - Average	15,682
Site Pavements - Parking	Asphalt	1973 3 - Average	30,056
Notes			Message

Permanent Buildings									
Record Building Name	Predominant Building Type	Include building in Assessment	Year Built	Located in Floodplain or Floodway?	GSF	Basement (Y/N)	# Floors (incl. Bsmt)	Message	
1 North Zone	Classroom	Y	1955	No	72,832	N	2		
2 Music Building	Other	Y	1973	No	1,742	N	1		
3									
4									
5									
6									
7									
8									
9									
10									
Total GSF:						74,574			

Portable Buildings			
Record Building Name	Year Installed	GSF	Message
1 Storage Building	1995	175	
2 Storage Building	1995	130	
3 Freezer Storage	2000	130	
4			
5			
6			
7			
8			

9			
10			
Total GSF:			435

Overview of Findings
New membrane roof system installed in 2018.
Glazing system in poor condition and needing several replacements
Structural Repairs over gymnasium windows repaired in 2018
New Boiler system and insulation for lines installed in 2017
Fire Alarm System needing upgrade and speakers replaced.
New Exterior LED lighting scheduled full replacement in 2019
New Water line relocated from front to rear of building in 2017.

School Building Authority of West Virginia
SBA Form 134 Data Collection Form
Building Information Sheet

Building Gross Square Feet	Music Building	Year Built Basement (Y/N)	1973	# Floors (Incl. Bsm't)	1
	1,742		N		

System	Material	Count	Year Installed if different from Building	Condition	Notes
Conveying Systems				Not Present	
Electrical - Branch Wiring				3 - Average	
Electrical - Lighting	Fluorescent			3 - Average	
Electrical - Emergency Lighting and Exit Signs				3 - Average	
Electrical - Service and Distribution				3 - Average	
Equipment & Furnishings - Institutional Equipment				Not Present	
Exterior Enclosure - Exterior Doors	Metal			2 - Below Average	Replace Band Door
Exterior Enclosure - Exterior Wall Finishes	Masonry Single Pane, Fixed, All frame types			3 - Average	
Exterior Enclosure - Exterior Windows				3 - Average	
Fire Protection - Fire Alarm & Detection				3 - Average	
Fire Protection - Sprinklers and Standpipes				Not Present	
HVAC - Terminal & Package Units				Not Present	
HVAC - Distribution System				3 - Average	
HVAC - Heat Generating Systems			1985	3 - Average	
HVAC - Cooling Generating Systems			1985	3 - Average	
HVAC - Controls and Instrumentation				3 - Average	
Interior Construction - Interior Doors	Solid Core Wood			3 - Average	
Interior Construction - Specialties and Casework				3 - Average	
Interior Finishes - Ceiling Finishes	Acoustical Tile			3 - Average	
Interior Finishes - Floor Finishes	Carpet			3 - Average	
Interior Finishes - Gymnasium Floor Finishes				Not Present	
Interior Finishes - Wall Finishes	Painted CMU			3 - Average	
Plumbing - Domestic Water Distribution				3 - Average	
Plumbing - Fixtures	Manual			3 - Average	
Plumbing - Rain Water Drainage				3 - Average	
Plumbing - Sanitary Sewer				3 - Average	
Roofing - Roof Coverings	Membrane		2012	3 - Average	
Security System				3 - Average	
Technology Infrastructure				3 - Average	

29 of 29 systems have been evaluated

School Building Authority of West Virginia
SBA Form 134 Data Collection Form
Building Information Sheet

Building Gross Square Feet	Music Building	Year Built Basement (Y/N)	1973	# Floors (Incl. Bsmt)	1
	1,742		N		

System	Material	Count	Year Installed if different from Building	Condition	Notes
Conveying Systems				Not Present	
Electrical - Branch Wiring				3 - Average	
Electrical - Lighting	Fluorescent			3 - Average	
Electrical - Emergency Lighting and Exit Signs				3 - Average	
Electrical - Service and Distribution				3 - Average	
Equipment & Furnishings - Institutional Equipment				Not Present	
Exterior Enclosure - Exterior Doors	Metal			2 - Below Average	Replace Band Door
Exterior Enclosure - Exterior Wall Finishes	Masonry Single Pane, Fixed, All frame types			3 - Average	
Exterior Enclosure - Exterior Windows				3 - Average	
Fire Protection - Fire Alarm & Detection				3 - Average	
Fire Protection - Sprinklers and Standpipes				Not Present	
HVAC - Terminal & Package Units				Not Present	
HVAC - Distribution System				3 - Average	
HVAC - Heat Generating Systems			1985	3 - Average	
HVAC - Cooling Generating Systems			1985	3 - Average	
HVAC - Controls and Instrumentation				3 - Average	
Interior Construction - Interior Doors	Solid Core Wood			3 - Average	
Interior Construction - Specialties and Casework				3 - Average	
Interior Finishes - Ceiling Finishes	Acoustical Tile			3 - Average	
Interior Finishes - Floor Finishes	Carpet			3 - Average	
Interior Finishes - Gymnasium Floor Finishes				Not Present	
Interior Finishes - Wall Finishes	Painted CMU			3 - Average	
Plumbing - Domestic Water Distribution				3 - Average	
Plumbing - Fixtures	Manual			3 - Average	
Plumbing - Rain Water Drainage				3 - Average	
Plumbing - Sanitary Sewer				3 - Average	
Roofing - Roof Coverings	Membrane		2012	3 - Average	
Security System				3 - Average	
Technology Infrastructure				3 - Average	

29 of 29 systems have been evaluated

School Building Authority of West Virginia
SBA Form 134 Data Collection Form
Facility General Information Sheet

1 - Facility General Information Worksheet

LEA ID:	096404	Assessment Date:	07/23/19
County:	Wood	Total Gross Square Feet:	74,574
Facility Name:	Hamilton Middle School	Original Year of Construction:	1955

Energy Indexes

(List the total amount of each fuel source used for one year)

<u>Source (Units)</u>	<u>Consumption per Year</u>	<u>Conversion (BTU/Unit)</u>	<u>Total BTU</u>
Electric (Kilowatt-Hrs)	515,560	3,412	1,759,162,898
Natural Gas (MCF) --OR--		1,037,000	-
Natural Gas (Decotherms)	2,544	1,000,000	2,544,000,000
Coal (Tons)		24,000,000	-
#2 Fuel Oil (Gallons)		138,874	-
Propane (Pounds)		21,600	-
Used Oil (Gallons)		125,000	-
Wood Chips (Tons)		16,500,000	-
Other (specify)			
Amount:			
Units:			

Total BTU: 4,303,162,898
Energy Utilization Index (EUI): 57,703

Worksheet Links:

**School Building Authority of West Virginia
SBA Form 134 Data Collection Form
Site Evaluation Sheet**

LEA ID:	096404	Assessment Date:	07/23/19
County:	Wood	Total Gross Square Feet:	74,574
Facility Name:	Hamilton Middle School	Original Year of Construction:	1955

2 - Site Evaluation Worksheet

Site

City or Rural:	City
Actual Acres:	9.89
Useable Acres:	9.89
Site adequate for expansion:	Yes
Are public parks/areas adjacent:	No
% site out of flood plain:	100%
% site in flood plain:	0%
Site Remarks:	
Overall Site Condition:	3-Average

Drainage

Drainage Remarks:	storm drain along field failures partially repaired
Overall Drainage Condition:	3-Average

Parking

Parking Adequately Lit:	Yes
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Adequacy of Parking:

3-Average
led lighting 2019 rear then front scheduled 2020 led lighting for events
3-Average

Parking Remarks:

Overall Parking Condition:

Bus Loading

Bus Loading Adequate:

Yes
3-Average

Bus Loading Remarks:

Overall Bus loading Condition:

Access Roads

Adequacy of On-Site Access Roads:

Adequacy of Off-Site Access Roads:

3-Average
3-Average
3-Average

Access Roads Remarks:

Overall Access Road Condition:

Playfields/Playcourts

Adequacy of Playfields:

Adequacy of Playcourts:

3-Average
3-Average
3-Average

Playfields/Playcourts Remarks:

Overall Playfield/Playcourts Condition:

Site Utilities

Electrical Services:

Phase:	3
Voltage:	208/120
Amps:	2000
Electric Utility Company:	Mon Power
Main Service Feed into Building:	Underground
Electrical Service Remarks:	(2) Main feeds into Building
Overall Electrical Service Condition:	3--Average

Fuel Sources:

Natural Gas:	Yes
Coal:	No
Fuel Oils:	No
Propane:	No
Other (Specify):	
Fuel Line Size (inches):	3
Fuel Utility Company:	Dominion Energy of WV
Fuel Sources Remarks:	
Overall Fuel Sources Condition:	3--Average

Water Sources:

Public:	Yes
Well:	No
Water Line Size (inches):	4
Water Utility Company:	Parkersburg Utility Board

Water Sources Remarks:
Overall Water Sources Condition:

New Water line installed into rear of building at Boiler room
4-Above Average

Sewage Systems:

Public:
Septic:
Other (Specify):
Public Service District (PSD):

Yes
No
Parkersburg Utility Board
3-Average

Sewage System Remarks:
Overall Sewage System Condition:

School Building Authority of West Virginia
SBA Form 134 Data Collection Form
Building Component Evaluation Sheet

LEA ID:	096404	Assessment Date:	07/23/19
County:	Wood	Total Gross Square Feet:	74,574
Facility Name:	Hamilton Middle School	Original Year of Construction:	1955

3 - Building Component Evaluation Worksheet

Building Structures:

Type:	Load Bearing Masonry
Building Structures Remarks:	
Overall Building Structure Condition:	3-Average

Floor Structures:

Steel Joist/Concrete (floor area SF):	11,369
Wood Joists (floor area SF):	
Slab on Grade (floor area SF):	61,463
Other (specify) / Floor area SF:	
Floor Structure Remarks:	
Overall Floor Structure Condition:	3-Average

Roof:

Roof Structure:	Steel Joists
Floor Structure Remarks:	
Roof Structures Remarks:	

Overall Roof Condition:

3-Average

Building Systems:

The systems below are addressed in the FCA data collection tool.



- Roof Coverings
- Wall Finishes
- Ceiling Finishes
- Floor Finishes
- Doors
- Windows
- HVAC
- Electrical
- Fire Alarm

Technology Infrastructure:

- Sufficient Electrical Capacity:
- Power Receptacles Availability:
- ID Network Type (if available):
- Inventory Records Hardware
- Other (specify):

Yes	3-Average
Yes	3-Average
No	3-Average
Yes	3-Average

Deficiencies:

Technology Remarks:

Overall Technology Infrastructure Cond

3-Average

Technology Assessment:

- Teacher Training:
- Software Use:

3-Average
3-Average

Purchasing Practices:

3-Average
3-Average
3-Average

Network Administration:

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Inventory Records

Other (specify):

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Deficiencies:

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Technology Remarks:

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Overall Technology Condition:

3-Average

School Access Safety Audit:

Planning:

3-Average

Deterrence:

3-Average

Detection:

3-Average

Delay:

2-Below Average

Communication:

3-Average

Evacuation:

3-Average

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Safety Remarks:

Overall Access Safety Condition:

3-Average

School Building Authority of West Virginia
 SBA Form 134 Data Collection Form
 School Improvement Cost Summary Sheet

LEA ID:	096404	Assessment Date:	07/23/19
County:	Wood	Total Gross Square Feet:	74574
Facility Name:	Hamilton Middle School	Original Year of Construction:	1955
Design Capacity Enrollment:	883		

Please note, the current-year costs shown below are intended to provide a Rough Order of Magnitude (ROM) estimate of costs. While they are appropriate for high-level capital forecasting, they should not be relied upon for determining specific project funding values. Actual project costs will likely deviate from the presented values due to a variety of factors including, but not limited to, hard and soft cost fluctuations and the actual date of construction for the intended project. Therefore, detailed cost estimates are recommended to validate funding requirements prior to obligating funds for facility replacement or renovation.

Improvement Item	Unit	Quantity	Unit Cost	Item Cost	Remarks
1. Site Work					
Land Acquisition	Acres			\$ -	
Excavation/Grade	CUB FT			\$ -	
Drainage	LIN FT			\$ -	
Walks (6 ft wide)	SQ FT			\$ -	
Parking	SQ FT			\$ -	
Bus Loading	SQ FT			\$ -	
Roads	SQ FT			\$ -	
Playing Fields	SQ FT			\$ -	
Other (Describe in 'Remarks')				\$ -	
Other (Describe in 'Remarks')				\$ -	
Other (Describe in 'Remarks')				\$ -	
Sub-Total				\$ -	

Improvement Item	Unit	Quantity	Unit Cost	Item Cost	Remarks
2. Renovations, Exterior					
Wall Structure	SQ FT			\$ -	
Floor Structure	SQ FT			\$ -	
Roof Structure	SQ FT			\$ -	
Wall Facing	SQ FT			\$ -	
Windows	EACH			\$ -	

Doors/Frames	EACH	3	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 7,500.00	
Roofing	SQ FT			-	
Coping/Parapet	LIN FT			-	
Painting	SQ FT			-	
Other (Describe in 'Remarks')	LS	1	\$ 750,000.00	750,000.00	Window Replacement
Other (Describe in 'Remarks')				-	
Other (Describe in 'Remarks')				-	

Sub-Total \$ 757,500.00

3. Renovations, Interior

Floor Covering	SQ FT			-	
Patch & Painting	SQ FT			-	
Ceiling Finish	SQ FT			-	
Plumbing	SQ FT			-	
Heating/Ventilating	SQ FT	72,932	\$ 40.00	2,917,280.00	HVAC
Air Conditioning	SQ FT			-	
Lighting	SQ FT			-	
Wiring	SQ FT			-	
Fire Alarm	SQ FT	74,574	\$ 7.00	522,018.00	
Communication System	SQ FT			-	
Technology				-	
Interior Doors				-	
Other (Describe in 'Remarks')				-	
Other (Describe in 'Remarks')				-	
Other (Describe in 'Remarks')				-	

Sub-Total \$ 3,439,298.00

4. Building Additions Including Furniture,

Furnishings & Equipment					
Administration (ES, MS, HS)	SQ FT			-	
Student Services (ES, MS, HS)	SQ FT			-	
Kindergarten (ES)	SQ FT			-	
Primary (ES)	SQ FT			-	
Media Center (ES)	SQ FT			-	
Basic (MS, HS)	SQ FT			-	
Reading (MS, HS)	SQ FT			-	

Sub-Total \$ -

Health Education (MS, HS)	SQ FT				\$ -	
Computer Lab (ES, MS, HS)	SQ FT				\$ -	
Inst. Mat. Center (MS, HS)	SQ FT				\$ -	
Home Economics (MS, HS)	SQ FT				\$ -	
Art (ES, MS, HS)	SQ FT				\$ -	
Ind. Technology (MS, HS)	SQ FT				\$ -	
Music (ES, MS, HS)	SQ FT				\$ -	
Physical Education (MS, HS)	SQ FT				\$ -	
Auditorium (MS, HS)	SQ FT				\$ -	
Special Education (ES, MS, HS)	SQ FT				\$ -	
Multi-Purpose (ES)	SQ FT				\$ -	
Kitchen (ES, MS, HS)	SQ FT				\$ -	
Dining (MS, HS)	SQ FT				\$ -	
Business Education (MS)	SQ FT				\$ -	
Co-Op Education (MS)	SQ FT				\$ -	
Drivers Education (MS)	SQ FT				\$ -	
Staff/Faculty (ES, MS, HS)	SQ FT				\$ -	
Toilets/Fixtures (ES, MS, HS)	SQ FT				\$ -	
Storage General (ES, MS, HS)	SQ FT				\$ -	
Storage Instructional (ES, MS, HS)	SQ FT				\$ -	
Custodial (ES, MS, HS)	SQ FT				\$ -	
Mechanical (MS, HS)	SQ FT				\$ -	
Other (Describe in 'Remarks')	SQ FT	900	\$ 302.00		\$ 271,800.00	SAFE SCHOOL ENTRANCE
Other (Describe in 'Remarks')	LS	1	\$ 750,000.00		\$ 750,000.00	Connector
Other (Describe in 'Remarks')					\$ -	
Subtotal of Building Additions (SQ FT)		901				
Circulation		270.3	\$ 302.00		\$ 81,630.60	
Sub-Total					\$ 1,103,430.60	

5. Special Construction	Unit	Quantity	Unit Cost	Item Cost	Remarks
Elevator	EACH			\$ -	
Sprinkler Systems	SQ FT			\$ -	
Kitchen Equipment	ALL			\$ -	
Waste Treatment	EACH			\$ -	
Other (Describe in 'Remarks')				\$ -	
Other (Describe in 'Remarks')				\$ -	
Other (Describe in 'Remarks')				\$ -	

Sub-Total

\$ -

6. Other Special Costs

Quantity	Unit Cost

Item Cost	Remarks
\$ -	
\$ -	
\$ -	

Sub-Total

\$ -

Sub-Total of Items 1 through 6

\$ 5,300,228.60

7. Architectural/Engineering Fees

New Construction Renovations

%	Quantity
7.0%	\$ 5,300,228.60

Item Cost	Remarks
\$ -	
\$ 371,016.00	

Sub-Total

\$ 371,016.00

8. Miscellaneous

Survey
Soil Inv.
Other (Describe in 'Remarks')
Other (Describe in 'Remarks')
Other (Describe in 'Remarks')

Unit	Quantity	Unit Cost
EACH		
EACH		

Item Cost	Remarks
\$ -	
\$ -	
\$ -	
\$ -	
\$ -	

Sub-Total

\$ -

9. Contingencies

New Construction Renovations

%	Quantity
6.0%	\$ 5,300,228.60

Item Cost	Remarks
\$ -	
\$ 318,013.72	

Sub-Total

\$ 318,013.72

Grand Total Project Cost

\$ 5,989,258.32

Worksheet Links:

[Campus Information](#)

[Building 1](#)

[Building 2](#)

[Building 3](#)

[Building 4](#)

Reference Data from Prior Sheets (for WVDE Use Only):

Energy Utilization Index:	57,703
Current Enrollment:	497
Program Capacity:	883
Utilization Calculation:	56%
Building(s) in Floodplain/Floodway:	0

Tuesday, September 17, 2024
Special Meeting

Bailey Board Room
6:00 pm
Doors open at 5:30 pm

1. Opening of Meeting

Subject : A. Call to Order
Meeting : Sep 17, 2024 - Special Meeting
Category : 1. Opening of Meeting
Access : Public
Type : Procedural
Subject : B. Moment of Silence/Pledge of Allegiance
Meeting : Sep 17, 2024 - Special Meeting
Category : 1. Opening of Meeting
Access : Public
Type : Procedural
Subject : C. Roll Call
Meeting : Sep 17, 2024 - Special Meeting
Category : 1. Opening of Meeting
Access : Public
Type : Procedural

2. Delegations/Public Comments

Subject : A. Delegations/Public Comment
Meeting : Sep 17, 2024 - Special Meeting
Category : 2. Delegations/Public Comments
Access : Public
Type : Information

Public Content

1120.2.10 MANNER OF ADDRESSING THE BOARD AND TIME LIMITS

1. Any citizen may appear and address the board during the Delegations portion of any meeting. Persons who desire to address the board at a Special Meeting may only discuss the topic(s) that are on the agenda of that meeting.
2. Persons who desire to address the board are encouraged to meet with appropriate school personnel prior to addressing the board.
3. All persons who desire to address the board at a Regular Meeting or a matter identified within the stated purpose of a Special Meeting as a Delegation must register with the Superintendent no later than fifteen minutes prior to the scheduled commencement of any regular or special meeting. They may do so at the Superintendents office during regular business hours. The Superintendent or the Superintendents designee will also be available to accept registrations at the place of the meeting, beginning thirty minutes before the meeting starts. The following information must be provided to the Superintendent by persons who desire to address the board: name, address or phone number, a concise statement of the subject to be addressed, a list of Wood County personnel who have been involved in the matter, and a statement indicating the desired action of the board.

4. All persons desiring to address the board should be as brief as possible and limit their remarks to their written statement of the subject to be addressed. A speaker must limit his or her comments to five (5) minutes. If an excessive number of speakers are present, the President may allocate a total number of minutes for discussion of the particular issue; thus, the number of minutes granted to individual speakers may be reduced by the President to a number less than five minutes allowance, to provide all persons wishing to speak with an opportunity to do so. Written materials may be presented in addition to or in lieu of an oral presentation; speakers must provide ten (10) copies of any written materials presented in this manner.
5. All remarks shall be addressed to the presiding officer and the Board as a body and not to any individual member of the Board or to anyone in attendance unless permission is granted by the presiding officer. No person other than members of the Board and the person having the floor shall be permitted to enter into any discussion without the permission of the presiding officer. In appropriate situations, the board may choose to convene in executive session in conformity with the Open Governmental Meetings Act to hear comments from persons who wish to address the board; in those instances, the comments shall be made, if at all, in executive session.

3. Regular Agenda

Subject :	A. Motion on the proposed closure and merger of Fairplains Elementary School into existing Martin Elementary School
Meeting :	Sep 17, 2024 - Special Meeting
Category :	3. Regular Agenda
Access :	Public
Type :	Action
Recommended Action :	Consideration and possible action of a motion on the proposed closure and merger of Fairplains Elementary School into existing Martin Elementary School.

File Attachments

[MOTION ON THE PROPOSED CLOSURE AND MERGER OF FAIRPLAINS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL INTO EXISTING MARTIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL\(17084419.1\).pdf \(72 KB\)](#)

Subject :	B. Motion on the proposed closure and merger of VanDevender Middle School into Jackson Middle School and Hamilton Middle School
Meeting :	Sep 17, 2024 - Special Meeting
Category :	3. Regular Agenda
Access :	Public
Type :	Action
Recommended Action :	Consideration and possible action of a motion on the proposed closure and merger of VanDevender Middle School into Jackson Middle School and Hamilton Middle School.

File Attachments

[MOTION ON THE PROPOSED CLOSURE AND MERGER OF VANDEVENDER MIDDLE SCHOOL INTO JACKSON MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HAMILTON MIDDLE SCHOOL\(17085120.1\).pdf \(74 KB\)](#)

4. Closing of Meeting

Subject :	A. Adjournment
Meeting :	Sep 17, 2024 - Special Meeting

Category : 4. Closing of Meeting
Access : Public
Type : Procedural

**MOTION ON THE PROPOSED CLOSURE AND MERGER OF VANDEVENDER
MIDDLE SCHOOL INTO JACKSON MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HAMILTON MIDDLE
SCHOOL**

The Superintendent has presented us with a proposal in the form of an Impact Statement and Supporting Data to close VanDevender Middle School at the end of the 2024-2025 school year, and to merge it into Jackson Middle School and Hamilton Middle School at that time.

In accordance with West Virginia Code 18-5-13a and West Virginia Board of Education Policy 6204 governing school closing and consolidation, I move:

1. That without at this time making a decision on the proposals, the Board approves, as to form, the Impact Statement and Supporting Data submitted at this meeting by the Superintendent.

2. That the Board directs the Superintendent to cause a Class III legal advertisement to be published of the proposed action by the Board of Education, and of the required public hearings on the Superintendent's recommendation, as follows:

a. a public hearing on the proposal to close VanDevender Middle School and merge it into Jackson Middle School and Hamilton Middle School will be held at VanDevender Middle School on October 21, 2024, beginning at 6:00 p.m., at which time members of the public may be present, submit statements and testimony, and question county school officials;

b. another public hearing on the proposal to close VanDevender Middle School and merge it into Jackson Middle School and Hamilton Middle School will be held at Hamilton Middle School on October 24, 2024, beginning at 6:00 p.m., at which time members of the public may be present, submit statements and testimony, and question county school officials; and

c. another public hearing on the proposal to close VanDevender Middle School and merge it into Jackson Middle School and Hamilton Middle School will be held at Jackson Middle School on October 24, 2024, beginning at 7:30 p.m., at which time members of the public may be present, submit statements and testimony, and question county school officials; and

d. a meeting at which the Board of Education will take formal action on the Superintendent's proposal to close VanDevender Middle School and merge it into Jackson Middle School and Hamilton Middle School will be held at Jackson Middle School, 1601 34th Street, Vienna, West Virginia, on October 24, 2024, beginning at 8:30 p.m.;

with these provisions:

a. if, due to inclement weather or other cause, any hearing or the Board meeting cannot be held on the scheduled date, the hearing or meeting will be held at the same location and time as originally scheduled, but on these dates: for the hearing at

VanDevender Middle School, on October 25, 2024; for the hearing at Hamilton Middle School, on October 29, 2024; for the hearing at Jackson Middle School, on October 29, 2024; for the meeting at Jackson Middle School at which the Board takes formal action, on October 29, 2024. If for any reason the meeting cannot be conducted on the alternative date or time, the board of education shall determine a date or time.

b. if, at the time a hearing is called to order, the Board determines that the location is of insufficient size to accommodate all who desire to attend, the hearing will be recessed and moved to a new location of sufficient size to accommodate all those who desire to attend. If that happens, the new meeting location will be posted at the original meeting location.

c. for a period of 30 minutes prior to the commencement of a public hearing, persons may and are encouraged to register at the hearing location for the purpose of making statements, offering testimony, and questioning school officials concerning the proposals. Each hearing will begin with an oral summary by a representative of Wood County Schools of the reasons and supporting data in connection with the proposed action by the Board. Speakers will then be recognized in the order in which they registered. Each speaker shall be limited to five (5) minutes unless, in accordance with Board Policy 1000, the President reduces that time limit to provide all persons wishing to speak the opportunity to do so.

d. if a public hearing is not completed by 11:00 p.m., it will be recessed, to be continued on a date and at a time designated and announced by the Board just prior to the hearing recess, to be continued day-to-day until concluded. The public hearings, as well as any reconvened session of the public hearings, shall end at the conclusion of each hearing's business or at 11:00 p.m., whichever occurs earlier;

e. the Board will consider any written material submitted by members of the public concerning the proposals if the material, with six (6) copies, is submitted to and received by the Office of the Superintendent of Schools at 1210 13th Street, Parkersburg, West Virginia, before noon on October 17, 2024, including any findings and recommendations from the local school improvement councils representing VanDevender, Hamilton and Jackson Middle Schools.

3. That for at least 30 days prior to the date of the first hearing, a copy of the notice of hearings shall be posted in conspicuous working areas at all the Board's schools, including, but not limited to, VanDevender, Hamilton and Jackson Middle Schools, and at all bus garages and maintenance areas in the county, for all professional and service personnel to observe.

4. That the written reasons in the form of the Impact Statement and Supporting Data that the Superintendent presented to the Board at tonight's meeting serve as the reasons and supporting data that, by law, must be (a) made available for public inspection at the office of the Superintendent during the 30 days preceding the date of the first hearing; (b) delivered in duplicate to the principals of VanDevender, Hamilton and Jackson Middle Schools; and (c) delivered in duplicate to the chairs, if any, of the local school improvement councils representing VanDevender, Hamilton and Jackson Schools.

5. That the Superintendent, on behalf of the Board, comply with all procedures that are required for the public hearings under the statute and State Board policy.

Wood County Schools
2023-2024
Sunday, October 1, 2023

	Pre-K	Kindergarten	1st Grade	2nd Grade	3rd Grade	4th Grade	5th Grade	6th Grade	7th Grade	8th Grade	9th Grade	10th Grade	11th Grade	12th Grade	Totals
Services Wood County															
Wood County Schools															
Blennerhassett Elementary	44	81	77	80	78	79	88								527
Criss Elementary	32	37	38	37	30	44	40								258
Emerson Elementary	21	59	62	67	65	66	66								406
Fairplains Elementary	20	21	21	16	28	31	25								162
Franklin Elementary	47	34	46	37	35	24	42								265
Gihon Elementary	38	39	32	44	16	30	46								245
Greenmont Elementary	21	34	29	44	39	30	37								234
Jefferson Elementary	56	79	76	100	93	61	68								533
Kanawha Elementary	33	47	38	43	44	32	43								280
Lubeck Elementary	37	53	58	57	63	57	57								382
Madison Elementary	41	36	40	45	40	32	39								273
Martin Elementary	39	37	32	27	27	32	28								222
Mineral Wells Elementary	41	60	85	64	78	74	83								485
Neale Elementary	39	51	47	68	46	56	66								373
Vienna Elementary	38	44	37	48	45	40	38								290
Williamstown Elementary	56	79	86	80	78	69	93								541
Blennerhassett Middle								175	177	168					520
Edison Middle								180	196	192					568
Hamilton Middle								131	153	131					415
Jackson Middle								155	158	164					477
Van Devender Middle								93	103	94					290
Parkersburg High											404	447	385	320	1556
Parkersburg South High											355	369	339	322	1385
Williamstown High								91	96	94	86	97	91	84	639
Summit Success Center															
Wood Co Voc Tech															
Caperton Center															
Totals	603	791	807	861	811	760	862	828	883	843	845	914	815	726	11349

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Data Collections | Details | Submit / Certify | Enrollment | All Schools | Totals | 11349

All Schools		October Collection for Selected FY	Pre-K	Kindergarten	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th	Totals
Services Wood County					3	4	6	3	3	3				1			23
Wood County Schools																	
Blennerhassett Elementary School		44	81	77	80	37	78	79	88								527
Crisis Elementary School		32	37	38	30	30	30	44	40								258
Emerson Elementary School		21	59	62	67	65	66	66	66								406
Fairplains Elementary School		20	21	21	16	28	31	31	25								162
Gihon Elementary School		38	39	32	44	16	30	30	46								245
Greenmont Elementary School		21	34	29	44	39	30	30	37								234
Jefferson Elementary Center		56	79	76	100	93	61	61	68								533
Kanawha Elementary School		33	47	38	43	44	32	32	43								280
Lubeck Elementary School		37	53	58	57	63	57	57	57								382
Madison Elementary School		41	36	40	45	40	32	32	39								273
Mineral Wells Elementary School		41	60	85	64	78	74	74	83								485
Neale Elementary School		39	51	47	68	46	56	56	66								373
Vienna Elementary School		38	44	37	48	45	40	40	38								290
Williamstown Elementary School		56	79	86	80	78	69	69	93								541
Franklin Elementary Center		47	34	46	37	35	24	24	42								265
Martin Elementary School		39	37	32	27	27	32	32	28								222
Blennerhassett Middle School										175	177	168					520
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Summit Success Center																	
Wood Co Voc Tech Ctr																	
Caperton Center For Applied Technology																	
Totals		603	791	807	861	811	760	862	828	883	843	845	914	815	726	11349	

WOOD COUNTY SCHOOLS
ENROLLMENT COUNT MATRIX REPORT
FY 2025

PK	KG	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12
41	73	85	79	85	80	80							523
33	39	32	47	36	33	42							262
12	42	59	59	62	65	68							367
20	21	25	22	20	25	29							162
48	38	43	40	44	21	35							269
23	34	37	27	42	39	30							232
45	59	79	66	86	85	51							471
33	40	47	38	44	40	30							272
38	60	57	53	57	65	58							388
51	33	34	34	44	32	32							260
44	58	67	86	63	79	72							469
41	59	48	43	73	49	50							363
37	45	41	41	44	43	39							290
63	70	79	90	84	84	77							547
36	34	32	43	41	37	26							249
42	33	39	32	34	36	34							250
							186	184	175				545
							191	178	192				561
							168	135	155				458
							143	140	150				433
							68	83	97				248
										369	396	395	351
										355	369	348	321
										108	88	98	89
										15	56	96	134
											45	60	47
607	738	804	800	859	813	753	859	814	870	847	954	997	942
													11657

Blennerhassett Elementary School
 Criss Elementary School
 Emerson Elementary School
 Fairplains Elementary School
 Gihon Elementary School
 Greenmont Elementary School
 Jefferson Elementary Center
 Kanawha Elementary School
 Lubeck Elementary School
 Madison Elementary School
 Mineral Wells Elementary School
 Neale Elementary School
 Vienna Elementary School
 Williamstown Elementary School
 Franklin Elementary Center
 Martin Elementary School
 Blennerhassett Middle School
 Edison Middle School
 Hamilton Middle School
 Jackson Middle School
 Van Devender Middle School
 Parkersburg High School
 Parkersburg South High School
 Williamstown High School
 Wood Co Voc Tech Ctr
 Caperton Center For Applied Tech

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	Pre-K	Kindergarten	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th	Totals
Services, Wood County	3	6	6	2	3	11	5	2			1		1		40
Wood County Schools															
Blennehassett Elementary School	41	72	87	76	85	79	82								522
Crisis Elementary School	37	40	34	46	37	31	42								267
Emerson Elementary School	2	44	60	59	63	65	68								361
Fairplains Elementary School	20	21	25	22	20	25	27								160
Gilbon Elementary School	45	37	43	38	43	20	35								261
Greenmont Elementary School	23	33	38	25	41	39	30								229
Jefferson Elementary Center	54	61	77	60	84	87	52								475
Kanawha Elementary School	34	38	47	36	41	39	30								265
Lubeck Elementary School	36	60	54	53	57	64	57								381
Madison Elementary School	54	32	33	36	46	31	32								264
Mineral Wells Elementary School	43	57	67	85	62	79	72								465
Neale Elementary School	39	58	48	44	70	47	51								357
Vienna Elementary School	39	42	41	41	44	42	39								288
Williamstown Elementary School	63	66	80	93	84	84	75								545
Franklin Elementary Center	53	34	30	43	42	36	24								262
Martin Elementary School	41	33	42	32	32	36	34								250
Blennehassett Middle School								185	178	171					534
Edison Middle School								186	177	188					551
Hamilton Middle School								162	131	153					446
Jackson Middle School								140	138	151					429
Van Devender Middle School								68	83	93					244
Parkersburg High School											364	397	384	346	1491
Parkersburg South High School											353	354	346	320	1373
Williamstown High School											102	88	96	88	676
Summit Success Center															
Wood Co. Voc. Tech. Ctr												1	1		2
Caperton Center For Applied Technology															
Totals	627	734	812	791	854	815	755	845	802	856	825	840	828	754	11138

Enrollment
11138

FTE
10991.316

Excluded
542

Special Education
2493

English Learners
80

Low SES
6241

Title I Low SES
6227

Homeless
419

Unenrolled
1517

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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WEST VIRGINIA CHARLESTON

CASE NO. 24-0658-G-390P
MOUNTAINEER GAS COMPANY
 Infrastructure Replacement and Expansion Program Filing for 2025

NOTICE OF FILING AND HEARING

On July 31, 2024, Mountaineer Gas Company (Mountaineer) filed its annual Application for approval of an Infrastructure Replacement and Expansion Program for 2025 (2025 IREP) with revised IREP rates for 2025, pursuant to W.Va. Code § 24-2-1k, which authorizes the Public Service Commission (Commission) of West Virginia to approve a cost recovery of projects to replace, upgrade and expand natural gas utility infrastructure that are deemed to be just and reasonable and in the public interest.

In its Application, Mountaineer forecasts capital investment for calendar year 2025 of \$74 million as part of its multi-year plan. The 2025 IREP covers several categories of plant asset replacements and improvements, including mains, service lines, measurement and regulator stations, and house regulators. These plant investments are proposed to be made in Mountaineer service territories throughout the State. These investments are identified in the Application, which is on file and available for public inspection at the Commission's offices at 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia and which may be viewed on the Commission's website www.psc.state.wv.us.

Mountaineer proposes to increase IREP revenues by \$8.9 million, an overall revenue increase of approximately 2.80%. The IREP investments included in this filing reflect plant additions made or projected to be made from 2023 to 2025. The increased rates are requested to be effective January 1, 2025. The IREP rates apply as either fixed or volumetric rate increments, depending on the applicable rate schedule under which service is rendered. Mountaineer projects that if the program and IREP rate increase are approved as requested, the average monthly bill for its various classes of customers will be changed on January 1, 2025, as shown below:

Mountaineer Gas Company - Proposed		
Type of Customer	Increase	% Increase
Residential	\$ 2.63	2.97%
Commercial	\$ 6.92	2.03%
Large Commercial - (*)	\$384.24	0.71%
Large Commercial - (†)	\$477.11	0.21%
Industrial	\$509.10	1.04%
Wholesale	\$ 75.77	0.88%

(*) Percentage Increases for Large Commercial and Industrial customers assume transport customers purchase their natural gas at the same price as the Company's Purchased Gas Adjustment rate.

The increases shown above are compared to the rates currently in place and are based on averages of all customers in the indicated class. Each class may receive an increase greater or less than stated here. Individual customers may receive an increase that is greater or less than average. Furthermore, the requested rates and charges are only a proposal and are subject to change (increase or decrease) by the Commission in its review of the filing. Any change in rates and charges will not become effective until authorized and approved by the Commission.

The Commission set a procedural schedule, including a hearing date on the Application that will begin at 9:30 a.m. on November 4, 2024, in the Howard M. Cunningham Hearing Room at the Commission's offices at 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia. If no opposition to the Application is received by the Commission within one week of the hearing date, the hearing may be waived, and the Commission may issue a final order within 150 days of the Application filing date.

Anyone desiring to intervene should file a written petition to intervene within 15 days following the date of this publication unless otherwise modified by Commission order. All requests to intervene should briefly state the reason for the request to intervene and comply with the rules on intervention set forth in the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. The Commission will receive public comments until the beginning of the hearing. All written comments and requests to intervene should state the case name and number and be addressed to the Commission Executive Secretary, P.O. Box 812, Charleston, West Virginia 25323. Public comments may also be filed online at <http://www.psc.state.wv.us/scripts/onlinecomments/default.com> by clicking the "Formal Case" link.

MOUNTAINEER GAS COMPANY

Sept 30
 Contractor submitting a bid for a public improvement construction contract shall provide an affidavit of compliance that the Contractor has a written plan for a drug-free workplace policy. Failure to complete the Drug Free Workplace Compliance Affidavit Bid Form shall result in disqualification of the Bid. Attention of the BIDDERS
 /s/ J.D. Beane
 Circuit Court Judge
 4th Judicial Court
 Prepared and submitted by:
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

PROPOSED CLOSURE AND MERGER OF VAN-DEVENDER MIDDLE SCHOOL INTO JACKSON MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HAMILTON MIDDLE SCHOOL

WOOD COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Wood County Board of Education will hold three (3) public hearings on the Superintendent's recommendation to close VanDevender Middle School at the end of the 2024-2025 school year, and to merge it into Jackson Middle School and Hamilton Middle School at that time, as follows:

LOCATION: VanDevender Middle School, 918 31st Street, Parkersburg.
DATE AND TIME: October 21, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.
Sign in to speak between 5:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Hamilton Middle School, 3501 Cadillac Drive, Parkersburg, WV.
DATE AND TIME: October 24, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.
Sign in to speak between 5:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Jackson Middle School, 1601 34th Street, Vienna, WV.
DATE AND TIME: October 24, 2024, at 7:30 p.m.
Sign in to speak between 7:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

If, at the time a hearing is called to order, the Board determines that the location is of insufficient size to accommodate all who desire to attend, the hearing will be recessed and moved to a new location of sufficient size to accommodate all those who desire to attend. If that happens, the new meeting location will be posted at the original meeting location.

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ALTERNATE DATES AND TIMES

If, due to inclement weather or other cause, any hearing cannot be held on the scheduled date, the hearing or meeting will be held at the same location and time as originally scheduled, but on these dates and times:

- for the hearing at VanDevender Middle School, on October 25, 2024, beginning at 6:00 p.m.
- for the hearing at Hamilton Middle School, on October 29, 2024, beginning at 6:00 p.m.
- for the hearing at Jackson Middle School, on October 23, 2024, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

If for any reason a hearing cannot be conducted on the alternate date or time, the Board will determine a date or time.

Sept 23, 30

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

PROPOSED CLOSURE AND MERGER OF FAIRPLAINS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL INTO EXISTING MARTIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

WOOD COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Wood County Board of Education will hold two (2) public hearings on the Superintendent's recommendation to close Fairplains Elementary School at the end of the 2024-2025 school year, and to merge it into the existing Martin Elementary School at that time, as follows:

LOCATION: Martin Elementary School, 1301 Hillcrest Street, Parkersburg, WV.
DATE AND TIME: October 23, 2024, at 8:00 p.m.
Sign in to speak between 5:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Fairplains Elementary School, 615 Broadway Avenue, Parkersburg, WV.
DATE AND TIME: October 23, 2024, at 7:30 p.m.
Sign in to speak between 7:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

If at the time a hearing is called to order, the Board determines that the location is of insufficient size to accommodate all who desire to attend, the hearing will be recessed and moved to a new location of sufficient size to accommodate all those who desire to attend. If that happens, the new meeting location will be posted at the original meeting location.

REASONS AND SUPPORTING DATA

Until the date of the first hearing, written reasons for the Superintendent's recommendations in the form of an Impact Statement and Supporting Data are available for public inspection in the Office of the Superintendent of Schools at 1210 13th Street, Parkersburg, West Virginia, on weekdays between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

FINAL ACTION

The Board of Education will take formal action on the Superintendent's proposal to close Fairplains Elementary School and merge it into existing Martin Elementary School at its meeting at Jackson Middle School, 1601 34th Street, Vienna, West Virginia, on October 24, 2024, beginning at 8:30 p.m. If, due to inclement weather or other cause, the Board meeting cannot be held on the scheduled date, the meeting will be held at the same location and time as originally scheduled, but on October 29, 2024.

Christie M. Willis, Superintendent
 Wood County Board of Education

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If, due to inclement weather or other cause, any hearing cannot be held on the scheduled date, the hearing or meeting will be held at the same location and time as originally scheduled, but on these dates and times:

- for the hearing at Martin Elementary School, on October 28, 2024, beginning at 6:00 p.m.
- for the hearing at Fairplains Elementary School, on October 28, 2024, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

If for any reason a hearing cannot be conducted on the alternate date or time, the Board will determine a date or time.

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And if appearing by an affidavit filed in this action that the plaintiff has used due diligence to ascertain the residence or whereabouts of the defendant(s) without ef-

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS
PROPOSED CLOSURE AND MERGER OF VAN-DEVENDER MIDDLE SCHOOL INTO JACKSON MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HAMILTON MIDDLE SCHOOL.

WOOD COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

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Sign in to speak between 5:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Hamilton Middle School, 3501 Cadillac Drive, Parkersburg, WV
DATE AND TIME: October 24, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.
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LOCATION: Jackson Middle School, 1601 34th Street, Vienna, WV
DATE AND TIME: October 24, 2024, at 7:30 p.m.
Sign in to speak between 7:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

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SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN MATERIAL

The Board will consider any written material submitted by members of the public concerning the proposals. If the material, with six (6) copies, is submitted to and received by the Office of the Superintendent of Schools at 1210 13th Street, Parkersburg, West Virginia, before noon on October 17, 2024, including any findings and recommendations from the local school improvement councils representing VanDevender, Hamilton and Jackson Middle Schools.

REASONS AND SUPPORTING DATA

Until the date of the first hearing, written reasons for the Superintendent's recommendations in the form of an Impact Statement and Supporting Data are available for public inspection in the Office of the Superintendent of Schools at 1210 13th Street, Parkersburg, West Virginia, on weekdays between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

FINAL ACTION

The Board of Education will take formal action on the Superintendent's proposal to close VanDevender Middle School at the end of the 2024-2025 school year, and to merge it into Jackson Middle School and Hamilton Middle School, at its meeting at Jackson Middle School, 1601 34th Street, Vienna, West Virginia, on October 24, 2024, beginning at 5:30 p.m. If, due to inclement weather or other cause, the Board meeting cannot be held on the scheduled date, the meeting will be held at the same location and time as originally scheduled, but on October 29, 2024.

Christie M. Willis, Superintendent
Wood County Board of Education

Sept 30, Oct 7, 14, 21

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS
PROPOSED CLOSURE AND MERGER OF FAIRPLAINS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL INTO EXISTING MARTIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.

WOOD COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Wood County Board of Education will hold two (2) public hearings on the Superintendent's recommendation to close Fairplains Elementary School at the end of the 2024-2025 school year, and to merge it into the existing Martin Elementary School at that time, as follows:

LOCATION: Martin Elementary School, 1301 Hillcrest Street, Parkersburg, WV
DATE AND TIME: October 23, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.
Sign in to speak between 5:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Fairplains Elementary School, 615 Broadway Avenue, Parkersburg, WV
DATE AND TIME: October 23, 2024, at 7:30 p.m.
Sign in to speak between 7:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

If, at the time a hearing is called to order, the Board determines that the location is of insufficient size to accommodate all who desire to attend, the hearing will be recessed and moved to a new location of sufficient size to accommodate all those who desire to attend.

If a public hearing is not completed by 11:00 p.m., it will be recessed, to be continued on a date and at a time designated and announced by the Board just prior to the hearing recess, to be continued day-to-day until concluded.

ALTERNATE DATES AND TIMES

If, due to inclement weather or other cause, any hearing cannot be held on the scheduled date, the hearing or meeting will be held at the same location and time as originally scheduled, but on these dates and times:

for the hearing at Martin Elementary School, on October 28, 2024, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

for the hearing at Fairplains Elementary School, on October 28, 2024, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Christie M. Willis, Superintendent
Wood County Board of Education

Sept 30, Oct 7, 14, 21

Parkersburg, WV 26101

Defendant

Entered by the Clerk of said Court 09/30/24.

/s/; Paulina Yearego

The object of the above entitled action is to obtain

HEARING PROCEDURES

For a period of 30 minutes prior to the commencement of a public hearing, persons may be encouraged to register at the hearing location for the purpose of making statements, offering testimony, and questioning school officials concerning the proposals. Each hearing will begin with an oral summary by a representative of Wood County Schools of the reasons and supporting data in connection with the proposed action by the Board. Speakers will then be recognized in the order in which they registered. Each speaker shall be limited to five (5) minutes unless, in accordance with Board Policy 1000, the President decides that time limit to provide all persons wishing to speak the opportunity to do so.

SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN MATERIAL

The Board will consider any written material submitted by members of the public concerning the proposals. If the material, with six (6) copies, is submitted to and received by the Office of the Superintendent of Schools at 1210 13th Street, Parkersburg, West Virginia, before noon on October 21, 2024, including any findings and recommendations from the local school improvement councils representing Fairplains and Martin Elementary Schools.

REASONS AND SUPPORTING DATA

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FINAL ACTION

The Board of Education will take formal action on the Superintendent's proposal to close Fairplains Elementary School and merge it into existing Martin Elementary School at its meeting at Jackson Middle School, 1601 34th Street, Vienna, West Virginia, on October 24, 2024, beginning at 8:30 p.m. If, due to inclement weather or other cause, the Board meeting cannot be held on the scheduled date, the meeting will be held at the same location and time as originally scheduled, but on October 29, 2024.

Christie M. Willis, Superintendent
Wood County Board of Education

Sept 30, Oct 7, 14, 21

Parkersburg, WV 26101

Defendant

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/s/; Paulina Yearego

The object of the above entitled action is to obtain

And it appearing by an affidavit filed in this action that the plaintiff has used due diligence to ascertain the residence or whereabouts of the defendant(s) without effect.

It is ordered that TERRY L. ARCHER do serve upon Magistrate Waters, magistrate, whose address is 401 2nd Street Suite 12 Parkersburg WV 26101, an answer or other defense to the complaint filed in this action on or before November 16th, 2024, otherwise judgment by default will be taken against TERRY L. ARCHER at any time thereafter. A copy of said complaint can be obtained from the undersigned Clerk at her office.

Entered by the Clerk of said Court 09/30/24.

/s/; Paulina Yearego
Magistrate Court Clerk

Oct 7, 14

CITY OF PARKERSBURG
PO Box 1627
Parkersburg WV 26102

Plaintiff

Civil Action
No. 24-M54C-01392

DAVID & KATHERINE LIPSCOMB
1619 19th St
Parkersburg, WV 26101

Defendant

The object of the above entitled action is to obtain judgment in the amount of \$1262.55 plus court cost and interest from the date of judgment against the defendant(s)

And it appearing by an affidavit filed in this action that the plaintiff has used due diligence to ascertain the residence or whereabouts of the defendant(s) without effect.

It is ordered that DAVID & KATHERINE LIPSCOMB do serve upon Magistrate Puckey, magistrate, whose address is 401 2nd Street Suite 12 Parkersburg WV 26101, an answer or other defense to the complaint filed in this action on or before November 15th, 2024, otherwise judgment by default will be taken against DAVID & KATHERINE LIPSCOMB at any time thereafter. A copy of said complaint can be obtained from the undersigned Clerk at her office.

Entered by the Clerk of said Court 09/30/24.

/s/; Paulina Yearego
Magistrate Court Clerk

Oct 7, 14

CITY OF PARKERSBURG
PO Box 1627
Parkersburg WV 26102

Plaintiff

Civil Action
No. 24-M54C-01583

CURTIS L. GRAHAM III & KELLEY GRAHAM
1715 23rd St

Defendant

Entered by the Clerk of said Court 09/30/24.

/s/; Paulina Yearego

The object of the above entitled action is to obtain

YETZER at any time thereafter. A copy of said complaint can be obtained from the undersigned Clerk at her office.

Entered by the Clerk of said Court 10/1/24.

/s/; Paulina Yearego
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Oct 7, 14

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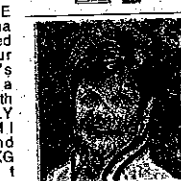
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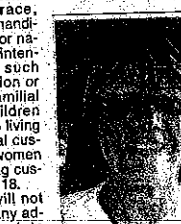
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Notice regarding hearing procedures and registration information for public hearings.

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Civil Action No. 24-M54-01560 Gregory J Yetzer 1137 Lynn St Parkersburg, WV 26101 Defendant... The object of the above entitled action is to obtain judgment in the amount of \$1126.73 plus court cost and interest from the date of judgment against the defendant(s).

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

PROPOSED CLOSURE AND MERGER OF VAN-DEVENDER MIDDLE SCHOOL INTO JACKSON MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HAMILTON MIDDLE SCHOOL

WOOD COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Wood County Board of Education will hold three (3) public hearings on the Superintendent's recommendation to close Van-Devender Middle School at the end of the 2024-2025 school year...

LOCATION: VanDevender Middle School, 918 31st Street, Parkersburg, WV DATE AND TIME: October 21, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Hamilton Middle School, 3501 Cadillac Drive, Parkersburg, WV DATE AND TIME: October 23, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Jackson Middle School, 1601 34th Street, Vienna, WV DATE AND TIME: October 24, 2024, at 7:30 p.m.

If, at the time a hearing is called to order, the Board determines that the location is of insufficient size to accommodate all who desire to attend, the hearing will be recessed and moved to a new location of sufficient size to accommodate all those who desire to attend.

If a public hearing is not completed by 11:00 p.m., it will be recessed, to be continued on a date and at a time designated and announced by the Board just prior to the hearing recess...

FINAL ACTION The Board of Education will take formal action on the Superintendent's proposal to close VanDevender Middle School at the end of the 2024-2025 school year...

for the hearing at Van-Devender Middle School, on October 25, 2024, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

for the hearing at Hamilton Middle School, on October 29, 2024, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

for the hearing at Jackson Middle School, on October 29, 2024, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

If for any reason a hearing cannot be conducted on the alternate date or time, the Board will determine a date or time.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

PROPOSED CLOSURE AND MERGER OF FAIRPLAINS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL INTO JACKSON MIDDLE SCHOOL

WOOD COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Wood County Board of Education will hold two (2) public hearings on the Superintendent's recommendation to close Fairplains Elementary School at the end of the 2024-2025 school year...

LOCATION: Martin Elementary School, 1301 Hilltop Street, Parkersburg, WV DATE AND TIME: October 23, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Fairplains Elementary School, 615 Broadway Avenue, Parkersburg, WV DATE AND TIME: October 23, 2024, at 7:30 p.m.

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FINAL ACTION The Board of Education will take formal action on the Superintendent's proposal to close Fairplains Elementary School at the end of the 2024-2025 school year...

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WOOD COUNTY SCHOOLS

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I, Justin M. Reber, have received one (1) copy of the Executive Summary and Impact Statement binder for the proposed closure and merger of Fairplains Elementary School into Martin Elementary School and one (1) copy of the Executive Summary and Impact Statement binder for the proposed closure and merger of VanDevender Middle School into Hamilton Middle School and Jackson Middle School.

SIGNED RECEIPT OF EXECUTIVE SUMMARY & IMPACT STATEMENT


RECIPIENT

9/17/2024
DATE

Christie M. Willis
DELIVERED BY

Date: September 17, 2024

WOOD COUNTY SCHOOLS

1210 13TH STREET, PARKERSBURG WV 26161

I, RONALD E. TICE, have received one (1) copy of the Executive Summary and Impact Statement binder for the proposed closure and merger of Fairplains Elementary School into Martin Elementary School and one (1) copy of the Executive Summary and Impact Statement binder for the proposed closure and merger of VanDevender Middle School into Hamilton Middle School and Jackson Middle School.

SIGNED RECEIPT OF EXECUTIVE SUMMARY & IMPACT STATEMENT

Ronald E. Tice

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9/17/24

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Christie M. Willis

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VERIFICATION FORM OF RECEIPT

Date: September 17, 2024

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Monday, October 21, 2024
Special Meeting - VanDevender Middle School Hearing

6:00 p.m.
VanDevender Middle School
918 31st Street
Parkersburg, WV 26104

1. Meeting Procedure

Subject :	A. School Closure Hearing Procedure
Meeting :	Oct 21, 2024 - Special Meeting - VanDevender Middle School Hearing
Category :	1. Meeting Procedure
Access :	Public
Type :	Procedural

Public Content

The Wood County Board of Education will hold three (3) public hearings on the Superintendents recommendation to close VanDevender Middle School at the end of the 2024-2025 school year, and to merge it into Jackson Middle School and Hamilton Middle School at that time, as follow:

LOCATION: VanDevender Middle School, 918 31st Street, Parkersburg, WV

DATE AND TIME: October 21, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

Sign in to speak between 5:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Hamilton Middle School, 3501 Cadillac Drive, Parkersburg, WV

DATE AND TIME: October 24, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

Sign in to speak between 5:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Jackson Middle School, 1601 34th Street, Vienna, WV

DATE AND TIME: October 24, 2024, at 7:30 p.m.

Sign in to speak between 7:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

If, at the time a hearing is called to order, the Board determines that the location is of insufficient size to accommodate all who desire to attend, the hearing will be recessed and moved to a new location of sufficient size to accommodate all those who desire to attend. If that happens, the new meeting location will be posted at the original meeting location.

If a public hearing is not completed by 11:00 p.m., it will be recessed, to be continued on a date and at a time designated and announced by the Board just prior to the hearing recess, to be continued day-to-day until concluded. The public hearings, as well as any reconvened session of the public hearings, shall end at the conclusion of each hearings business or at 11:00 p.m., whichever occurs earlier.

ALTERNATE DATES AND TIMES

If, due to inclement weather or other cause, any hearing cannot be held on the scheduled date, the hearing or meeting will be held at the same location and time as originally scheduled, but on these dates and times:

- for the hearing at VanDevender Middle School, on October 25, 2024, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

- for the hearing at Hamilton Middle School, on October 29, 2024, beginning at 6:00 p.m.
- for the hearing at Jackson Middle School, on October 29, 2024, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

If for any reason a hearing cannot be conducted on the alternate date or time, the Board will determine a date or time.

HEARING PROCEDURES

For a period of 30 minutes prior to the commencement of a public hearing, persons may and are encouraged to register at the hearing location for the purpose of making statements, offering testimony, and questioning school officials concerning the proposals. Each hearing will begin with an oral summary by a representative of Wood County Schools of the reasons and supporting data in connection with the proposed action by the Board. Speakers will then be recognized in the order in which they registered. Each speaker shall be limited to five (5) minutes unless, in accordance with Board Policy 1000, the President reduces that time limit to provide all persons wishing to speak the opportunity to do so.

SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN MATERIAL

The Board will consider any written material submitted by members of the public concerning the proposals if the material, with six (6) copies, is submitted to and received by the Office of the Superintendent of Schools at 1210 13th Street, Parkersburg, West Virginia, before noon on October 17, 2024, including any findings and recommendations from the local school improvement councils representing VanDevender, Hamilton and Jackson Middle Schools.

REASONS AND SUPPORTING DATA

Until the date of the first hearing, written reasons for the Superintendents recommendations in the form of an Impact Statement and Supporting Data are available for public inspection in the Office of the Superintendent of Schools at 1210 13th Street, Parkersburg, West Virginia, on weekdays between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

FINAL ACTION

The Board of Education will take formal action on the Superintendents proposal to close VanDevender Middle School at the end of the 2024-2025 school year, and to merge it into Jackson Middle School and Hamilton Middle School, at its meeting at Jackson Middle School, 1601 34th Street, Vienna, West Virginia, on October 24, 2024, beginning at 8:30 p.m. If, due to inclement weather or other cause, the Board meeting cannot be held on the scheduled date, the meeting will be held at the same location and time as originally scheduled, but on October 29, 2024.

Christie M. Willis,
Superintendent
Wood County Board of Education

2. Opening of Meeting

Subject :	A. Call to Order
Meeting :	Oct 21, 2024 - Special Meeting - VanDevender Middle School Hearing

Category : 2. Opening of Meeting
Access : Public
Type : Procedural
Subject : B. Moment of Silence/Pledge of Allegiance
Meeting : Oct 21, 2024 - Special Meeting - VanDevender Middle School Hearing

Category : 2. Opening of Meeting
Access : Public
Type : Procedural
Subject : C. Roll Call
Meeting : Oct 21, 2024 - Special Meeting - VanDevender Middle School Hearing

Category : 2. Opening of Meeting
Access : Public
Type : Procedural

3. VanDevender Middle School Hearing

Subject : A. Summary of Proposed Action Presented by Administration
Meeting : Oct 21, 2024 - Special Meeting - VanDevender Middle School Hearing
Category : 3. VanDevender Middle School Hearing
Access : Public
Type : Information

Public Content

Subject : B. Delegation and Public Comment
Meeting : Oct 21, 2024 - Special Meeting - VanDevender Middle School Hearing
Category : 3. VanDevender Middle School Hearing
Access : Public
Type : Information

Public Content

4. Closing of Meeting

Subject : A. Adjournment

Meeting : Oct 21, 2024 - Special Meeting - VanDevender Middle School Hearing

Category : 4. Closing of Meeting

Access : Public

Type :

Wood County Board of Education Meeting
Request to Speak

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Date	10/21/24	Name	Sandy Bacon
Address	1013 32 nd Street Parkersburg WV 26104		
Phone Number	304-834-6511	Email Address	Sandy mom #3@gmail.com
Brief description of topic.	Vandy closing, Poverty of Kids, Bullying being more at other schools		
Have you spoken to an administrator about this topic?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	If yes, to whom?	
What action would you like the Board to take?	More on bullying inforcement. Not close my kids school.		

Wood County Board of Education Meeting
Request to Speak

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Date	10/21/24	Name	Christie Pierson
Address	1006 1/2 29th Street Parkersburg, WV 26104		
Phone Number	304-210-7927	Email Address	george4ever26101@yahoo.com
Brief description of topic.	I would like to present my argument for keeping Vandy open		
Have you spoken to an administrator about this topic?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	If yes, to whom?	
What action would you like the Board to take?	keep Vandy open		

Wood County Board of Education Meeting
Request to Speak

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Date	10/21/2021	Name	Teresa Groop
Address	410 River Hill Rd Washington WV 26181		
Phone Number	681 306 2285	Email Address	tgroop@K12.WV.US
Brief description of topic.	Unhappy Students - Closure concerns		
Have you spoken to an administrator about this topic?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	If yes, to whom? Kurt Echard	
What action would you like the Board to take?	to listen & consider what I have to say		

Wood County Board of Education Meeting
Request to Speak

4

Date	10/21/24	Name	Wendy George
Address	912 Lincoln Drive Parkersburg, WV 26104		
Phone Number	304-482-3038	Email Address	wendyjgeorge@hotmail.com
Brief description of topic.	As property owner next to school how will Demo + Rebuilding affect me? Will you buy houses for more room? Fix WATER Drainage on Avery + Lincoln when it rains it floods roads. Septic tank on school property change to sewer system. Will it be a superschool like 4 stories, layout parking lot, will they demolish Lincoln, Timeline on Demos + Rebuild?		
Have you spoken to an administrator about this topic?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	If yes, to whom?	
What action would you like the Board to take?	listen and give answers if possible		

Wood County Board of Education Meeting
Request to Speak

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Date	10/21/24	Name	Marie Krinock
Address	918 Lincoln Drive Parkersburg WV		
Phone Number	304-917-2317	Email Address	
Brief description of topic.	School grounds, spending		
Have you spoken to an administrator about this topic?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	If yes, to whom?	
What action would you like the Board to take?	to actually answer questions that the public asks		

**ATTENDANCE RECORD
FOR
WOOD COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**

DATE: 10/21/24 6pm

NAME	ADDRESS	REPRESENTING
Melissa Smith		Van Devender
Kurt Echard		Vandy
Ardi Ervin		Vandy
Nancy Jarrell		Court Reporter
Wendy George		
Dara Hemingway		vandy
Christian Hemingway		Vandy
Mason Hemingway		Vandy
Melissa Jones		vandy
Victoria Voshel		Vandy
Shane Semorus		PPD
Melissa Winons		Vandy
Niki Steato		Vandy
Heather Gaston		Vandy
Katy Sprouse		Vandy

**ATTENDANCE RECORD
FOR
WOOD COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**

DATE: 10/21/24 6pm

NAME	ADDRESS	REPRESENTING
Janette		Boe
Joanna Mulligan		
Marie Kinock	Lincoln Dr.	
Teresa Crogg	Vandy	Vandy
Kayla Loyd	Vandy	Vandy
Christie Piersol	Vandy	Vandy
John R Sprouse	Vandy	Vandy
Amanda Moles	Parkersburg	Parkersburg
Jane Hardman	Parkersburg	Parkersburg
Vickie Hyre	Portport	Vandy

**Wood County Board of Education
Special Meeting – VanDevender Middle School Hearing
Monday, October 21, 2024
VanDevender Middle School and Via YouTube
6:00 pm
Minutes**

1. Meeting Procedure

A. School Closure Hearing Procedure

President Raber stated that the procedure, as well as the agenda, had been published. He explained that the Summary of the Proposed Action would be presented by the Administration, which would be Superintendent Willis and following that, it would be opened up for public comments and delegations. President Raber also reviewed the rules established for the hearing.

2. Opening of Meeting

A. Call to Order

The Wood County Board of Education met on Monday, October 21, 2024 at VanDevender Middle School, 918 31st St., Parkersburg, WV. President Raber called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

B. Moment of Silence/Pledge of Allegiance

A moment of silence was held, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Roll Call

The following Board members were present: Justin Raber, Rick Olcott, Ron Tice, and Judy Johnson. Sarah Townsend was absent.

A quorum was established.

3. VanDevender Middle School Hearing

A. Summary of Proposed Action Presented by Administration

Over the last decade, the Wood County Board of Education has had a decline in student enrollment. Wood County has had a 1,929 decrease in student population from 2014 through 2024. The proposal before us is to consolidate services. The specific proposal is to merge VanDevender Middle School into the current Hamilton Middle School and Jackson Middle School resulting in the closure of VanDevender Middle School.

During the past 10 years, VanDevender Middle School's height of enrollment was the 2017-2018 school year at 415 students. The enrollment of VanDevender Middle School as of August 9, 2024, was 248 students. The program utilization for VanDevender Middle School has a capacity for 728 students; therefore, with an enrollment of 248 students, the program utilization of the facility is 34.1%. The desirable program utilization for a school is 85%.

Over the past 10 years, Hamilton Middle School's height of enrollment was the 2015 – 2016 school year at 555 students. As of August 9, 2024, the enrollment of Hamilton Middle School was 458 students. The program utilization for Hamilton Middle School has a capacity for 784 students therefore the current program utilization of the facility is 54.1%. Approximately 55% of VanDevender Middle School students will attend Hamilton Middle School. The combined enrollment of VanDevender Middle School merged with Hamilton Middle School is projected to be 580 students for the 2025-2026 school year with a program utilization of 74%.

Over the past 10 years, Jackson Middle Schools' height of enrollment was during the

2021 –2022 school year at 519 students. As of August 9, 2024, the enrollment of Jackson Middle School was 440 students. The program utilization for Jackson Middle School has a capacity for 728 students; therefore, the program utilization is 60.4%. Approximately 45% of VanDevender Middle School students will attend Jackson Middle School. The combined enrollment of VanDevender Middle School merged with Jackson Middle School is projected to be 520 students for the 2025-2026 school year with a program utilization of 71.4%.

The closure of VanDevender Middle School to merge with Hamilton Middle School and Jackson Middle School will result in a reduction of 4 professional personnel positions and 3.5 service personnel positions. Hamilton Middle School will be designated a Title I School.

Hamilton Middle School is located 1.3 miles away from VanDevender Middle School, if traveling on 32nd Street. Jackson Middle School is located 3.8 miles away from VanDevender Middle School, if traveling on Grand Central Avenue. Transportation will be provided and not exceed 45 minutes to either middle school as required by Policy 6200. For extracurricular activities, many students at VanDevender walk to practices. Wood County Schools will provide an activities bus to transport students in the evening from Jackson Middle School to a bus stop in the vicinity of the current VanDevender Middle School district for students who do not have transportation after school hours to attend practices.

VanDevender Middle School is in fair condition and not compliant with the American Disabilities Act. Hamilton Middle School and Jackson Middle School are in good condition and ADA compliant. VanDevender Middle School has a secure vestibule. Hamilton Middle School and Jackson Middle School will have a secure vestibule constructed this school year.

The closure of VanDevender Middle School and merger with Hamilton Middle School and Jackson Middle School has the potential to save the Board of Education \$1,262,139.52 (one million, two hundred sixty-two thousand, one hundred thirty-nine dollars and fifty-two cents) annually. This cost savings is needed as a result of declining enrollment. Wood County Schools will have less funding next year as our most recent full-time equivalency enrollment number has dropped to 10,991, which is the number used in the state funding formula. This is a 176 FTE decline from what Wood County Schools was funded for this current school year.

B. Delegation and Public Comment

The following audience members spoke and asked questions/shared concerns regarding the closure and merger of VanDevender Middle School into Jackson Middle School and Hamilton Middle School:

- Sandy Bacorn
- Christie Piersol
- Teresa Grogg
- Wendy George
- Marie Krinock

4. Closing of Meeting

A. Adjournment

President Raber adjourned the meeting at 6:25 pm.

WOOD COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
VANDEVENDER MIDDLE SCHOOL MEETING

OCTOBER 21, 2024

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APPEARANCES

WOOD COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS

JUSTIN RABER
RICK OLCOTT
RON TICE
JUDY JOHNSON
SARAH TOWNSEND - ABSENT

ALSO PRESENT

CHRISTIE WILLIS - WOOD COUNTY SCHOOL
SUPERINTENDENT

REPORTER'S CERTIFICATE

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PROCEEDINGS

MR. RABER: Good evening. It is now 6:00 p.m. and I call the special meeting of the Wood County Board of Education to order.

Please join me in a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

(Moment of silence)

MR. RABER: Thank you.

(Pledge of Allegiance)

MR. RABER: I will note that all Board members are present with the exception of Sarah Townsend.

Moving into the Vandevender Middle School closure hearing, the procedure has been published along with the agenda for this evening. We will first hear and have a summary of the proposed action presented by the administration. That will be Superintendent Willis. And following that we will open it up for public comment and delegations.

We do have so far five speakers this evening. I think Joanna and Jason, do you have any others?

FEMALE: No.

MR. RABER: No? Thank you.

1 So if anyone would like to come sit in the
2 chairs, feel free. If not, enjoy the bleachers. So
3 once we do open up for delegations and public comments,
4 what we will do is you will see over to my left, your
5 right, the timer. Each speaker will be permitted five
6 minutes. If at any point during your comments you ask a
7 question we will pause the timer and the superintendent
8 or member of her administrative team will provide the
9 answer to that question.

10 So we will pause so that way the answer and
11 when you're being provided with that information we will
12 -- that time will not count against your five minutes.
13 So hopefully I'll be able to start and stop as we go.
14 And if possible you will have a noise at the end once
15 the five minutes completes.

16 So, Board members, do you have any questions
17 at this point in time?

18 (No response.)

19 MR. RABER: Okay. The other thing that we do
20 request is during any comments or while anyone is
21 speaking if you can please speak up loudly and clearly
22 because we do have a court reporter here with us that is
23 doing her job and transcribing everything that is said
24 this evening.

1 So with that before you start as speakers the
2 one thing that I would request is after you say your
3 name please spell your name just so that we have it
4 accurately recorded not only for the court reporter but
5 for the newspaper as well.

6 So with that, Madame Superintendent.

7 SUPT. WILLIS: Wood County Schools has had a
8 1,929 student decrease in population from 2014 through
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15 number used in the state funding formula. This is 176
16 full time equivalency decline from what Wood County
17 Schools was funded for this current school year.

18 MR. RABER: Thank you.

19 Are there any questions for the superintendent
20 at this time?

21 (No response)

22 MR. RABER: None. Okay.

23 Moving to delegations and public comments, our
24 first speaker will be Sandy Bacorn followed by Christie

1 Piersol.

2 MS. BACORN: Good evening. My name's Sandy
3 Bacorn. I want to address the issue of --

4 MR. RABER: Can you spell your name for us,
5 please?

6 MS. BACORN: S-a-n-d-y and the last name's B-
7 a-c-o-r-n.

8 MR. RABER: Thank you.

9 MS. BACORN: My issue is, with combining the
10 schools, for children that have like IEPs and everything
11 else like that, how does that work?

12 MR. RABER: Madam Superintendent.

13 SUPT. WILLIS: We have a closure document that
14 we put together with personnel and the services would
15 still have to be provided because IEPs are federal law.
16 So the personnel document that you -- or the personnel
17 that's listed here is a snapshot as of August 2024 so we
18 would take -- during transfer season we would look at
19 what those needs would be for each school and who's
20 going where to make sure that the teachers were
21 correctly staffed for those students at the schools
22 where they'd be receiving.

23 MS. BACORN: Okay. And my second question is
24 -- there's a lot of bullying because this school has a

1 lot of kids at low poverty. By mixing the schools is
2 that going to be a bigger issue with bullying and kids
3 doing suicide?

4 SUPT. WILLIS: I would hope not. Also in our
5 plan we had some professional development also for staff
6 that would be PBIS which is Positive Behavior
7 Interventions. We also are going to put a halftime
8 counselor at Hamilton and Jackson in addition to the
9 counselor that they already have.

10 MS. BACORN: Okay. Those were my only two
11 questions I had. Thank you.

12 MR. RABER: Thank you.

13 Our next speaker is Christie Piersol followed
14 by Teresa Grogg. I feel like I've seen you once today
15 before, haven't I?

16 MS. PIERSOL: You probably saw me downtown.

17 MR. RABER: Yep.

18 MS. PIERSOL: Okay. My name is Christie, C-h-
19 r-i-s-t-i-e, sorry, last name Piersol, P-i-e-r-s-o-l.

20 And I'm here to hopefully argue for keeping Vandy open.

21 I stand before you today to urge you to not
22 close Vandy. This school has been a cornerstone of our
23 community. It provides education, stability and
24 opportunity for generations and closing it would disrupt

1 the lives of students and staff and it would also cause
2 a ripple effect of negative consequences for our
3 community at large.

4 First and foremost Vandy is more than just a
5 building. It's a community hub. It's a place where
6 students, parents and teachers build lasting
7 relationships that foster a sense of belonging. In a
8 time where mental health concerns among youth are on the
9 rise, closing this school would take away that
10 importance sense of stability and community.

11 And as the other speaker addressed I do feel
12 there would be an issue with bullying. I actually went
13 to Hamilton when Washington closed. They were not
14 welcomed. They did not get along. And I do feel that
15 it's going to crowd the other schools and I feel that
16 it's more ideal for smaller class sizes particularly
17 with kids that have those IEPs and need more attention.

18 And furthermore I think closing the school
19 would actually lead to more loss of population and I
20 don't think that in the long run that it's going to be
21 as money-saving as you guys think it is. I feel that it
22 will actually cost more money in the long run like
23 building these schools up and whatnot.

24 And so I think that it would be a mistake and

1 it would disrupt lives, would hurt the education of our
2 students and erode the strength of our community. I
3 urge you to reconsider and keep this school open for the
4 benefit of our children, our community and our future.

5 Thank you.

6 MR. RABER: Thank you.

7 Our next speaker is Teresa Grogg followed by
8 Wendy George.

9 MS. GROGG: Hello. My name is Teresa Grogg,
10 T-e-r-e-s-a -- G-r-o-g-g.

11 MR. RABER: Thank you.

12 MS. GROGG: Thank you for letting me speak to
13 you tonight. I'm here to advocate for the students, the
14 staff and the family that is Vandevender Middle School.
15 In 2019 then-Superintendent Will Hosaflook stated that
16 if these closures and consolidations do not move forward
17 I cannot fix the schools. Mr. Hosaflook is no longer a
18 part of Wood County Schools. He has left us to try to
19 make these consolidations work.

20 My concerns are many; financial, logistical,
21 job security but most of all my concern is for my
22 students. What is going to happen when we are no longer
23 Blue Devils? It's like telling Steeler fans they have
24 to become Ravens or, dare I say, like telling

1 Mountaineers they have to move to Pitt.

2 My first experience with Vandy was in the late
3 '80s when my childhood best friend would brag about
4 Vandy. Of course, I would roll my eyes and snicker at
5 her pride in her school, sure that my school, Blenny,
6 was better. What I didn't know now -- what I didn't
7 know then was how right my friend was to be Vandy proud.

8 You see, Vandy is a unique community. No one
9 has a sense of family that we have. I know because
10 around my career starting in 1996 I've worked at the
11 majority of Wood County schools and more than 17 school
12 placements as an itinerant teacher in Maryland and West
13 Virginia. Throughout all those experiences I have never
14 felt the support, camaraderie and dedication I've
15 experienced as part of Vandy. There's pride among Vandy
16 alumni that is unlike any other alumni group. We are a
17 family. Like many families we have our ups and downs,
18 our good and our bad. But when push comes to shove
19 we've had each other's backs.

20 Vandy students, parents, teachers, now and
21 past, can reach out and the Vandy family is there.
22 There's simply no other school in the county that offers
23 the kind of support, pride and sense of family as Vandy.

24 Our students and family are unique. Many will

1 not fit into the other school climates. The acceptance,
2 patience and care for the Vandy students, families,
3 staff and community simply does not exist anywhere else.
4 For our students: Once a Vandy kid, always a Vandy kid.
5 If you need something reach out. We are here.

6 When our school closes where will our Vandy
7 family turn? To Hamilton? To Jackson? Closing
8 Vandevender will be like losing the family member that
9 holds everyone together, the family member that gives
10 everyone a safe place to be, the family member that
11 gives everyone somewhere to come back to and feel at
12 home.

13 Many of our students are former McKinley
14 students who have already experienced the loss of their
15 treasured school. To have a second school demolished
16 will not only create a bigger sense of loss of family
17 and identity; they will not have an elementary school
18 nor a middle school to return to as seniors and alumni.
19 They may have a high school to share but the school
20 family they will lose cannot be replicated or replaced.
21 It simply does not exist in any other school in Wood
22 County.

23 I spoke the last time that Vandevender was
24 slated to close and I told the then-Board that Vandy is

1 the place I choose to be. I have been on the RIF and
2 transfer list in 2008 and Vandy is where I landed
3 because Vandy is where I wanted to be. I had my choice
4 of where to go. I'm still here because of the
5 difference that Vandy makes and the community and the
6 students and then the families. It is truly a family
7 atmosphere that I've never experienced before.

8 And the successes that Vandy has had are many.
9 We have students who are now working for Boeing. We
10 have students who are now working for Homeland Security.
11 We have successful students who are extending the Vandy
12 legacy beyond West Virginia. And it is important for
13 you to recognize that and know that Vandy is exceptional
14 in many ways and its students that leave from here are
15 also exceptional in many ways.

16 Thank you.

17 MR. RABER: Our next speaker is Wendy George
18 followed by Marie Krinock.

19 MS. GEORGE: Hello. My name's Wendy George,
20 W-e-n-d-y -- G-e-o-r-g-e. Mine is kind of a little bit
21 different. I'm a property owner right to the side over
22 here and if the school does get demolished do they know
23 the layout of the school or where it's going to be or if
24 they're going to fix the roads out here where it floods

1 every time it rains or like the sewer systems and if
2 they're going to demolish Lincoln besides this school if
3 it's going to be like a super school like four stories
4 or do they have any idea yet about that kind of stuff?
5 And --

6 MR. RABER: Would you like that answered
7 right now or would you like to continue?

8 MS. GEORGE: It's just pretty much -- that's
9 all I have.

10 MR. RABER: Okay. Madame Superintendent.

11 SUPT. WILLIS: Sure. The current plan if
12 Vandevender is closed -- is that Vandevender and Lincoln
13 both would be demolished and the new North Parkersburg
14 Elementary School would be located here. It would not
15 be four stories. No, it would be probably a two-story
16 building.

17 MS. GEORGE: Or if they know where the parking
18 lot will be or if it's going to be set in the middle if
19 they do demolish it?

20 SUPT. WILLIS: The thought is it would be more
21 towards where the Lincoln Elementary School is now so
22 it'd be back off of the street.

23 MS. GEORGE: Okay. And do they know if
24 they're going to buy up any other property to expand out

1 the school or any of the houses?

2 SUPT. WILLIS: We are not. We are able to
3 build that school with the property that we currently
4 have.

5 MS. GEORGE: Okay. All right. Thank you.

6 MR. RABER: Thank you.

7 Our final speaker is Marie Krinock.

8 MS. KRINOCK: My name is Marie, M-a-r-i-e --
9 K-r-i-n-o-c-k. First of all, I thought that with the
10 zero tolerance bullying policy we wouldn't have bullying
11 anymore in our schools.

12 But there's a reason that student enrollment
13 is down in public schools and it makes one question why.
14 But my biggest concern is there's been a whole lot of
15 spending here at the school recently. There's been a
16 new roof put on that was almost a million dollars.
17 There was a new ventilation system put in. A new
18 cafeteria was installed over the summer. A new speaker
19 system was installed for \$10,000. And it doesn't seem
20 like you guys are too concerned with the funding and
21 spending. With that being said that's coming back onto
22 the taxpayer.

23 Now my first question is: Is there an
24 oversight committee where the public will be able to go

1 and to see what type of spending is happening on these
2 projects that are going disastrously wrong?

3 MR. RABER: Madam Superintendent.

4 SUPT. WILLIS: Sure. That's at the Board of
5 Education meetings that we have on Tuesdays.

6 MS. KRINOCK: Okay. So is it posted anywhere
7 that the public can go look and see what is being spent
8 on what and being listed out so we can see that in black
9 and white?

10 SUPT. WILLIS: We have it in black and white
11 and you are welcome to do a Freedom of Information Act
12 on.

13 MS. KRINOCK: Oh.

14 SUPT. WILLIS: You could do that. We have
15 that because the Board does approve the finances every
16 two weeks.

17 MS. KRINOCK: Okay. So we have to do a
18 Freedom of Information Act and then wait to see if we
19 will get any answers back?

20 SUPT. WILLIS: Yeah, if you look at the Board
21 agenda there is a line item each time.

22 MS. KRINOCK: Uh-huh (yes).

23 SUPT. WILLIS: But the itemized pieces are not
24 public posted with the Board meeting agenda.

1 MS. KRINOCK: Okay. So once construction
2 begins and demolition begins where will we be able to
3 see the prices for all of that that is happening, any
4 issues that is run into that was maybe not planned out
5 well since it's the same company that's doing all the
6 architectural design in our area and these projects are
7 disasters. So where do we get to see the money that's
8 being spent over the amount that's actually budgeted?

9 SUPT. WILLIS: At this point we just did a
10 presentation a couple weeks ago with a PowerPoint where
11 that was -- whether right now it's a projection what the
12 overages are. Some of these secure entrances already
13 were known but we've been doing facility updates
14 monthly.

15 MS. KRINOCK: Okay. Also I would like to ask
16 with Madison School just being three blocks up the road
17 and this is going to be a new elementary center I'm
18 assuming that Madison's going to stay open. My biggest
19 concern is we have a community here and I am also a
20 property owner and we use this out here quite a bit.

21 So when this elementary school comes in are
22 the grounds going to be left open for the community to
23 enjoy as well or are they going to be locked up and shut
24 down like the ones at Madison are?

1 SUPT. WILLIS: I don't think the grounds at
2 Madison are locked.

3 MS. KRINOCK: Yes, you cannot -- you cannot
4 walk up there. You can't walk track -- you can't walk
5 the track. And we have a lot of people in our community
6 that come out and walk on the track and as a public we
7 interact with one another and lots of strong community
8 out there. So is that going to be taken away?

9 SUPT. WILLIS: I don't have a plan to take it
10 away at this point. It's going to be a field that I'm
11 hoping could be used because with the expansion of
12 Madison we might have to encroach on the current field
13 that's there at that elementary school. There's a six-
14 classroom addition in the bond to go onto Madison. So
15 this would be a place that, with the Ramblers, I know I
16 see them practice there all the time, utilize that.

17 MS. KRINOCK: Oh, the Ramblers do but after
18 that's done and over with it's locked and the public
19 can't use those grounds. And these schools are public
20 funded so that's the question that if it's publicly
21 funded, then should the grounds not be available to the
22 public, who's funding them, get to use them?

23 SUPT. WILLIS: I can say as a former principal
24 it depends.

1 MS. KRINOCK: Uh-huh (yes).

2 SUPT. WILLIS: There was a situation at a
3 school where I was the principal where we found drug
4 needles in the mulch --

5 MS. KRINOCK: Right.

6 SUPT. WILLIS: -- and some things that should
7 not be there for the pre-K kids. So for the students'
8 safety we did have to lock and that particular school
9 had a community playground so sometimes it's -- those
10 things happen and then there's a result.

11 MS. KRINOCK: Okay. Right. So probably then
12 in our area.

13 And my last question is as per News and
14 Sentinel, Justin, have you paid your real estate taxes
15 yet?

16 MR. RABER: I will call that comment out of
17 order. That is not pending before this Board.

18 That is our final speaker this evening. There
19 will be no further speakers. We are adjourned.

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21 (The proceedings were concluded at 6:25 p.m.)

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THE STATE OF :
 WEST VIRGINIA :
 : SS: C E R T I F I C A T E
 COUNTY OF WOOD :

I, NANCY S. JARRELL, CCR, Certified Court Reporter and Notary Public within and for the State of West Virginia, duly commissioned and qualified, do hereby certify that the hearing above was by me reduced to text and recorded by Stenomask; afterwards reduced to transcription under my direction and control; that the foregoing is a true and correct transcription of the testimony given by said witness.

I do further certify that this testimony was taken at the time and place in the foregoing caption specified, and was completed without adjournment.

I do further certify that I am not a relative, counsel or attorney of either party, or otherwise interested in the event of this action.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal of office at Parkersburg, West Virginia, on the 3rd day of November 2024.

 /s/Nancy S. Jarrell, CCR
 Nancy S. Jarrell, CCR
 Notary Public

My commission expires December 26, 2025.

Thursday, October 24, 2024
Special Meeting - Jackson Middle School Hearing

7:30 p.m.
Jackson Middle School
1601 34th Street
Vienna, WV 26105

1. Meeting Procedure

Subject :	A. School Closure Hearing Procedure
Meeting :	Oct 24, 2024 - Special Meeting - Jackson Middle School Hearing
Category :	1. Meeting Procedure
Access :	Public
Type :	Procedural

Public Content

The Wood County Board of Education will hold three (3) public hearings on the Superintendents recommendation to close VanDevender Middle School at the end of the 2024-2025 school year, and to merge it into Jackson Middle School and Hamilton Middle School at that time, as follow:

LOCATION: VanDevender Middle School, 918 31st Street, Parkersburg, WV
DATE AND TIME: October 21, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.
Sign in to speak between 5:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Hamilton Middle School, 3501 Cadillac Drive, Parkersburg, WV
DATE AND TIME: October 24, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.
Sign in to speak between 5:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Jackson Middle School, 1601 34th Street, Vienna, WV
DATE AND TIME: October 24, 2024, at 7:30 p.m.
Sign in to speak between 7:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

If, at the time a hearing is called to order, the Board determines that the location is of insufficient size to accommodate all who desire to attend, the hearing will be recessed and moved to a new location of sufficient size to accommodate all those who desire to attend. If that happens, the new meeting location will be posted at the original meeting location.

If a public hearing is not completed by 11:00 p.m., it will be recessed, to be continued on a date and at a time designated and announced by the Board just prior to the hearing recess, to be continued day-to-day until concluded. The public hearings, as well as any reconvened session of the public hearings, shall end at the conclusion of each hearings business or at 11:00 p.m., whichever occurs earlier.

ALTERNATE DATES AND TIMES

If, due to inclement weather or other cause, any hearing cannot be held on the scheduled date, the hearing or meeting will be held at the same location and time as originally scheduled, but on these dates and times:

- for the hearing at VanDevender Middle School, on October 25, 2024, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

- for the hearing at Hamilton Middle School, on October 29, 2024, beginning at 6:00 p.m.
- for the hearing at Jackson Middle School, on October 29, 2024, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

If for any reason a hearing cannot be conducted on the alternate date or time, the Board will determine a date or time.

HEARING PROCEDURES

For a period of 30 minutes prior to the commencement of a public hearing, persons may and are encouraged to register at the hearing location for the purpose of making statements, offering testimony, and questioning school officials concerning the proposals. Each hearing will begin with an oral summary by a representative of Wood County Schools of the reasons and supporting data in connection with the proposed action by the Board. Speakers will then be recognized in the order in which they registered. Each speaker shall be limited to five (5) minutes unless, in accordance with Board Policy 1000, the President reduces that time limit to provide all persons wishing to speak the opportunity to do so.

SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN MATERIAL

The Board will consider any written material submitted by members of the public concerning the proposals if the material, with six (6) copies, is submitted to and received by the Office of the Superintendent of Schools at 1210 13th Street, Parkersburg, West Virginia, before noon on October 17, 2024, including any findings and recommendations from the local school improvement councils representing VanDevender, Hamilton and Jackson Middle Schools.

REASONS AND SUPPORTING DATA

Until the date of the first hearing, written reasons for the Superintendents recommendations in the form of an Impact Statement and Supporting Data are available for public inspection in the Office of the Superintendent of Schools at 1210 13th Street, Parkersburg, West Virginia, on weekdays between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

FINAL ACTION

The Board of Education will take formal action on the Superintendents proposal to close VanDevender Middle School at the end of the 2024-2025 school year, and to merge it into Jackson Middle School and Hamilton Middle School, at its meeting at Jackson Middle School, 1601 34th Street, Vienna, West Virginia, on October 24, 2024, beginning at 8:30 p.m. If, due to inclement weather or other cause, the Board meeting cannot be held on the scheduled date, the meeting will be held at the same location and time as originally scheduled, but on October 29, 2024.

Christie M. Willis,
Superintendent
Wood County Board of Education

2. Opening of Meeting

Subject :	A. Call to Order
Meeting :	Oct 24, 2024 - Special Meeting - Jackson Middle School Hearing

Category : 2. Opening of Meeting
Access : Public
Type : Procedural
Subject : B. Moment of Silence/Pledge of Allegiance
Meeting : Oct 24, 2024 - Special Meeting - Jackson Middle School Hearing

Category : 2. Opening of Meeting
Access : Public
Type : Procedural
Subject : C. Roll Call
Meeting : Oct 24, 2024 - Special Meeting - Jackson Middle School Hearing

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3. Jackson Middle School Hearing

Subject : A. Summary of Proposed Action Presented by Administration
Meeting : Oct 24, 2024 - Special Meeting - Jackson Middle School Hearing
Category : 3. Jackson Middle School Hearing
Access : Public
Type : Information

Public Content

Subject : B. Delegation and Public Comment
Meeting : Oct 24, 2024 - Special Meeting - Jackson Middle School Hearing
Category : 3. Jackson Middle School Hearing
Access : Public
Type : Information

Public Content

4. Closing of Meeting

Subject : A. Adjournment

Meeting : Oct 24, 2024 - Special Meeting - Jackson Middle School Hearing

Category : 4. Closing of Meeting

Access : Public

Type :

Wood County Board of Education Meeting
Request to Speak

Jackson

Date	10/24	Name	Kayla Loyd
Address	Parkersburg, WV		
Phone Number		Email Address	
Brief description of topic.	Needs of the families.		
Have you spoken to an administrator about this topic?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	If yes, to whom?	
What action would you like the Board to take?			

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Wood County Board of Education Meeting
Request to Speak

Jackson

Date	10-24-24	Name	JEFF KISNER
Address			
Phone Number	304-615-2228	Email Address	jskisner@k12.wv.us
Brief description of topic.	Support to community		
Have you spoken to an administrator about this topic?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	If yes, to whom?	
What action would you like the Board to take?			

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Wood County Board of Education Meeting
Request to Speak

Jackson

Date	10/24/24	Name	Jamee Dalrymple
Address	367 Kittle St.		
Phone Number	304 588-2249	Email Address	jamee.dalrymple@K12.WV.US
Brief description of topic.	Addressing Jackson Community		
Have you spoken to an administrator about this topic?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	If yes, to whom? BOE	
What action would you like the Board to take?			

**Wood County Board of Education
Special Meeting – Jackson Middle School Hearing
Thursday, October 24, 2024
Jackson Middle School and Via YouTube
7:30 pm
Minutes**

1. Meeting Procedure

A. School Closure Hearing Procedure

President Raber reviewed the rules established for the hearing. He explained that the Summary of the Proposed Action would be presented by the Administration, which would be Superintendent Willis.

2. Opening of Meeting

A. Call to Order

The Wood County Board of Education met on Thursday, October 24, 2024 at Jackson Middle School, 1601 34th Street, Vienna, WV. President Raber called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

B. Moment of Silence/Pledge of Allegiance

A moment of silence was held, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Rick Olcott.

C. Roll Call

The following Board members were present: Justin Raber, Rick Olcott, Ron Tice, and Judy Johnson. Sarah Townsend was absent.

A quorum was established.

3. Jackson Middle School Hearing

A. Summary of Proposed Action Presented by Administration

Over the last decade, the Wood County Board of Education has had a decline in student enrollment. Wood County has had a 1,929 decrease in student population from 2014 through 2024. The proposal before us is to consolidate services. The specific proposal is to merge VanDevender Middle School into the current Hamilton Middle School and Jackson Middle School resulting in the closure of VanDevender Middle School.

During the past 10 years, VanDevender Middle School's height of enrollment was the 2017-2018 school year at 415 students. The enrollment of VanDevender Middle School as of August 9, 2024, was 248 students. The program utilization for VanDevender Middle School has a capacity for 728 students; therefore, with an enrollment of 248 students, the program utilization of the facility is 34.1%. The desirable program utilization for a school is 85%.

Over the past 10 years, Hamilton Middle School's height of enrollment was the 2015 – 2016 school year at 555 students. As of August 9, 2024, the enrollment of Hamilton Middle School was 458 students. The program utilization for Hamilton Middle School has a capacity for 784 students therefore the current program utilization of the facility is 54.1%. Approximately 55% of VanDevender Middle School students will attend Hamilton Middle School. The combined enrollment of VanDevender Middle School merged with Hamilton Middle School is projected to be 580 students for the 2025-2026 school year with a program utilization of 74%.

Over the past 10 years, Jackson Middle Schools' height of enrollment was during the 2021 –2022 school year at 519 students. As of August 9, 2024, the enrollment of Jackson Middle School was 440 students. The program utilization for Jackson Middle School has a capacity for 728 students; therefore, the program utilization is 60.4%. Approximately 45% of VanDevender Middle School students will attend Jackson Middle School. The combined enrollment of VanDevender Middle School merged with Jackson Middle School is projected to be 520 students for the 2025-2026 school year with a program utilization of 71.4%.

The closure of VanDevender Middle School to merge with Hamilton Middle School and Jackson Middle School will result in a reduction of 4 professional personnel positions and 3.5 service personnel positions. Hamilton Middle School will be designated a Title I School.

Hamilton Middle School is located 1.3 miles away from VanDevender Middle School, if traveling on 32nd Street. Jackson Middle School is located 3.8 miles away from VanDevender Middle School, if traveling on Grand Central Avenue. Transportation will be provided and not exceed 45 minutes to either middle school as required by Policy 6200. For extracurricular activities, many students at VanDevender walk to practices. Wood County Schools will provide an activities bus to transport students in the evening from Jackson Middle School to a bus stop in the vicinity of the current VanDevender Middle School district for students who do not have transportation after school hours to attend practices.

VanDevender Middle School is in fair condition and not compliant with the American Disabilities Act. Hamilton Middle School and Jackson Middle School are in good condition and ADA compliant. VanDevender Middle School has a secure vestibule. Hamilton Middle School and Jackson Middle School will have a secure vestibule constructed this school year.

The closure of VanDevender Middle School and merger with Hamilton Middle School and Jackson Middle School has the potential to save the Board of Education \$1,262,139.52 (one million, two hundred sixty-two thousand, one hundred thirty-nine dollars and fifty-two cents) annually. This cost savings is needed as a result of declining enrollment. Wood County Schools will have less funding next year as our most recent full-time equivalency enrollment number has dropped to 10,991, which is the number used in the state funding formula. This is a 176 FTE decline from what Wood County Schools was funded for this current school year.

B. Delegation and Public Comment

The following audience members spoke and asked questions/shared concerns regarding the closure and merger of VanDevender Middle School into Jackson Middle School and Hamilton Middle School:

- Kayla Loyd
- Jeff Kisner
- Jamee Dalrymple

4. Closing of Meeting

A. Adjournment

President Raber adjourned the meeting at 7:47 pm.

WOOD COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
JACKSON MIDDLE SCHOOL HEARING

OCTOBER 24, 2024

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APPEARANCES

WOOD COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS

JUSTIN RABER
RICK OLCOTT
RON TICE
JUDY JOHNSON
SARAH TOWNSEND - ABSENT

ALSO PRESENT

CHRISTIE WILLIS - WOOD COUNTY SCHOOL
SUPERINTENDENT

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PROCEEDINGS

MR. RABER: Good evening. It is now 7:30 p.m. and I call the special meeting of the Wood County Board of Education to order.

Please join me in a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mr. Olcott.

(Moment of silence)

MR. RABER: Thank you.

(Pledge of Allegiance)

MR. RABER: Good evening. I will note that four of the five members are present. Ms. Townsend is not with us this evening.

Tonight we are here for the Jackson Middle School hearing in regards to the proposed consolidation and closure of Vandy Middle School and the merger into Jackson Middle School and Hamilton Middle School.

This evening we will use the same procedure that we have throughout. The administration by Superintendent Willis will present a summary of the proposed action and then that will be followed by delegation and public comments.

We ask that all public -- all delegations and

1 public comments, please have your comments be germane to
2 the school closure hearing and process. On my left you
3 will have the timer of five minutes. Each speaker will
4 be given five minutes to address the Board. We will
5 start and stop the timer if the speaker asks any
6 questions of the administration.

7 This process is a little different than
8 regular Board meetings where, as part of the school
9 closure hearing process, the speakers are permitted to
10 ask the administration questions and the administration
11 will answer those questions as part of this process. We
12 will stop the time when the administration is speaking
13 so that it does not take away from your five minutes.

14 Madam Superintendent.

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22 next year as our most recent full-time equivalency
23 enrollment number has dropped to 10,991, which is the
24 number used in the state funding formula. This is a 176

1 full-time equivalency decline from what Wood County
2 Schools was funded for this current school year.

3 MR. RABER: Thank you.

4 Are there any questions for the
5 Superintendent?

6 (No response)

7 MR. RABER: Hearing none we will go to public
8 comment and delegations. We do have three speakers this
9 evening. Each speaker will be afforded five minutes to
10 address the Board. Our first speaker is Kayla Loyd.
11 And when you come up please state your name and spell
12 your last name for the court reporter.

13 MS. LOYD: Hello. It's Kayla, K-a-y-l-a,
14 Lloyd, L-o-y-d. I've been to all the meetings so I
15 don't have a whole bunch of questions. I was just kind
16 of curious. Do you guys know if Jackson currently has a
17 pantry or a needs room?

18 MR. RABER: Madam Superintendent.

19 SUPT. WILLIS: Mr. Kisner is in the audience
20 and I'm going to ask Mr. Kisner if he can answer that
21 question for me.

22 MR. KISNER: Yes, ma'am.

23 MR. RABER: Mr. Kisner, if you could come up
24 to the microphone so that way you can be heard on the

1 Live Stream.

2 MR. KISNER: It's a great question. Yes,
3 ma'am, we do, we do currently have a pantry. Some of
4 our local faith -- faith-based -- yeah, I haven't said
5 that right yet -- organizations do help us. Every week
6 they help support that. We also have a clothes closet
7 here at Jackson, yes, ma'am.

8 MS. LOYD: Okay. That's just something that's
9 very heavily utilized at Vandevender Middle School and I
10 just don't want our kids to go without. Sorry, I love
11 these kids.

12 I also wanted to know -- I know you talked
13 about mental health concerns a little bit. And I was
14 reading the documents and there's -- you're going to --
15 you're planning to have like counselors split 50-50.
16 How do you think -- how do you think that the -- or our
17 kids that went to Jackson or Hamilton school will be
18 overlooked? I'm just really concerned about that. I
19 wonder if it's to, you know, not just be a number.

20 MR. RABER: Madam Superintendent.

21 MS. WILLIS: Yes, there's already a counselor
22 at Jackson but unfortunately I think that counselor is
23 moving.

24 MS. LOYD: Yeah.

1 SUPT. WILLIS: Hamilton currently doesn't have
2 a counselor though we're fortunate Cathy Grewe is
3 retiring.

4 MS. LOYD: Yeah.

5 SUPT. WILLIS: She's going to help us at
6 Hamilton. So hopefully we can find two full-time
7 counselors for the middle schools and then we're adding
8 a half to split between the two to provide some extra
9 services in this transition because we do know that, you
10 know, the students at Vandy -- we want to make sure that
11 they're taken care of.

12 MS. LOYD: Yeah. And that's pretty much all I
13 had. I was just kind of curious about mainly the pantry
14 because like I said it's utilized. Our kids are excited
15 just to get hand-me-downs because a lot of them can't
16 afford stuff. So I was just really concerned about that
17 so thank you.

18 MR. RABER: Thank you.

19 And just so that's clear, Madame
20 Superintendent, now the intention is to have both
21 schools a full-time counselor that is at school every
22 day; in addition to that is a half-time counselor at
23 each school?

24 SUPT. WILLIS: That's correct.

1 MR. RABER: Okay. Thank you.

2 Our next speaker is Jeff Kisner.

3 MR. KISNER: Good evening. My name is Jeff
4 Kisner, K-i-s-n-e-r. I am the principal here at Jackson
5 Middle School. I really don't have too many questions
6 this evening. I did just want to make a couple comments
7 to the group and I greatly appreciate the audience and
8 the Board being here today.

9 First of all, you know, this a tough time for
10 everyone here as far as in this room and all community
11 members because of one thing. And that is pride. You
12 know, I think pride is something that runs very deep in
13 our community and we have pride in family, we have pride
14 in our school, we have pride in our community. And, you
15 know, I am very proud to be the administrator here at
16 Jackson Middle School.

17 I'm very proud to have the staff that we have
18 that work so hard day in and day out. Does not matter
19 what their role is, whether they're a teacher, a nurse,
20 an administrator, a custodian or a cook there. Many of
21 them have great feelings for the students that we see.
22 And just like -- I'm sorry, I think it was Ms. Lauers
23 [sic] said they love the kids that are here and they
24 want to here day in and day out. Don't get me wrong.

1 Everybody has days. But I think that pride in these
2 times and the love of the kids that they work with is
3 very special.

4 I just want to assure everyone that the
5 dedication of the individuals here at Jackson Middle
6 School, just as, I'm sure the dedication of those
7 individuals at Hamilton as well as Vandevender, we are
8 about students. And I have no doubt that the staff that
9 we have, the staff that we are going to be bringing on
10 are going to have the love of -- it does not matter
11 where you live in this county but, you know, we all have
12 those designations.

13 I grew up in a very rural area. You talk
14 about 3.8 miles. I definitely did that on a bus every
15 day for sure in Pleasants County and traveling to and
16 from school. I probably had just as well of a
17 relationship with that bus driver as I did anyone else
18 in that time.

19 But I want -- do want to just say there's no
20 doubt fear plays a factor. It really does. Our kids
21 come to school daily and some have fears right now. And
22 mental health is a concern. Fading (phonetic) of
23 students is a concern. They're a concern here at
24 Jackson. I know they're a concern everywhere in this

1 county and I believe we want to continue that it does
2 not matter who walks through those doors we're here to
3 educate and to provide for them and to try to love them
4 to the best of our ability and just be there for them.

5 My hope in all of this is in -- with the
6 documents that I've read that the Board is looking at
7 providing support and continuing that end of things.
8 You know, right now we have three science teachers in
9 our building. According to that document we're going to
10 now have six and that's a huge relief to my staff. But
11 it should also be a huge relief to our parents. It
12 doesn't matter where you're coming from that the
13 education, the love, the support that you're going to
14 get should be equal no matter where we're at. Doesn't
15 matter the building. I believe in the professionalism
16 of the staff here and those to come as well. So thank
17 you.

18 MR. RABER: Thank you.

19 Our final speaker this evening is Jamee
20 Dalrymple. Did I get it right this time?

21 MS. DALRYMPLE: Yes. My name is Jamee
22 Dalrymple, D-a-l-r-y-m-p-l-e. I'm here again to address
23 mainly the community that is Jackson Middle School.

24 I'm not here to plead for Vandy to remain open

1 because that decision for closure has already been
2 decided upon. But I am here to plead for our students,
3 the current students that we have already, and the
4 future students that would be attending Vandevender
5 Middle.

6 Our school, we have a very close community as
7 many schools do. We are very involved in our students'
8 lives and we are also involved with their families.
9 Losing Vandy is, and it will be, a huge blow to our
10 community in Wood County. Our kids and their families
11 do feel like they don't belong. They feel like outcasts
12 many times.

13 Their socio-economic situation is different
14 than those that live here in Vienna that do attend and
15 contribute to Jackson Middle School and the community.

16 So we at Vandy are very concerned four our
17 students and for their family. We're just just asking
18 that everyone, whether it be at Hamilton or Jackson that
19 you welcome and embrace our community. We do have
20 wonderful kids and we have wonderful families.

21 I do know that no matter where our kids go
22 they will be bringing Vandy pride to your school and
23 bringing along with them Vandy traditions. So please
24 don't let any kind of prejudices shadow this new

1 adventure and juncture with Vandy.

2 MR. RABER: Thank you.

3 At this time there being no further speakers
4 for the special meeting, the hearing at Jackson Middle
5 School, we are adjourned at 7:47 p.m. and our next
6 meeting will begin promptly at 8:30 p.m.

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8 (The proceedings were concluded at 7:47 p.m.)

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THE STATE OF :
 WEST VIRGINIA :
 : SS: C E R T I F I C A T E
 COUNTY OF WOOD :

I, NANCY S. JARRELL, CCR, Certified Court Reporter and Notary Public within and for the State of West Virginia, duly commissioned and qualified, do hereby certify that the hearing above was by me reduced to text and recorded by Stenomask; afterwards reduced to transcription under my direction and control; that the foregoing is a true and correct transcription of the testimony given by said witness.

I do further certify that this testimony was taken at the time and place in the foregoing caption specified, and was completed without adjournment.

I do further certify that I am not a relative, counsel or attorney of either party, or otherwise interested in the event of this action.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal of office at Parkersburg, West Virginia, on the 3rd day of November 2024.

 /s/Nancy S. Jarrell, CCR
 Nancy S. Jarrell, CCR
 Notary Public

My commission expires December 26, 2025.

Thursday, October 24, 2024
Special Meeting - Hamilton Middle School Hearing

6:00 p.m.
Hamilton Middle School
3501 Cadillac Drive
Parkersburg, WV 26104

1. Meeting Procedure

Subject :	A. School Closure Hearing Procedure
Meeting :	Oct 24, 2024 - Special Meeting - Hamilton Middle School Hearing
Category :	1. Meeting Procedure
Access :	Public
Type :	Procedural

Public Content

The Wood County Board of Education will hold three (3) public hearings on the Superintendents recommendation to close VanDevender Middle School at the end of the 2024-2025 school year, and to merge it into Jackson Middle School and Hamilton Middle School at that time, as follow:

LOCATION: VanDevender Middle School, 918 31st Street, Parkersburg, WV

DATE AND TIME: October 21, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

Sign in to speak between 5:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Hamilton Middle School, 3501 Cadillac Drive, Parkersburg, WV

DATE AND TIME: October 24, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

Sign in to speak between 5:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Jackson Middle School, 1601 34th Street, Vienna, WV

DATE AND TIME: October 24, 2024, at 7:30 p.m.

Sign in to speak between 7:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

If, at the time a hearing is called to order, the Board determines that the location is of insufficient size to accommodate all who desire to attend, the hearing will be recessed and moved to a new location of sufficient size to accommodate all those who desire to attend. If that happens, the new meeting location will be posted at the original meeting location.

If a public hearing is not completed by 11:00 p.m., it will be recessed, to be continued on a date and at a time designated and announced by the Board just prior to the hearing recess, to be continued day-to-day until concluded. The public hearings, as well as any reconvened session of the public hearings, shall end at the conclusion of each hearings business or at 11:00 p.m., whichever occurs earlier.

ALTERNATE DATES AND TIMES

If, due to inclement weather or other cause, any hearing cannot be held on the scheduled date, the hearing or meeting will be held at the same location and time as originally scheduled, but on these dates and times:

- for the hearing at VanDevender Middle School, on October 25, 2024, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

- for the hearing at Hamilton Middle School, on October 29, 2024, beginning at 6:00 p.m.
- for the hearing at Jackson Middle School, on October 29, 2024, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

If for any reason a hearing cannot be conducted on the alternate date or time, the Board will determine a date or time.

HEARING PROCEDURES

For a period of 30 minutes prior to the commencement of a public hearing, persons may and are encouraged to register at the hearing location for the purpose of making statements, offering testimony, and questioning school officials concerning the proposals. Each hearing will begin with an oral summary by a representative of Wood County Schools of the reasons and supporting data in connection with the proposed action by the Board. Speakers will then be recognized in the order in which they registered. Each speaker shall be limited to five (5) minutes unless, in accordance with Board Policy 1000, the President reduces that time limit to provide all persons wishing to speak the opportunity to do so.

SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN MATERIAL

The Board will consider any written material submitted by members of the public concerning the proposals if the material, with six (6) copies, is submitted to and received by the Office of the Superintendent of Schools at 1210 13th Street, Parkersburg, West Virginia, before noon on October 17, 2024, including any findings and recommendations from the local school improvement councils representing VanDevender, Hamilton and Jackson Middle Schools.

REASONS AND SUPPORTING DATA

Until the date of the first hearing, written reasons for the Superintendents recommendations in the form of an Impact Statement and Supporting Data are available for public inspection in the Office of the Superintendent of Schools at 1210 13th Street, Parkersburg, West Virginia, on weekdays between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

FINAL ACTION

The Board of Education will take formal action on the Superintendents proposal to close VanDevender Middle School at the end of the 2024-2025 school year, and to merge it into Jackson Middle School and Hamilton Middle School, at its meeting at Jackson Middle School, 1601 34th Street, Vienna, West Virginia, on October 24, 2024, beginning at 8:30 p.m. If, due to inclement weather or other cause, the Board meeting cannot be held on the scheduled date, the meeting will be held at the same location and time as originally scheduled, but on October 29, 2024.

Christie M. Willis,
Superintendent
Wood County Board of Education

2. Opening of Meeting

Subject :	A. Call to Order
Meeting :	Oct 24, 2024 - Special Meeting - Hamilton Middle School Hearing

Category : 2. Opening of Meeting
Access : Public
Type : Procedural
Subject : B. Moment of Silence/Pledge of Allegiance
Meeting : Oct 24, 2024 - Special Meeting - Hamilton Middle School Hearing

Category : 2. Opening of Meeting
Access : Public
Type : Procedural
Subject : C. Roll Call
Meeting : Oct 24, 2024 - Special Meeting - Hamilton Middle School Hearing

Category : 2. Opening of Meeting
Access : Public
Type : Procedural

3. Hamilton Middle School Hearing

Subject : A. Summary of Proposed Action Presented by Administration
Meeting : Oct 24, 2024 - Special Meeting - Hamilton Middle School Hearing
Category : 3. Hamilton Middle School Hearing
Access : Public
Type : Information

Public Content

Subject : B. Delegation and Public Comment
Meeting : Oct 24, 2024 - Special Meeting - Hamilton Middle School Hearing
Category : 3. Hamilton Middle School Hearing
Access : Public
Type : Information

Public Content

4. Closing of Meeting

Subject : A. Adjournment

Meeting : Oct 24, 2024 - Special Meeting - Hamilton Middle School Hearing

Category : 4. Closing of Meeting

Access : Public

Type :

**Wood County Board of Education Meeting
Request to Speak**

Date	10-24-2024	Name	Andi Ervin
Address	1720 Avery St.		
Phone Number	304 481 6789	Email Address	andiben3boyz@gmail.com
Brief description of topic.	school closure		
Have you spoken to an administrator about this topic?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	If yes, to whom? Cody Ratliff Kurt Echard	
What action would you like the Board to take?	students to Hamilton, not to Jackson		

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**Wood County Board of Education Meeting
Request to Speak**

Date	10/24/24	Name	Jamee Dalrymple
Address	367 Kettle St. Williamstown WV 26187		
Phone Number	304-588-2249	Email Address	jamee.dalrymple@K12.wv.us
Brief description of topic.	Concerns over students entering Jackson & Hamilton		
Have you spoken to an administrator about this topic?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	If yes, to whom? all of BOE	
What action would you like the Board to take?	take comments & concerns to heart and consider the concerns.		

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**Wood County Board of Education Meeting
Request to Speak**

Date	10/24/24	Name	Avon Russell
Address	Parkersburg		
Phone Number	304-294-9505	Email Address	
Brief description of topic.			
Have you spoken to an administrator about this topic?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	If yes, to whom?	
What action would you like the Board to take?	Reconsider the closing of Vandy		

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**Wood County Board of Education Meeting
Request to Speak**

Date	10/24/24	Name	Melissa Thompson
Address	4104 Stella St.		
Phone Number	304-917-9821	Email Address	
Brief description of topic.	class sizes		
Have you spoken to an administrator about this topic?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	If yes, to whom?	
What action would you like the Board to take?			

**Wood County Board of Education
Special Meeting – Hamilton Middle School Hearing
Thursday, October 24, 2024
Hamilton Middle School and Via YouTube
6:00 pm
Minutes**

1. Meeting Procedure

A. School Closure Hearing Procedure

President Raber reviewed the rules established for the hearing. He explained that the Summary of the Proposed Action would be presented by the Administration, which would be Superintendent Willis.

2. Opening of Meeting

A. Call to Order

The Wood County Board of Education met on Thursday, October 24, 2024 at Hamilton Middle School, 3501 Cadillac Drive, Parkersburg, WV. President Raber called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

B. Moment of Silence/Pledge of Allegiance

A moment of silence was held, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Ron Tice.

C. Roll Call

The following Board members were present: Justin Raber, Rick Olcott, Ron Tice, and Judy Johnson. Sarah Townsend was absent.

A quorum was established.

3. Hamilton Middle School Hearing

A. Summary of Proposed Action Presented by Administration

Over the last decade, the Wood County Board of Education has had a decline in student enrollment. Wood County has had a 1,929 decrease in student population from 2014 through 2024. The proposal before us is to consolidate services. The specific proposal is to merge VanDevender Middle School into the current Hamilton Middle School and Jackson Middle School resulting in the closure of VanDevender Middle School.

During the past 10 years, VanDevender Middle School's height of enrollment was the 2017-2018 school year at 415 students. The enrollment of VanDevender Middle School as of August 9, 2024, was 248 students. The program utilization for VanDevender Middle School has a capacity for 728 students; therefore, with an enrollment of 248 students, the program utilization of the facility is 34.1%. The desirable program utilization for a school is 85%.

Over the past 10 years, Hamilton Middle School's height of enrollment was the 2015 – 2016 school year at 555 students. As of August 9, 2024, the enrollment of Hamilton Middle School was 458 students. The program utilization for Hamilton Middle School has a capacity for 784 students therefore the current program utilization of the facility is 54.1%. Approximately 55% of VanDevender Middle School students will attend Hamilton Middle School. The combined enrollment of VanDevender Middle School merged with Hamilton Middle School is projected to be 580 students for the 2025-2026 school year with a program utilization of 74%.

Over the past 10 years, Jackson Middle Schools' height of enrollment was during the 2021 –2022 school year at 519 students. As of August 9, 2024, the enrollment of Jackson Middle School was 440 students. The program utilization for Jackson Middle School has a capacity for 728 students; therefore, the program utilization is 60.4%. Approximately 45% of VanDevender Middle School students will attend Jackson Middle School. The combined enrollment of VanDevender Middle School merged with Jackson Middle School is projected to be 520 students for the 2025-2026 school year with a program utilization of 71.4%.

The closure of VanDevender Middle School to merge with Hamilton Middle School and Jackson Middle School will result in a reduction of 4 professional personnel positions and 3.5 service personnel positions. Hamilton Middle School will be designated a Title I School.

Hamilton Middle School is located 1.3 miles away from VanDevender Middle School, if traveling on 32nd Street. Jackson Middle School is located 3.8 miles away from VanDevender Middle School, if traveling on Grand Central Avenue. Transportation will be provided and not exceed 45 minutes to either middle school as required by Policy 6200. For extracurricular activities, many students at VanDevender walk to practices. Wood County Schools will provide an activities bus to transport students in the evening from Jackson Middle School to a bus stop in the vicinity of the current VanDevender Middle School district for students who do not have transportation after school hours to attend practices.

VanDevender Middle School is in fair condition and not compliant with the American Disabilities Act. Hamilton Middle School and Jackson Middle School are in good condition and ADA compliant. VanDevender Middle School has a secure vestibule. Hamilton Middle School and Jackson Middle School will have a secure vestibule constructed this school year.

The closure of VanDevender Middle School and merger with Hamilton Middle School and Jackson Middle School has the potential to save the Board of Education \$1,262,139.52 (one million, two hundred sixty-two thousand, one hundred thirty-nine dollars and fifty-two cents) annually. This cost savings is needed as a result of declining enrollment. Wood County Schools will have less funding next year as our most recent full-time equivalency enrollment number has dropped to 10,991, which is the number used in the state funding formula. This is a 176 FTE decline from what Wood County Schools was funded for this current school year.

B. Delegation and Public Comment

The following audience members spoke and asked questions/shared concerns regarding the closure and merger of VanDevender Middle School into Jackson Middle School and Hamilton Middle School:

- Andi Ervin
- Jamee Dalrymple
- Melissa Thompson
- Aaron Russell

4. Closing of Meeting

A. Adjournment

President Raber adjourned the meeting at 6:25 pm.

WOOD COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
HAMILTON MIDDLE SCHOOL HEARING

OCTOBER 24, 2024

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APPEARANCES

WOOD COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS

JUSTIN RABER
RICK OLCOTT
RON TICE
JUDY JOHNSON
SARAH TOWNSEND - ABSENT

ALSO PRESENT

CHRISTIE WILLIS - WOOD COUNTY SCHOOL
SUPERINTENDENT

REPORTER'S CERTIFICATE

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1 that time we ask that you keep your comments germane to
2 the school closure and consolidation as well as, you
3 will see on your left, is the timer and if you ask a
4 question of the administration -- our delegation and
5 public comment's a little bit different during school
6 closure hearings wherein the speakers can ask questions
7 and have answers provided by the administration. If you
8 ask a question the answer does not count against your
9 five minutes. We will pause it and then once you start
10 speaking we will resume.

11 And then as you come up please come to the
12 podium, state your name and spell your last name for our
13 court reporter and then speak very clearly so that way
14 everything can be transcribed this evening.

15 Madam Superintendent.

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2 for this current school year.

3 MR. RABER: Thank you.

4 We will now move into delegations and public
5 comments. Our first speaker is Andi Ervin followed by
6 Jamee Dalrymple. And Ms. Ervin, if you would spell your
7 first name as well.

8 MS. ERVIN: Okay. Hi. My name is Andi Ervin,
9 A-n-d-i -- E-r-v-i-n. And I actually served on the CFE
10 committee that made the plans for these school closures
11 so I've seen the numbers and while my heart disagrees my
12 mind knows that school closure is a financially
13 responsible step.

14 During those meetings I did make my motives
15 clear. My motives for being in any part of Wood County
16 Schools is to do what is best for the students in our
17 community and not what is best for the Board of
18 Education or even just one school even if that is the
19 school that I love.

20 My bias for Vandy comes from having three sons
21 attend as students over the last eight years. I've been
22 active on boosters namely being the booster president
23 for five of those eight years. I have been on the LSIC
24 and the PAC Committee. I briefly worked in the MMI room

1 as a long-term sub and I assistant coached cross country
2 and then was the head coach. I even -- even though my
3 kids moved on to -- sorry -- to PHS I am still active at
4 Vandy. I am on the PAC meeting. I go to the PAC
5 meetings. I am on LSIC. I'm the girls' track coach and
6 I'm still the booster treasurer.

7 Vandy has a very big piece of my heart. And
8 my main reason for that is the students. The staff is
9 amazing and unlike any other but the students in our
10 school are truly a unique treasure. Every school has
11 great kids and every school has children who make poor
12 choices but the difference at Vandy is the majority of
13 those kids, both the great and the misguided, find that
14 the building and those staff members are their only safe
15 space.

16 Part of my duty as a parent and as as someone
17 who desires to always advocate for every student in our
18 county is to look at what is best for them over what is
19 best for the staff or even the Board.

20 I'm aware, despite there not being yet a
21 formal vote, that you will choose to close Vandevender
22 because financially that is the best option. However,
23 it's not the best option for any middle school student
24 at Hamilton, Jackson or Vandevender either. The

1 challenges of early adolescence, both mental and
2 physical, are beyond our comprehension most of the time.
3 It's not like when we were in school.

4 Having smaller class sizes was one of the
5 biggest benefits I saw within my own family at Vandy.
6 The students were not left behind because staff saw them
7 where they are and were glad to take the time to help
8 them individually. That won't happen in bigger
9 classrooms.

10 The other benefit I saw to smaller class sizes
11 was for their mental and social health. Having a class
12 size less than 25 students allowed stronger bonds to
13 form between those students rather than a full class
14 where you can't talk because of the noise level or being
15 limited to only speaking to the four to five people
16 around you. Students both learned academically as well
17 as socially through conversation with their peers, open
18 communication in classrooms instead of the teacher
19 standing at the front room teaching at them.

20 After listening to Tuesday's meeting it's also
21 obvious unfortunately you do not fully understand the
22 bullying that goes on. It's not just between students;
23 it's between staff. While my sons and I feel our time
24 at Vandy has taught them many life skills they would

1 have never learned elsewhere we have also had to
2 overcome a lot of negative comments about where they've
3 come from. Both students and staff at other schools
4 have made derogatory comments about how rough our school
5 is and how bad everyone there is. If you think our
6 students aren't going to get bullied for just being a
7 Vandy kid, you're very wrong. Staff will also be
8 bullied by other staff member for being a Vandy staff
9 member. Staff and students alike will make sure our
10 students know that they do not belong in their schools.

11 One of the ways I foresee this bullying
12 continue is through extracurricular school activities.
13 Most of the students at Vandy walk to practice, games
14 and events. Those who plan to attend at Jackson will
15 not have that option. If they were all to go to
16 Hamilton there would be a better chance for them to walk
17 to and from these events.

18 You say it's only three miles to Jackson.
19 That's not an easy three miles. It will be a dangerous
20 three-mile walk on roads or on busy Grand Central
21 Avenue. Hamilton would give our students the best
22 opportunity to walk through neighborhoods most of which
23 they're already familiar with. Instead of looking for
24 their best interest you propose to send 40 percent of

1 them to a school that they cannot get to without a bus
2 or guardian driving them. They won't be on those teams
3 and they won't be in those clubs because they won't have
4 the opportunity to attend the necessary practices and
5 meetings required.

6 You've stated you will provide for buses for
7 practices. What happens when practice is from 5:00 to
8 9:00 and not right after school? There's a game they
9 want to attend to cheer on their friends but they're not
10 on the team. How do they get there? Or there's a
11 school dance that starts at 7:00 and ends at 10:00. How
12 are they doing to get there? Right now they have the
13 option to walk. I urge you to reconsider where you are
14 going to send these students when you close our school.

15 Thank you.

16 (Applause)

17 MR. RABER: Thank you.

18 Our next speaker is Jamee Dalrymple followed
19 by Aaron Russell. And, Jaymee, if you'd spell your
20 first name for us too, please.

21 MS. DALRYMPLE: My name is Jamee, J-a-m-e-e,
22 and my last name is Dalrymple, D-a-l-r-y-m-p-l-e.

23 MR. RABER: I'm sorry for mispronouncing your
24 last name.

1 MS. DALRYMPLE: It's okay. Wilson was my
2 maiden. It was easier.

3 So I'm addressing you all as an employee of
4 Wood County Schools. I am the school nurse over at
5 Vandevender Middle. My concern, obviously we don't want
6 to see or school closed. We love it. I am a Wildcat
7 alumni and the thought of having our kids come here is a
8 little exciting because I have a great three years here.

9 However, human factors comes into play. There
10 is a lot of prejudice and we try to work past prejudices
11 but they're there. I had to come up here to the school
12 last year. I was meeting with the school nurse here and
13 I let those staff -- a few staff members know of what
14 the plans were because Ms. Willis and a few others had
15 come and talked to us.

16 The issue was the staff looked at me and was
17 disgusted to think that Vandy kids were going to come
18 here. And I kind of get it. When I first got told my
19 job was going to go to Vandy I was terrified. I
20 thought, "I'm going to get stabbed or shot." That's not
21 the case.

22 The issue that we have is that there is
23 discrimination. We have kids that are good. We have
24 kids that are bad. That's going to be in any school in

1 any county in any state anywhere in the world. So our
2 kids are terrified at the thought of going to Hamilton
3 or to Jackson. And why? Because they know, they sense
4 the prejudice that is -- that is coming down. They hear
5 it from other school teams. They hear it from other
6 kids in the county. I get told this all the time.

7 So our concern is for the well-being of our
8 kids. We have a lot of mental health issues here in
9 Wood County as well as any other county. Everybody in
10 our school -- teachers, nurse, counselors, communities
11 in school, our counselor, everybody who works with these
12 kids to do risk assessments, to make sure that they're
13 safe -- we know that there's not a counselor full-time
14 here at Hamilton and that worries us greatly.

15 As Andi had mentioned with the bus that's
16 going to be transporting, that's another cost. You've
17 got the maintenance of another bus, you've got the gas,
18 you've got to get a driver because that's going to put
19 somebody out later in the day. How long is that bus
20 going to run? How long is that going to happen? Like
21 she said, we have kids that want to participate. If
22 they're not within walking distance there is no way. We
23 can't transport kids.

24 So and that's another concern. We do have a

1 lot of parents at Vandy -- and I don't know about the
2 other schools -- that do not have transportation and
3 many of them just will not pick up their kids. And I
4 can't tell you how many kids I've had sick and look like
5 they were dying in my office and no one come get them.
6 We have a county car and so we all take our kids home.
7 We will get them to the doctor. We do these things for
8 them. Is that going to happen for our kids here that
9 come to Jackson or to Hamilton? We kind of feel that
10 that's probably not going to happen.

11 And as she said when it comes to the prejudice
12 with staff I sense it. I am not a fancy person. I
13 could wear designer threads if I wanted to. I don't.
14 This is who I am. I'm usually dressed like a bum
15 because I play with the kids all day. But I have people
16 that side-eye me and look me up and down. I'm a
17 professional. I am a registered nurse and I get treated
18 in a discriminating way.

19 What do I -- how is that going to affect our
20 kids? Our kids already know and they're terrified
21 because they know they're not going to be accepted and
22 they know that they're not going to fit in.

23 (Applause)

24 MR. RABER: Thank you.

1 Our next speaker is Aaron Russell followed by
2 Melissa Thompson. State your name and spell your last
3 name for us.

4 MR. RUSSELL: Sorry. My name is Aaron
5 Russell, R-u-s-s-e-l-l.

6 MR. RABER: Thank you.

7 MR. RUSSELL: I'm an eighth grade student from
8 Vandevender Middle School and I first-hand know that --
9 (speaker pauses.)

10 MR. RABER: Aaron, would you like a moment?

11 MR. RUSSELL: I don't know. Yes, yes, please.

12 MR. RABER: You got it. Come back up here in
13 a minute and that's --

14 (Applause)

15 MR. RABER: -- because as a student your voice
16 needs to be heard the most. So we definitely want you
17 up here to speak to us and if you need a minute we're A-
18 okay with that. So we will move forward to Melissa
19 Thompson.

20 MS. THOMPSON: Good evening. I'm Melissa
21 Thompson, T-h-o-m-p-s-o-n. I am a teacher in Wood
22 County Schools. I've been in Wood County Schools since
23 2011. I also have a sixth grade son here at Hamilton.

24 I'd first of all like to thank you guys for

1 the detailed information provided at the beginning
2 because most of my questions were already answered with
3 that information. I was curious about the school
4 populations and how that was going to impact the new
5 population sizes with the closure of Vandevender.

6 My remaining question would be: How do we
7 anticipate class sizes at the two remaining schools to
8 be impacted? Are there going to be additional teaching
9 positions added to the two remaining middle schools or
10 are classrooms already filled and therefore the students
11 that are absorbed will just become part of the
12 classrooms that are already there?

13 MR. RABER: Madam Superintendent.

14 SUPT. WILLIS: I'm very -- I am excited to
15 share with you -- I'm excited. All right. I am excited
16 to tell you what if you're familiar with middle school
17 and they do teaming, we're going to put the teams back
18 at both Jackson and at Hamilton because the student
19 enrollment will allow us to hire some more teachers.
20 And let me tell you what we're going to add. Okay?

21 MS. THOMPSON: Sure.

22 SUPT. WILLIS: And you're talking Hamilton?

23 MS. THOMPSON: Yes.

24 SUPT. WILLIS: Hamilton currently has six

1 teachers for English language arts and that six is
2 what's needed to run teaming. There's five science
3 teachers at Hamilton currently. We will add one. There
4 will be six. There are two social studies teachers
5 currently at Hamilton. We are adding four so get to
6 six. The two P.E. wellness teachers will remain two.
7 There will be one choir teacher and we are going to
8 actually add a second music teacher. Math teachers at
9 Hamilton, we have six and they'll remain at six.

10 MS. THOMPSON: All right. Thank you.

11 I'd also like to make a comment just on my
12 personal experience. I spent two years teaching at the
13 STEAM Academy, Wood County Schools, which is out at the
14 Caperton Center. And there at the STEAM Academy we had
15 students from all six of the middle schools. We had a
16 different school each day of the week and one day of the
17 week we had students from both Vandevender and
18 Williamstown at the same time.

19 In that experience I had students from both of
20 those schools' populations in my classroom at the same
21 time. And I will say that at the beginning there was
22 some division between the two school groups and I think
23 that's something that's potential anytime you're joining
24 two groups of people that don't know each other.

1 But I think with time and with some community
2 building and maybe some team building activities at the
3 schools I'm hopeful that those students who are absorbed
4 from Vandevender can build relationships with the
5 students at Hamilton and Jackson.

6 I know my son participated in cross country
7 this season for part of the season at Hamilton and they
8 had students from Vandevender who participated in the
9 cross country team together with the Hamilton students.
10 And from my perspective and observations that seemed to
11 go really well. The students came together. They
12 formed a team together. And I think that I'm hopeful
13 that the community of the two -- three schools will be
14 able to come together and, once those populations are
15 absorbed, have time to get to know each other. I'm
16 hopeful that that will be a smooth transition and
17 eventually -- obviously the sad thing for the
18 Vandevender students and staff to be losing their
19 school, that would be hard for anyone, but I'm hopeful
20 that those groups will be able to come together and form
21 a community, a new community. So that's all I have to
22 say.

23 SUPT. WILLIS: I want to share with you one
24 thing. At Hamilton Mr. Campbell has two copies of this

1 in his office as well as the LSIC chair. This has all
2 the information I was sharing with you with detailed
3 information and if that helps also with the folks at
4 Vandevender there's a copy -- two copies of this in the
5 office at Vandevender that you can also read through
6 which will help explain the transition and the staff
7 members that we're adding.

8 MS. THOMPSON: Perfect. Thank you.

9 MR. RABER: Thank you.

10 Aaron, would you like to come back down?

11 Awesome.

12 (Applause)

13 MR. RABER: Say what?

14 MR. RUSSELL: Can I take this off?

15 MR. RABER: Absolutely. Sure.

16 MR. RABER: Ah, never mind.

17 MR. RABER: Just pull it right off. You can't
18 break it.

19 MR. RUSSELL: Do I have to say my name again?

20 MR. RABER: Huh?

21 MR. RUSSELL: Do I have to say my name again?

22 MR. RABER: No, you're good.

23 MR. RUSSELL: All right. Okay.

24 I know that most of my classmates walk to

1 school and I worry about what's going to happen when
2 they walk an extra three miles. And I know that you say
3 that it is only three miles but, you know, it's a long
4 three miles along Grand Central Avenue if they're going
5 to Jackson or I mean even just walking up here if
6 they're going to Hamilton.

7 And one of my other concerns is the fact that
8 I -- as a Vandy kid I did summer band with just about
9 all the other middle schools in the county. And when I
10 said that I was from Vandevender they would give me a
11 look and they would say, "Oh, isn't that a bad school?"
12 "No."

13 But I feel like that would be even worse with
14 Vandevender kids going to Hamilton or Jackson because
15 they don't understand really. And --

16 MR. RABER: You're doing great.

17 SUPT. WILLIS: You're doing a good job.

18 MS. JOHNSON: You are. Thank you.

19 MR. RUSSELL: Okay. I mean things in the
20 world are changing more than before in middle school in
21 particular, I know, is a time of change, great change.
22 I mean and if they have to change schools in the middle
23 of that, that can make it even worse on our students.
24 And I'm just very worried to be honest.

1 MR. RABER: Yep, you're good.

2 MS. JOHNSON: You're good. Thank you.

3 MR. RABER: Thank you. Great job. Thank you.

4 (Applause)

5 MR. RABER: Madam Superintendent, in regards
6 to transportation, can you provide some more detail?

7 Because I think having heard a little bit there's some
8 confusion into busing and what will be available.

9 SUPT. WILLIS: Yeah, I've talked with Chad and
10 Pam both in our transportation department. So all of
11 the students at Vandevender will have access to bus
12 transportation to Jackson or to Hamilton. There will
13 be no walkers. So I don't want anybody to worry about
14 that part.

15 The Jackson after-school bus, that's something
16 we've never done in Wood County before but we will talk
17 to the Jackson sports teams and see when their practices
18 will be so that we can arrange transportation so the
19 kids can participate.

20 MR. RABER: Thank you.

21 There being no further speakers before the
22 Board of Education for the special meeting we are
23 adjourned at 6:25 p.m. We will reconvene with our next
24 special meeting at 7:30 p.m. at Jackson Middle School.

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(The proceedings were concluded at 6:25 p.m.)

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I, NANCY S. JARRELL, CCR, Certified Court Reporter and Notary Public within and for the State of West Virginia, duly commissioned and qualified, do hereby certify that the hearing above was by me reduced to text and recorded by Stenomask; afterwards reduced to transcription under my direction and control; that the foregoing is a true and correct transcription of the testimony given by said witness.

I do further certify that this testimony was taken at the time and place in the foregoing caption specified, and was completed without adjournment.

I do further certify that I am not a relative, counsel or attorney of either party, or otherwise interested in the event of this action.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal of office at Parkersburg, West Virginia, on the 3rd day of November 2024.

 /s/Nancy S. Jarrell, CCR
 Nancy S. Jarrell, CCR
 Notary Public

My commission expires December 26, 2025.

**Wood County Board of Education
Special Meeting – School Closure Board Action
Thursday, October 24, 2024
Jackson Middle School and Via YouTube
8:30 pm
Minutes**

1. Opening of Meeting

A. Call to Order

The Wood County Board of Education met on Thursday, October 24, 2024 at Jackson Middle School, 1601 34th Street, Vienna, WV. President Raber called the meeting to order at 8:30 pm.

B. Roll Call

The following Board members were present: Justin Raber, Rick Olcott, Ron Tice, and Judy Johnson. Sarah Townsend was absent.

A quorum was established.

2. School Closure Board Action

A. Proposed Action of the Board: Fairplains Elementary School

Justin Raber moved and it was seconded by Rick Olcott to close Fairplains Elementary School at the end of the 2024-2025 school year, and to merge Fairplains Elementary School into the existing Martin Elementary School at that time.

The motion passed unanimously.

B. Proposed Action of the Board: VanDevender Middle School

Justin Raber moved and it was seconded by Judy Johnson to close VanDevender Middle School at the end of the 2024-2025 school year, and to merge VanDevender Middle School into Jackson Middle School and Hamilton Middle School at that time.

The motion passed unanimously.

C. CEFP Amendments for Closure of Fairplains Elementary

Justin Raber moved and it was seconded by Ron Tice to approve the amendments for the Comprehensive Education Facilities Plan (CEFP) for the closure of Fairplains Elementary.

3. Closing of Meeting

A. Adjournment

President Raber adjourned the meeting at 8:44 pm.

Thursday, October 24, 2024
Special Meeting - School Closure Board Action

8:30 p.m.
Jackson Middle School
1601 34th Street
Vienna, WV 26105

1. Opening of Meeting

Subject : A. Call to Order
Meeting : Oct 24, 2024 - Special Meeting - School Closure Board Action
Category : 1. Opening of Meeting
Access : Public
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Subject : B. Roll Call
Meeting : Oct 24, 2024 - Special Meeting - School Closure Board Action
Category : 1. Opening of Meeting
Access : Public
Type : Procedural

2. School Closure Board Action

Subject : A. Proposed Action of the Board: Fairplains Elementary School
Meeting : Oct 24, 2024 - Special Meeting - School Closure Board Action
Category : 2. School Closure Board Action
Access : Public
Type : Action
Recommended Action : Recommend to close Fairplains Elementary School at the end of the 2024-2025 school year, and to merge Fairplains Elementary School into the existing Martin Elementary School at that time.
Subject : B. Proposed Action of the Board: VanDevender Middle School
Meeting : Oct 24, 2024 - Special Meeting - School Closure Board Action
Category : 2. School Closure Board Action
Access : Public
Type : Action
Recommended Action : Recommend to close VanDevender Middle School at the end of the 2024-2025 school year, and to merge VanDevender Middle School into Jackson Middle School

and Hamilton Middle School at that time.

Subject : C. CEFP Amendments for Closure of Fairplains Elementary

Meeting : Oct 24, 2024 - Special Meeting - School Closure Board Action

Category : 2. School Closure Board Action

Access : Public

Type : Action

Recommended Action : Recommend approval of the amendments for the Comprehensive Education Facilities Plan (CEFP) for the closure of Fairplains Elementary.

Administrative File Attachments

[100.021_Application for Amendment 4.pdf \(252 KB\)](#)

[WCS 100.016.2_TranslatingEducationalNeeds_BuildingReview Amendment 4.pdf \(642 KB\)](#)

[WCS 100.018_FinancingPlan Amendment 4.pdf \(370 KB\)](#)

[WCS 100.016.3_TranslatingEducationalNeedsintoFacilityNeeds Amendment 4.pdf \(666 KB\)](#)

3. Closing of Meeting

Subject : A. Adjournment

Meeting : Oct 24, 2024 - Special Meeting - School Closure Board Action

Category : 3. Closing of Meeting

Access : Public

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WOOD COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING

OCTOBER 24, 2024

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APPEARANCES

WOOD COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS

JUSTIN RABER
RICK OLCOTT
RON TICE
JUDY JOHNSON
SARAH TOWNSEND - ABSENT

ALSO PRESENT

CHRISTIE WILLIS - WOOD COUNTY SCHOOL
SUPERINTENDENT

REPORTER'S CERTIFICATE

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PROCEEDINGS

MR. RABER: It is now 8:30 p.m. and I call the special meeting of the Wood County Board of Education to order.

I will note that four members of the Board are here, Ms. Townsend being absent this evening.

Moving to our school closure Board action, during this portion -- this meeting we do not have delegations and public comment due to the previous one, two, three, four, five meetings. We did have all of the delegations and public comment.

Pursuant to West Virginia Code 18-5-13 and 18-5-13A as well as West Virginia Department of Education policy 6200 and 6204 we can move forward with the proposed action regarding the school closure action items that we have this evening.

Therefore I move to close Fairplains Elementary School at the end of 2024-2025 school year and to merge Fairplains Elementary School into the existing Martin Elementary School at this time. Is there a second?

MR. OLCOTT: I'll second that.

1 MR. RABER: It has been moved by Mr. Raber and
2 seconded by Mr. Olcott to close Fairplains Elementary
3 School at the end of the 2024-25 school year and to
4 merge Fairplains Elementary School into the existing
5 Martin Elementary School at this time. Is there
6 discussion?

7 Mr. Olcott.

8 MR. OLCOTT: How much time do I have?

9 MR. RABER: We're all hungry.

10 MR. OLCOTT: Yeah, I won't take very long but
11 I just -- some of the comments that we've heard at some
12 of the hearings that we have -- I'll go back to 2010
13 school hearings where we did it for Worthington at
14 Jefferson, only 200 people. And I just hope the public
15 understands that we look at energy utilization indexes
16 and facility modifiability and the geographic proximity
17 to other schools, ADA compliance, student enrollment.
18 There's a lot of things that go into it, not just
19 looking at numbers.

20 And it's a comprehensive piece that's done
21 spring-boarding off of the CEFPP. And being a part of
22 the last two CEFPPs in 2010 and 2020 they both have laid
23 out a road map.

24 I wish we were in a different spot to where

1 our area was growing and new businesses were coming in
2 but I've been a part of 20 years of downsizing and it's
3 not a pleasant experience to go through. But I do
4 believe that this Board has been very diligent and I'm
5 proud of all of you that you have approached it, and the
6 Superintendent and the staff have approached it the
7 right way by looking at a lot of different things, you
8 know, structural safety layouts and logistics. And at
9 no point have we ever wanted to pick on one SES school.
10 That's not what this is about.

11 We didn't move forward in 2020 and the process
12 began back in 2010 when Worthington was in our previous
13 CEFPP in 2010.

14 And so I think it's real important that the
15 community understand that we're trying to -- we're not
16 trying, we are being fiscally responsible. At the same
17 time we want to take care of our kids because if we
18 don't -- I've had to deal with this somewhat in the
19 corporate world. If you don't rightsize your assets
20 with your student population, which drives your income,
21 then not doing so, you create a disservice to the
22 students because your resources are spread too thin or
23 nonexistent.

24 And so it's one of those unattractive things

1 that we have to do to make sure that we have the right
2 number of schools, we have the right assets in place to
3 provide good education for all of our students, and
4 sometimes we have to do undesirable things like closing
5 schools. I tend to term it as rightsizing our assets,
6 our facilities and our people.

7 And so I hope that the public understands.
8 That's been my approach for 20 years. And with this
9 process we've gone through this week -- it's been a long
10 process -- for me it's still that same principle that we
11 don't sacrifice that. And I just wanted to share that
12 this evening because I've got a little bit longer tenure
13 with some of this and want to make sure the group, that
14 we're following the right process and I'm pretty proud
15 of the work that everybody's done. It's pretty
16 extensive and well-done.

17 MR. RABER: When I look at our student
18 enrollment and the population of Wood County over
19 roughly a decade Wood County's population has decreased
20 by about 3,500 citizens. During that same time period
21 Wood County Schools' population, student population, has
22 decreased by roughly 2,000. So of that 3,500, 2,000 of
23 those citizens were school-age students. And we can't
24 operate a system with the number of facilities and staff

1 that I have is if we don't make the hard decisions now
2 and we say at the end of the day, "We're going to wait,
3 we're going to wait, we're going to wait" and kick the
4 can down the path more and more, we're going to come to
5 a position where we financially can't afford it, we are
6 being irresponsible and the State comes in and takes us
7 over.

8 And that in my opinion should never happen in
9 Wood County because we have the leadership within our
10 administration, within this Board to assure that that
11 doesn't happen. Because if the State comes in and takes
12 us over they make those decisions. They will say,
13 "We're closing schools."

14 And one of the biggest issues that people have
15 is we want decisions to stay local. And if the State
16 comes in those decisions are no longer local. That's
17 people down in Charleston making those decisions and
18 they don't know what's best for our community. They may
19 see, okay, we have this school and we don't need that
20 school and not have plans in place as we move forward.

21 So I think this, you know, is absolutely
22 necessary as we move forward and it's not an easy
23 decision but is one that we have to make.

24 MR. RABER: Ms. Johnson.

1 MS. JOHNSON: You know, I'm probably the only
2 one on this Board that has been through a transition
3 such as this. When I began teaching at Jefferson
4 Elementary it was a small school. There was still
5 Washington Junior High next door. They were two
6 separate buildings not connected in any way and it was
7 decided to close Pleasant Valley, Murphytown and Park
8 Elementary schools. Those schools came into Jefferson
9 and also many teachers from around the county
10 transferred there.

11 I saw it. We all had anxiety from every
12 school including Jefferson but it was a positive thing.
13 We learned, we had more teachers, more students that we
14 learned from each other. We built that family community
15 that so many at the schools have been talking about the
16 last few nights. We built it together starting together
17 and it's so important. And, thank you, Jeff, for
18 speaking tonight because it's so important, the
19 leadership, you and Ann and the teachers in this school,
20 you're the ones (inaudible) this transition that make it
21 a positive experience and I know you want to.

22 But it can be. We learned from each other.
23 We learned to plan together, collaborate together and we
24 built our own family team after consolidation. And it

1 was probably the best experience of my life. Candace
2 came in after the consolidation. She knows the strong
3 teachers we all developed to be and we -- it was just a
4 great experience. And I think a lot of the parents at
5 that time. We had 850 students in that school the first
6 year of consolidation, five of every grade level.

7 And like I said I found it to be a positive
8 experience. So those of you that have some anxiety, I
9 hope you find it but it'll depend on the parents, the
10 community, the teachers and the administration to make
11 it one and I feel sure you will.

12 MR. OLCOTT: That's good.

13 MR. RABER: Okay. Is there any further
14 comment or discussion?

15 (No response)

16 MR. RABER: Carrying on, the question before
17 you is to close Fairplains Elementary School at the end
18 of the 2024-25 school year and the merge Fairplains
19 Elementary School into the existing Martin Elementary
20 School at that time.

21 All those in favor please signify by saying
22 "aye."

23 (All Board members indicate "aye.")

24 MR. RABER: All those opposed signify by

1 saying "no."

2 (No response)

3 MR. RABER: Motion carries.

4 I move to close Vandevender Middle School at
5 the end of the 2024-2025 school year and to merge
6 Vandevender Middle School into Jackson Middle School and
7 Hamilton Middle School at that time. Is there a second?

8 MS. JOHNSON: Second.

9 MR. RABER: It has been moved by Mr. Raber and
10 seconded by Ms. Johnson to to close Vandevender Middle
11 School at the end of the 2024-2025 school year and to
12 merge Vandevender Middle School into Jackson Middle
13 School and Hamilton Middle School at that time. Is
14 there any discussion?

15 (No response)

16 MR. RABER: Hearing none the question before
17 you is to close Vandevender Middle School at the end of
18 the 2024-25 school year and to merge Vandevender Middle
19 School into Jackson Middle School and Hamilton Middle
20 School at that time. All those in favor signify by
21 saying "aye."

22 (All Board members indicate "aye.")

23 MR. RABER: All those opposed signify by
24 saying "no."

1 (No response)

2 MR. RABER: Motion carries.

3 I move the approval of the amendments for the
4 Comprehensive Education Facility Plan (CEFP) for the
5 closure of Fairplains Elementary School. Is there a
6 second?

7 MR. TICE: Second.

8 MR. RABER: It has been moved by Mr. Raber and
9 seconded by Mr. Tice for the approval of the amendments
10 for the Comprehensive Education Facility Plan (CEFP) for
11 the closure of Fairplains Elementary School. Is there
12 any discussion?

13 MR. OLCOTT: Just one final comment because I
14 know you don't have Board member comments on the agenda.
15 But I think it's important to note that this is really
16 the first phase of a larger CEFP plan. We have five
17 more schools to close while we build three new. And
18 they take a little bit of a different flavor because
19 they do have new schools on the other end of them.

20 And so I think it's good that we're making the
21 CEFP amendments so that it's a live and living document
22 and that the public understand this is step one of a lot
23 of work ahead in the next three to four years. So it's
24 an exciting time for Wood County Schools and I hope we

1 view it that way.

2 MR. RABER: Is there any further discussion?

3 (No response)

4 MR. RABER: Hearing none the question before
5 you is the approval of the amendment for the

6 Comprehensive Education Facility Plan (CEFP) for the

7 closure of Fairplains Elementary School. All those in
8 favor signify by saying "aye."

9 (All Board members indicate "aye.")

10 MR. RABER: All those opposed signify by
11 saying "no."

12 (No response)

13 MR. RABER: Motion carries.

14 There being no further business before the
15 Wood County Board of Education special meeting this
16 meeting is adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

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18 (The proceedings were concluded at 8:44 p.m.)

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 : SS: C E R T I F I C A T E
 COUNTY OF WOOD :

I, NANCY S. JARRELL, CCR, Certified Court Reporter and Notary Public within and for the State of West Virginia, duly commissioned and qualified, do hereby certify that the hearing above was by me reduced to text and recorded by Stenomask; afterwards reduced to transcription under my direction and control; that the foregoing is a true and correct transcription of the testimony given by said witness.

I do further certify that this testimony was taken at the time and place in the foregoing caption specified, and was completed without adjournment.

I do further certify that I am not a relative, counsel or attorney of either party, or otherwise interested in the event of this action.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal of office at Parkersburg, West Virginia, on the 3rd day of November 2024.

 /s/Nancy S. Jarrell, CCR
 Nancy S. Jarrell, CCR
 Notary Public

My commission expires December 26, 2025.