

AGENDA
WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF EDUCATION
Capitol Building 6, Suite 600
1900 Kanawha Boulevard, East
Charleston, West Virginia
September 11, 2024 - 10:00 a.m.

- I. Welcome - Pledge of Allegiance - Introductions - Call to Order**
Nancy J. White, President
- II. Approval of Agenda - (Action)**
Nancy J. White
- III. Recognition of the 2025 West Virginia Teacher of the Year and School Service Personnel Employee of the Year - (Information)**
- IV. Presentation of the West Virginia Education Alliance on The Caperton Center: Business and Education Partnerships – (Information)**
Dr. Amelia Courts
- V. Delegation(s)**
- VI. Consent Agenda - (Action)**

A. Approval of Minutes - (Action)

Attachment A

It is recommended that the **minutes of the August 14, 2024, meeting of the West Virginia Board of Education (WVBE) be approved.**

B. Routine Business

- 1. Waivers of WVBE Policies and Regulations, Superintendent's Interpretations, State Statutes, and Legislative Rules - (Action)**
Joey Wiseman

Attachment B

Pocahontas County has requested a first-time waiver of Policy 2510, Appendix B: Training Required in Policy 2510, related to professional development for Advanced Placement® (AP®) teachers. Pocahontas County's waiver request is for a teacher of AP® Spanish Language and Culture at Pocahontas County High School who was out of the county during Summer 2024 training. The teacher will be required to attend the AP® training during next summer's trainings (2025) in order to continue teaching the course in future years.

It is recommended that **Pocahontas County's request for a waiver of required professional development for one AP® Spanish Language and Culture teacher at Pocahontas County High School be approved for school year 2024-25.**

- 2. Amendment of Hardy County Board of Education's 2020-2030 Comprehensive Educational Facilities Plan (CEFP) - (Action)**
Micah Whitlow

Attachment C

Policy 6200 requires all local boards of education to submit amendments to CEFPs to the WVBE and the School Building Authority of West Virginia

(SBA) for approval. The Hardy County Board of Education requests approval to amend their CEFP to provide a secure entrance and office addition to Moorefield Middle School. This project is planned to be funded through local funds and a grant from the SBA.

It is recommended that the **Hardy County Board of Education's request to amend their 2020-2030 CEFP be approved.**

3. **Amendment of Marion County Board of Education's 2020-2030 Comprehensive Educational Facilities Plan (CEFP) - (Action)** Attachment D
Micah Whitlow

Policy 6200, Handbook on Planning School Facilities, requires all local boards of education to submit amendments to CEFPs to the WVBE and the School Building Authority of West Virginia (SBA) for approval. The Marion County Board of Education requests approval to add to its CEFP secure entrances at Barrackville Elementary/Middle School, Fairview Middle School, Jayenne Elementary School, Monongah Elementary School, Pleasant Valley Elementary School, Rivesville Elementary/Middle School, and White Hall Elementary School. The projects are planned to be funded through local funds and a grant from the SBA.

It is recommended that the **Marion County Board of Education's request to amend their 2020-2030 CEFP be approved.**

4. **Amendment of Mercer County Board of Education's 2020-2030 Comprehensive Educational Facilities Plan (CEFP) - (Action)** Attachment E
Micah Whitlow

Policy 6200 requires all local boards of education to submit amendments to CEFPs to the WVBE and the School Building Authority of West Virginia (SBA) for approval. The Mercer County Board of Education requests approval to add a multi-classroom addition to its project priority list. The proposed project will allow for additional general education classrooms and the expansion of dual credit opportunities through New River Community and Technical College. The project is planned to be funded through local funds and a grant from the SBA.

It is recommended that the **Mercer County Board of Education's request to amend their 2020-2030 CEFP be approved.**

5. **West Virginia Educator Preparation Program Review Board (EPPRB) Recommendation for Approval of West Liberty University to Maintain a Certified Teacher of Record (CTR) Agreement with Wetzel County Schools - (Action)** Attachment F
Traci Tuttle

The EPPRB recommends approval from the WVBE for West Liberty University to maintain a CTR Agreement with Wetzel County Schools. This agreement permits the county school system to employ Residency 2 Candidates from West Liberty University to become a CTR in their school system in a position of need or shortage.

It is recommended that **West Liberty University maintain a CTR Agreement with Wetzel County Schools.**

6. **Appointments to the West Virginia Commission for Professional Teaching Standards - (Action)** Attachment G

Robert Hagerman

The mission of the West Virginia Commission for Professional Teaching Standards (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 preparation programs, licensures, and continuing development of educational personnel. The current vacancies scheduled to be filled are for a county board member and a secondary teacher. The WVDE submits: Ms. Missy Hall, a county board member in Wayne County, and Ms. Michelle Wolfe, a high school teacher in Hardy County, to the WVBE for consideration as appointees to the WVCPTS.

It is recommended that **Ms. Missy Hall, a member of the Wayne Board of Education, and Ms. Michelle Wolfe, a high school teacher in Hardy County, be appointed as members of the WVCPTS.**

7. West Virginia Licensure Testing Directory - (Action) Robert Hagerman **Attachment H**

The WVBE required licensure exams for educator certification and completion of WVBE approved programs leading to West Virginia licensure directory is maintained on the WVDE website. Additional test(s), scores, or exceptions have been changed to reflect updates in policy and exams.

It is recommended that the **West Virginia Licensure Testing Directory be approved.**

8. 2023-2024 Annual Report of the West Virginia Advisory Council for the Education of Exceptional Children (WVACEEC) - (Action) Margaret Williamson and Dawn Embrey-King, Executive Director, WVACEEC **Attachment I**

The WVACEEC is a state level committee mandated by state code and federal law. Members include parents, administrators, and representatives from a variety of related agencies. The WVACEEC is interested in the quality of education received by exceptional children and youth. The 2024 Annual Report identifies the unmet needs of children with exceptionalities in West Virginia. This report supports ongoing WVDE initiatives as well.

It is recommended that the **2023-2024 WVACEEC annual report be accepted.**

9. West Virginia Board of Education/West Virginia School Board Association County Board Member Training Standards Review Committee Procedures of Operation and Trainings - (Action) James G. Brown, Executive Director, West Virginia School Board Association, Nancy J. White, and F. Scott Rotruck

On August 19, 2024, the West Virginia Board of Education/West Virginia School Board Association County Board Member Training Standards Review Committee met and recommended the following actions for the WVBE's consideration:

- **approve the revision of West Virginia School Board Association Procedures of Operation;** **Attachment J**
- **approve the West Virginia School Board Association 2024 Mid-Year Training (5 Total Hours) scheduled for November 16, 2024, at** **Attachment K**

the Roanoke Event Center at Stonewall Resort. This training will include the following training sessions: West Virginia School Employment Law: Essential Requirements for Hiring Professional Personnel Including Teachers, Support Staff, and Administrators, Hiring Service Personnel: Understanding the Criteria for Hiring School and District-Level Service Personnel, Managing Employee Discipline Matters Such as Reprimands, Suspension and Terminations, Navigating Personnel Hearings: A Comprehensive Guide for Boards of Education;

· **approve the West Virginia School Board Association 2025 Winter Conference (7.75 Total Hours) scheduled for February 7-8, 2025, at the Charleston Marriott Town Center.** This training will include the following training sessions: Fireside Chat with Brad Smith, 38th President of Marshall University “My ‘Why’ is to Level the Playing Field in West Virginia and in Appalachia”, In-Depth Analysis of Statewide Assessment Performance in West Virginia Public Schools, Cultivating Mathematical Habits of Mind: Essential Skills and Dispositions for PK-12 Education, Implementation of the Third Grade Success Act and Student Performance, Impact of Student Engagement on Learning Outcomes, Understanding the Effects of Student Retention: Insights and Research, Enhancing Collaboration: Strengthening the Connections Between County Boards of Education, Staff, and School Employees, Understanding and Implementing the West Virginia School Personnel Employee Code of Conduct; and

Attachment L

· **approve the West Virginia School Board Association 2025 End-of-Year Training (5 Total Hours) Scheduled for May 3, 2025, at the Roanoke Event Center at Stonewall.** This training will include the following training sessions: West Virginia Public School Legal Updates: Navigating Changes from the 88th Legislative Session, Creating Effective Educational Policies: Best Practices for County Boards, Navigating West Virginia School Laws and Limitations in Approving Salary Increases for Certain Personnel.

Attachment M

VII. New Business

- A. Statewide Waiver of Policy 2510, Assuring the Quality of Education: Regulations for Education Programs, Section 6.1 - (Action)**

Attachment N

Clinton Burch

A statewide waiver of Policy 2510, section 6.1, is requested to allow students who have taken Math III TR (Technical Readiness) prior to school year 2024-2025 to complete Math IV TR during school year 2024-2025 with the course counting as a graduation requirement.

It is recommended that the **statewide waiver request of Policy 2510, section 6.1, be approved for affected students during school year 2024-2025.**

- B. WVBE and WVDE Personnel Matters and Civil Action No. 2:24-cv-18, *Krystle Perry and Anthony Perry, individually and on behalf of their minor child K.P. v. Stacy Marteney, et al.*; Supreme Court of Appeals No. 24-430, *Porter v. The Paden City Schools Athletic Association, Inc., et al.*; and Civil Action No. CC-20-2024-P-361, *West Virginia Conference of the NAACP v. West Virginia Department of Homeland Security, et al.* - (Action)**

Nancy J. White

WVBE personnel and/or legal matters may involve an Executive Session as provided in W. Va. Code §6-9A-4(b)(2)(A) [personnel exception] and/or §6-9A-4 [matters involving attorney-client privilege per *Peters v. County Commission*,

205 W. Va. 481 (1999)]. The Board majority must vote to have an Executive Session. **(No action will be taken in Executive Session.)**

It is recommended and a motion is requested to **approve the WVBE personnel matters found in the attachment.** **Attachment O**

It is recommended and a motion is requested to **approve the WVDE personnel matters found in the attachment.** **Attachment P**

Motions, if any, regarding Civil Action No. 2:24-cv-18, Supreme Court of Appeals No. 24-430, and Civil Action No. CC-20-2024-P-361 will be determined at the meeting.

VIII. WVDE Reports - (Information)

IX. WVBE Member Updates and Requests for Information - (Information)
Nancy J. White

X. Future Meetings - (Information)
Nancy J. White

The next regular meeting of the WVBE will be held October 9, 2024, in Charleston, West Virginia.

XI. Work Session on WVBE Policies - (Information/Discussion/Action)
Nancy J. White

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

XII. Adjournment - (Action)