

AMENDED AGENDA

WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF EDUCATION

Capitol Building 6, Suite 600
1900 Kanawha Boulevard, East
Charleston, West Virginia

August 12, 2026 - 9:00 a.m.

- I. Welcome - Pledge of Allegiance - Introductions – Call-to-Order**
L. Paul Hardesty, President
- II. Approval of Agenda – (Action)**
President Hardesty
- III. Delegation(s) – (Information)**
Christy Day
- IV. School Safety Update – (Information)**
Micah Whitlow and James Agee
- V. West Virginia Department of Education (WVDE) Reports – (Information)**
Superintendent Michele L. Blatt
- VI. Consent Agenda - (Action)**
 - A. Approval of Minutes - (Action)**

[Attachment A](#)
[Attachment B](#)

It is recommended that the minutes of the June 30, 2026, meeting of the Subcommittee on State Superintendent Goals and the July 8, 2026, meeting of the West Virginia Board of Education (WVBE) be approved.

B. Routine Business

- 1. Employment of Substitute Teachers in Areas of Critical Need and Shortage – (Action)**
Kelli Talbott

[Attachment C](#)

It is recommended that the **Employment of Substitute Teachers in Areas of Critical Need and Shortage policy for the West Virginia Schools of Diversion and Transition, Boone, Braxton County, Hampshire County, Morgan County, Pleasants County, Preston County, and Raleigh County** be approved.

- 2. Employment of Retired Bus Operators as Substitutes in Areas of Critical Need and Shortage – (Action)**
Kelli Talbott

[Attachment D](#)

It is recommended that the **Employment of Retired Bus Operators as Substitutes in Areas of Critical Need and Shortage policy for Boone, Braxton and Raleigh counties** be approved.

- 3. West Virginia Secondary Schools Activities Commission (WVSSAC), Series 1, Constitution – (Action)**
Wayne Ryan

[Attachment E](#)

Most secondary public schools and several private schools in West Virginia belong to the WVSSAC. Each year, the principals of member schools submit revisions to the rules and regulations. The submitted proposals are presented and voted upon at the annual Board of Control meeting. Any approved changes are then submitted to the WVBE for review and approval pursuant to *W. Va. Code* §18-2-25(b). This revised rule is the result of a committee established for the purpose of reviewing and making recommendations on WVSSAC rules, including editorial and technical amendments. It was approved by the WVSSAC's Board of Control on March 31, 2026. The WVBE approved the rule to be placed on public comment

for 30 days on June 3, 2026. The WVSSAC did not receive any comments during the public comment period.

It is recommended that **WVSSAC, Series 1, be approved and effective 30 days from final filing.**

4. West Virginia Secondary Schools Activities Commission (WVSSAC) Series 2, Athletics, Provisions Governing Eligibility – (Action)
Wayne Ryan

[Attachment F](#)

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It is recommended that **WVSSAC, Series 2, be approved and effective 30 days from final filing.**

5. WVSSAC, Series 3, Provisions Governing Contests – (Action)
Wayne Ryan

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It is recommended that **WVSSAC, Series 3, be approved and effective 30 days from final filing.**

6. WVSSAC, Series 4, Provisions Governing Conduct – (Action)
Wayne Ryan

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It is recommended that **WVSSAC, Series 4, be approved and effective 30 days from final filing.**

7. WVSSAC, Series 6, Violations of Rules – (Action)
Wayne Ryan

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It is recommended that **WVSSAC, Series 6, be approved and effective 30 days from final filing.**

8. Moreland University's TEACH-NOW Option 3 Educator Preparation Program Request to Add Autism Endorsements by Addendum– (Action)

[Attachment J](#)

Traci Gregory

The TEACH-NOW Option 3 Program at Moreland University is seeking WVBE approval to add Autism endorsements to its educator preparation program, which consists of coursework substantially aligned to the InTASC standards and adequate pursuant to meeting requirements of W. Va. Code §18A-3-2a(a)(1)(C). Upon approval, the Option 3 Program will recommend candidates for Autism K-6 and Autism 5-Adult. The program provider may also simultaneously recommend Multi-categorical and Autism endorsements for initial teacher certification. The addendum includes a description of how the program coursework prepares educators to meet the needs of special education students with autism. Program completers must meet the requirements of W. Va. Code and WVBE Policies by submitting qualifying documentation, including verification of program completion, official transcript(s), test scores or exemptions found in the West Virginia Licensure Testing Directory, and passing necessary background checks. The goal of this program is to assist West Virginia in meeting critical needs by filling classrooms with qualified teachers.

It is recommended that **the TEACH-NOW Option 3 Educator Preparation Program Addendum for Moreland University to add Autism endorsements (K-6 and 5-Adult) to its current program be approved.**

9. Davis & Elkins College of Education's Art Education Program Revision – (Action)

[Attachment K](#)

Traci Gregory

The West Virginia Educator Preparation Review Program Review Board (EPPRB) convened on April 16, 2026, and recommends that the WVBE grant approval for Davis & Elkins College of Education's revised Art Education Program (PK-Adult).

It is recommended that **Davis & Elkins College of Education's request to revise its Art Education Program, as recommended by the EPPRB, be approved.**

10. Shepherd University College of Education's Multi-Categorical Special Education K–12 Endorsement – (Action)

Traci Gregory

The EPPRB convened on April 16, 2026, and recommends that the WVBE grant approval for Shepherd University's College of Education's new Multi-Categorical Special Education K–12 (Endorsement Only).

It is recommended that **Shepherd University College of Education's Multi-Categorical Special Education K–12 Endorsement, as recommended by the EPPRB, be approved.**

11. Boone County Schools' Request to Add an Elementary Education (K-6) Endorsement to its Teacher Launchpad Alternative Certification Program for General Education – (Action)

[Attachment L](#)

Traci Gregory

The Alternative Certification Educator Preparation Program Review Board (ACEPPRB) recommends that the WVBE approve Boone County Schools' request to add an Elementary Education (K-6) endorsement to its Teacher Launchpad Alternative Certification Program for general education, in partnership with the WVDE.

It is recommended that **Boone County Schools' Request to Add an Elementary Education (K-6) Endorsement to its Teacher Launchpad Alternative Certification Program for General Education be approved.**

12. Waiver of WVBE Policy 5100, Approval of Educator Preparation Programs, for Institutions of Higher Education – (Action)
Traci Gregory

Since 2019, the WVBE has approved an Institutions of Higher Education waiver allowing Residency 2 teacher candidates enrolled in a WVBE-approved and accredited educator preparation program to substitute for up to 10 days in their placement buildings, five days in their assigned classrooms, and five additional days elsewhere in the building—at the Class 2 county employee rate. This waiver is intended as a temporary response to the shortage of certified teachers and substitute teachers across the state. The WVDE Office of Educator Preparation recommends that the waiver be approved for the 2026-2027 school year.

It is recommended that **a waiver of WVBE Policy 5100, Approval of Educator Preparation Programs, for Institutions of Higher Education be approved.**

13. Statewide Waiver of WVDE Policy 6204, School Closings or Consolidations, Section 3.4 – (Action)
Micah Whitlow

A statewide waiver of Policy 6204, §3.4, is requested to allow counties to complete the required procedures for closing a school on or before February 26 of the calendar year in which the closures or consolidations are to be effective. This extension does not remove counties' responsibility to meet the statutory requirements for the transfer and reduction-in-force of county personnel. Decreases and uncertainties in student enrollment, personnel shortages, and limited school finances necessitate the proposed additional time.

It is recommended that **a statewide waiver of WVBE Policy 6204, §3.4, be approved and that the deadline for completing school closure procedures during the 2026-2027 school year be extended to February 26, 2027.**

14. Appointments to the West Virginia Commission for Professional Teaching Standards (WVCPTS) – (Action)
Robert Hagerman

[Attachment M](#)

The mission of the WVCPTS is to ensure that every student is served by competent educators who meet rigorous preparation and licensure standards. The WVCPTS makes recommendations of standards and practices for the development and approval of licensure and continuing development of educational personnel. The current vacancies scheduled to be filled are for a middle school teacher and a layperson. The WVDE recommends that Jason Massie, a middle school teacher in Monroe County, and Kayla Benson, a layperson from EdVenture be appointed to serve a term on the WVCPTS.

It is recommended that **the appointment of Jason Massie and Kayla Benson to the WVCPTS be approved.**

15. Annual Appointment of WVBE Statutory Units/Liaisons – (Action)
President Hardesty

It is recommended that **the following appointments be approved: Nancy J. White to the West Virginia Educational Broadcasting Authority and The Education Alliance; Robert W. Dunlevy to the School Building Authority of West Virginia; Gregory F. Wooten to the County Board Member Training Standards Review Committee; Victor L. Gabriel to the Commission on Holocaust Education; and Cathy L. Justice to the West Virginia Commission for Professional Teaching Standards.**

16. WVSSAC Review Board Appointment – (Action)
Kelli Talbott

The Constitution of the WVSSAC, 127 W. Va. C.S.R. 1, establishes a Review Board consisting of seven members serving five-year terms. The Review Board hears appeals of decisions of the WVSSAC Board of Directors involving a penalty, protest, or interpretation of the rules and regulations of the WVSSAC governing interscholastic athletic or band activities. One of the seven members of the Review Board is established as a representative for the West Virginia Association of School Administrators (WVASA). Currently, William Hosaflook, Superintendent of Jackson County Schools, holds this position having been appointed in 2023. Superintendent Hosaflook wishes to resign from the Review Board position due to other responsibilities. As a result, his resignation creates a vacancy in the WVASA position.

Accordingly, Superintendent Blatt recommends that Dr. Eddie Campbell, Superintendent of Monongalia County Schools, be appointed to the WVASA seat currently held by Superintendent Hosaflook for the unexpired term which will end on June 30, 2028.

It is recommended that **the appointment of Dr. Eddie Campbell, Monongalia County Schools Superintendent, to an unexpired term on the WVSSAC Review Board ending June 30, 2028, be approved.**

VII. New Business

A. WV Impact+ Coaching Initiative – (Information) Kelly Griffith

The Office of Academic Support will provide information relating to the initiative.

B. 2026 Summative Assessment Results – (Information) Vaughn Rhudy

The Office of Assessment will provide information relating to the 2026 Summative Assessment Results.

C. Logan County Schools Intervention Update – (Action) Alexandra Criner

The Office of Accountability will provide an update on the intervention in Logan County Schools.

Motions, if any, will be determined at the meeting.

D. Wyoming County Schools Special Circumstance Review Report – (Action) Alexandra Criner

The Office of Accountability will provide information relating to Wyoming County Schools.

Discussion of this report may involve an Executive Session as provided in W. Va. Code §6-9A-4(b)(2)(A) [personnel exception] and/or §6-9A-4(b)(6) [privacy exception]. The Board majority must vote to have an Executive Session (no action will be taken during the Executive Session).

Motions, if any, will be determined at the meeting.

E. Marion County Schools Update – (Action) Alexandra Criner

The Office of Accountability will provide information relating to Marion County Schools.

Discussion of this report may involve an Executive Session as provided in W. Va. Code §6-9A-4(b)(2)(A) [personnel exception] and/or §6-9A-4(b)(6) [privacy exception]. The Board majority must vote to have an Executive Session (no action will be taken during the Executive Session).

Motions, if any, will be determined at the meeting.

F. WVBE and WVDE Personnel Matters – (Action)

Discussion of WVBE and/or WVDE personnel may involve an Executive Session as provided in W. Va. Code §6-9A-4(b)(2)(A) [personnel exception] and/or §6-9A-4(b)(6) [privacy exception]. The Board majority must vote to have an Executive Session (no action will be taken during the Executive Session).

It is recommended that **the WVBE personnel matters included in the attachment be approved.**

[Attachment N](#)

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[Attachment O](#)

VIII. WVBE Member Updates and Requests for Information - (Information)
President Hardesty

IX. Future Meetings - (Information)
President Hardesty

The next regular meeting will be held on October 14, 2026, in Charleston, West Virginia.

X. Adjournment - (Action)
President Hardesty