AGENDA

WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF EDUCATION

Capitol Building 6, Suite 600 1900 Kanawha Boulevard, East Charleston, West Virginia June 11, 2025 - 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. Delegation(s) (Information)
 Christy Day
- IV. Recognition(s) (Information)
 West Virginia Family Engagement Fellows
 Superintendent Michele Blatt and Kayla Benson

Marshall University Behavior and Mental Health Technical Center Partnership Superintendent Michele Blatt, Marc Ellison, and Amy Staples

- V. Consent Agenda (Action)
 - A. Approval of Minutes (Action)

Attachment A

It is recommended that the minutes of the May 14, 2025, meeting of the West Virginia Board of Education (WVBE) be approved.

- **B. Routine Business**
 - Amendment of Fred Eberle Technical Center's 2020-2030 Comprehensive Educational Facilities Plan (CEFP) – (Action) Micah Whitlow

Attachment B

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 Fred Eberle Technical Center requests approval to revise its project priority list to include a multi-phase classroom addition, select HVAC replacements, electrical upgrades, and other miscellaneous improvements. The projects are planned to be funded through local funds and a grant from the SBA.

It is recommended that **Fred Eberle Technical Center's request to** amend their 2020-2030 CEFP be approved.

Amendment of Wayne 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 Wayne County Board of Education requests approval to revise its project priority list to make safe school entrances at Spring Valley High School, Tolsia High School, and Vinson Middle School the top priority and include Kellogg Elementary's safe school entrance in the school safety section. The project is planned to be funded through local funds and a grant from the SBA.

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

3. 2025 Summer School Programs – (Action) Erika Klose

Attachment D

Policy 2510, Assuring the Quality of Education: Regulations for Education Programs states, "Schools may award credits earned from approved summer schools provided the instructional program is equivalent to that required during the regular school term. All county summer school programs shall be submitted to the WVBE for approval by June 1 of each year."

It is recommended that the 2025 summer school programs, as included in Attachment D, be approved.

4. 2025-2027 West Virginia School Board Association Training Schedule – (Action) Jim Brown

Attachment E

The West Virginia School Board Training Schedule establishes dates from September 2025 through May 2027 for fall conferences, mid-year trainings, winter conferences, end-of-year trainings, county board member orientation training, and a President's Retreat.

It is recommended that the 2025-2027 West Virginia School Board Association Training Schedule, as recommended by the Training Standards Review Committee and included in Attachment E, be approved.

West Virginia School Board Association 2025 Fall Conference – (Action)

Attachment F

Jim Brown

On May 15, 2024, the West Virginia Board of Education/West Virginia School Board Association County Board Member Training Standards Review Committee voted to recommend the West Virginia School Board Association 2025 Fall Conference (8.25 Total Hours) scheduled for September 5-6, 2025, at the Charleston Marriott Town Center.

It is recommended that the 2025 Fall Conference Training Agenda and Program for county board members, as recommended by the TSRC and included in Attachment F, be approved.

6. Statewide Waiver of WVBE Policy 5202, Minimum Requirement for the Licensure of Professional/Paraprofessional Personnel and Advanced Salary Classification – (Action)

Traci Tuttle

The Grow Your Own (GYO) WV Teaching Pathway was initially implemented during the 2021-22 school year. Students who were participants in the GYO WV program from the initial implementation have now graduated high school with experiences in classrooms, college credits towards a Bachelor of Education degree, and in some cases an associate degree. As these students with associate degrees continue to pursue their Bachelor of Education degree, they have obtained sufficient knowledge and skill to be able to substitute in elementary and middle schools. The current policy indicates that a Restricted Short-Term Substitute Permit "has attained the age of 21" which these students have not.

It is recommended that the statewide waiver request of Policy 5202 to allow GYO WV participants that have graduated high school, are 18 years of age, successfully completed an associate degree or 60 college credit hours, currently enrolled in a WVBE approved educator preparation program leading to licensure, to be permitted to substitute in elementary and middle school classrooms only be approved.

7. Approval of West Virginia University's Leadership in Education Program – (Action)

Attachment G

Traci Tuttle

West Virginia University (WVU) is requesting an addition to an initial administrative license in Leadership Studies in Education to its existing Educator Preparation Program, as recommended by the West Virginia Educator Preparation Program Review Board (EPPRB).

The EPPRB's recommendation and WVU's request aligns with the functions of the EPPRB as outlined in Policy 5100, *Approval of Educator Preparation Programs*, which governs the approval of educator preparation programs leading to licensure, and Policy 5202, *Minimum Requirements for the Licensure of Professional/Paraprofessional Personnel and Advanced Salary Classifications*, which provides guidance for the issuance of licensure in the State of West Virginia.

It is recommended that WVU's request to add an initial administrative license in Leadership Studies in Education to its educator preparation program as recommended by the EPPRB be approved.

8. Approval of the West Virginia Licensure Testing Directory - Attachment H (Action)

Robert Hagerman

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 tests, 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.

VI. New Business

A. Policy 2520.5, the West Virginia College- and Career-Readiness Standards for Wellness Education (WVCCRS) – (Action)
Erika Klose and Josh Grant

Attachment I

The WVCCRS for Wellness Education identifies what students should know, understand, and be able to do in practicing skills and behaviors that apply to healthy lifestyles. College- and career-readiness is supported in wellness education as students acquire and further develop self-responsibility, motivation, and excellence in learning as well as life-long commitment to wellness. These standards were revised as part of the WVBE standards revision cycle. No revisions were made based on comments received during the comment period, as no comments were received; however, a technical correction was made to clarify that implementation of these standards shall be on or before July 1, 2026, for utilization during the 2026-2027 school year.

It is recommended that Policy 2520.5 be approved and effective upon final filing.

B. Policy 2520.9, the West Virginia College- and Career-Readiness Attachment J Standards for the Arts (WVCCRS) – (Action) Erika Klose and Tim James

The WVCCSR for the Arts outlines the essential knowledge, skills, and dispositions necessary for students to become adept thinkers and performers ready for college and careers. These updates will also facilitate opportunities for arts students to work both independently and collaboratively as they enhance their skills in the arts or pursue careers within the arts professions. Furthermore, an instrumental music class for grades 6-8 has been established to provide middle school students with a tailored set of standards appropriate for their developmental level, while high school students will adhere to a distinct set of standards for evaluation. These standards were revised as part of the WVBE standards revision cycle. No revisions were made based on comments received during the comment period, as no comments were received; however, a technical correction was made to clarify that implementation of these standards shall be on or before July 1, 2026, for utilization during the 2026-2027 school year.

It is recommended that **Policy 2520.9 be approved and effective upon final filing.**

C. Policy 7211, Conflict Resolution Process for Citizens – (Action) Alexandra Criner

Attachment K

Policy 7211 is being repealed and replaced to clarify timelines and responsibilities for addressing and resolving complaints from the public. The WVBE approved the proposed policy be placed on public comment at its meeting on April 9, 2025. No comments were received; therefore, no revisions were made to the proposed policy.

It is recommended that Policy 7211 be approved and effective upon final filing.

D. Special Circumstance Review Report - Boone County Schools - (Action)

Attachment L

Alexandra Criner

At the direction of the State Superintendent of Schools, the WVDE began conducting a Special Circumstance Review of Boone County Schools on May 19, 2025. While the review is ongoing, a report of initial findings will be shared with WVBE members.

Discussion of this special circumstance review 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).

E. Randolph County Schools Report – (Action)

Attachment M

Alexandra Criner

In response to a request by Superintendent Shawn Dilly to provide support to Randolph County Schools, the WVDE Office of Accountability conducted interviews with Randolph County Board of Education members on April 30-May 1, 2025. The purpose of these interviews was to ascertain the rationale behind recent board decisions and to identify the board members' plan to address operational challenges such as declining enrollment, failure to approve a consolidation plan, personnel overages, and a projected budget shortfall. An executive summary of the information collected will be presented to the WVBE.

F. Discussion of Legal Matters – House Bill No. 2755 (To provide that the West Virginia Board of Education may promulgate rules or policies to be submitted to the Legislature for review), 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., and Discussion of Religious Exemptions from Compulsory School Vaccination Requirements – (Information and/or Action)

Discussion of legal matters may involve an Executive Session as provided in W. Va. Code §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 during the Executive Session).

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

G. WVBE and WVDE Personnel Matters, Inclusive of Annual Evaluation of the State Superintendent of Schools and WVBE Executive Assistant/Legislative Liaison - (Action) Nancy J. White

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).

Please note that W. Va. Code §18-3-1 provides "the state board shall evaluate the performance of the state superintendent and publicly announce the results of the evaluation."

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

Attachment N

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

Attachment O

VII. Appointment of member to fill term as a member of the County Board Member Standards Review Committee – (Action)

Nancy J. White

A motion is requested to **reappoint Scott Rotruck to a term ending July 1, 2027.**

- VIII. WVDE Reports (Information)
 Superintendent Michele Blatt
- IX. WVBE Member Updates and Requests for Information (Information) Nancy J. White
- X. Future Meetings (Information)
 Nancy J. White
- XI. Adjournment (Action)