

AGENDA
WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF EDUCATION
Capitol Building 6, Suite 600
1900 Kanawha Boulevard, East
Charleston, West Virginia
July 9, 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. Consent Agenda - (Action)**

A. Approval of Minutes - (Action)

[Attachment A](#)

It is recommended that the **minutes of the June 11, 2025, 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 B](#)

It is recommended that the **Employment of Substitute Teachers in Areas of Critical Need and Shortage** policies for Calhoun County be approved.

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

[Attachment C](#)

It is recommended that the **Employment of Retired Bus Operators as Substitutes in Areas of Critical Need and Shortage** policy for Calhoun County be approved.

- 3. Employment of Substitute Teachers and/or Bus Drivers in Areas of Critical Need and Shortage Affidavits - (Action)**
Kelli Talbott

[Attachment D](#)

Pursuant to W. Va. Code §18A-2-3(c)(2)(G) and §18A-4-15a(b)(2)(F), affidavits from counties must be received and approved

by the WVBE for submission to the Consolidated Public Retirement Board.

4. Institutions of Higher Education: Waiver of Policy 5100, Approval of Educator Preparation Programs – (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 at the Class 2 county employee rate for up to 10 days in their placement buildings, five days in their assigned classrooms, and five additional days elsewhere in the building. This waiver is intended as a temporary response to the shortage of certified teachers and substitute teachers across the state. The Office of Educator Preparation is requesting that the waiver be extended to include the 2025-2026 school year.

It is recommended that **a waiver extension of Policy 5100 for institutions of higher education be approved for the 2025-2026 school year.**

5. Statewide Waiver of Policy 2510, Assuring the Quality of Education: Regulations for Education Programs - (Action)
Joey Wiseman

Senate Bill No. 283 (2025 Regular Session) allows students to take the newly created personal finance course in Grades 8-10 in addition to Grades 11-12, as previously limited by statute. Additionally, Senate Bill No. 283 included a provision allowing credits earned in Grades 8-10 during the 2024-2025 school year to be applied retroactively to meet the mandatory graduation requirement.

It is recommended that **a waiver of Policy 2510, to allow students in Grades 8-12 to complete the required personal finance course and receive credit earned during the 2024-2025 school year to be applied retroactively to satisfy graduation requirements, be approved.**

6. Statewide Waiver of Policy 2510, Assuring the Quality of Education: Regulations for Education Programs - (Action)
Kelly Griffith

Senate Bill No. 650 (2025 Regular Session) allows the use of a full-time interventionist in lieu of an early childhood assistant teacher, aide, or paraprofessional. The full-time interventionist may serve up to two classrooms to satisfy staffing requirements only for Grades 2-3. For Grades K-1, an assistant teacher, aide, paraprofessional, or

interventionist must be full-time and assigned solely to one classroom. Staff sharing is prohibited in Grades K-1. A part-time interventionist may be used only if a full-time interventionist is not available and the part-time interventionist is assigned to only one classroom.

It is recommended that **a waiver of Policy 2510 to allow a full-time interventionist to be assigned to two classrooms to satisfy the maximum teacher-pupil ratio in Grades 2-3 and allowing a part-time interventionist to be utilized to meet the teacher-pupil ratio if they are only assigned to one classroom and a full-time interventionist is not available be approved.**

7. Statewide Waiver of WVBE Policy 2510, Assuring the Quality of Education: Regulations for Education Programs - (Action)
Joey Wiseman

House Bill No. 2411 (2025 Regular Session) requires that beginning with students entering Grade 9 in the 2027-2028 school year, a public high school student shall be required to earn one unit of credit in a high school computer science course before the student graduates. The one credit required may be earned in Grades 8-12. The computer science course offered by a public high school is required to be of high quality and meet or exceed the curriculum standards established by the WVBE. The bill also requires the WVBE to make a list of course options available to all public schools that may be used to meet the computer credit graduation requirement. Approval of this waiver will allow counties and students time to prepare for compliance with the computer science graduation requirement.

It is recommended that **a waiver of Policy 2510 to allow students to complete the required course in Grades 8-12, beginning with the 2027-2028 school year freshman cohort be approved.**

8. Statewide Waiver of Policy 2510, Assuring the Quality of Education: Regulations for Education Programs - (Action)
Joey Wiseman

Appendix B of Policy 2510 requires teachers to attend the Advanced Placement (AP®) Summer Institute (APSI) training once every three years. If a teacher is unable to attend the training during the summer they are assigned to attend or the teacher is moved into a new position, this waiver will require the teacher to attend the training during the following summer instead of requesting it during the school year. The only exception that will be afforded under this waiver would be for new courses that require specialized training, such as the new AP® English 10 Seminar, which may be utilized in place of English 10.

It is recommended that **a waiver of Policy 2510 to allow county boards of education to permit teachers who cannot meet the AP® training requirement established in Appendix B to attend APSI training the following summer, unless a new AP® course with specialized training is implemented be approved.**

9. Statewide Waiver of Section 5.3.c.2 of Policy 2340, West Virginia Measures of Academic Progress – (Action)
Vaughn Rhudy

Currently, Policy 2340 requires all examiners to hold a valid West Virginia teaching license, certification, or permit issued by the WVDE. However, House Bill No. 2167 (2025 Regular Session) allows public charter school teachers who are not certified or licensed in the State to proctor state assessments if they have successfully completed the annual training to serve as a proctor. This waiver will only apply to Section 5.3.c.2. All other provisions of Policy 2340 will remain applicable for public charter school teachers. This waiver will be applicable for all West Virginia summative assessments.

It is recommended that **Section 5.3.c.2 of Policy 2340 be waived to allow public charter school teachers who are not certified, licensed, or permitted in West Virginia to proctor state assessments.**

10. Policy 4355, High School Diploma for Veterans, Annual Report - (Information) [Attachment E](#)
Traci Gregory

W. Va. Code §18-2-5, §18-2-34, and Policy 4355 establish the rules, procedures, and regulations for providing a high school diploma to surviving veterans of World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam Conflict. This report provides the total number of individuals issued a diploma in accordance with this policy, including a breakdown of the total into individual categories for each war or conflict.

11. Alternative Certification Educator Preparation Program Review Board (ACEPPRB) Recommendation to Place Cabell County School's GROW Educators Programs for General Education and Special Education on Continuing Approval Status. [Attachment F](#)
Traci Gregory

West Virginia ACEPPRB members voted to recommend Continuing Approval Status for Cabell County School's GROW Educators programs for general education and special education. All aspects of these written alternative certification programs, including the provider's identified partners, will remain the same. The program

provider has made certified assurances that they have acted in accordance with their written program documentation, all applicable WVBE policies and statutory requirements. Policy 5901 provides guidelines and procedures for the approval of alternative certification educator preparation programs leading to licensure in West Virginia and Policy 5202 provides guidelines and procedures for the issuance of licensure including the Alternative Teaching Certificate.

It is recommended that **ACEPPRB request for Continual Approval Status for Cabell County School's GROW Educators programs for general education and special education in accordance with Policy 5901 be approved.**

**12. Policy 8100, Public School Finance Requirements – (Action)
Uriah Cummings**

[Attachment G](#)

This rule repeals and replaces Policy 8100. It requires public school districts to comply with the West Virginia Public School Finance Procedures Manual as incorporated by reference and approved by the West Virginia Board of Education. At the May 14, 2025, meeting, the WVBE approved the rule and the incorporated manual to be placed on public comment for 30 days. No comments were received during the allotted period; therefore, no changes have been made to the policy or manual.

It is recommended that **Policy 8100 and the incorporated West Virginia Public School Finance Procedures Manual be approved and effective 30 days from final filing.**

**13. West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission (WVSSAC) Series 1, Constitution - (Action)
Wayne Ryan**

[Attachment H](#)

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. This proposed rule revision was approved by the Board of Control on April 8, 2025. At the May 14, 2025, meeting, the WVBE approved the rule to be placed on public comment for 30 days. No comments were received during the allotted period; therefore, no changes have been made to the proposed rule.

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

14. West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission (WVSSAC) Series 2, Athletics, Provisions Governing Eligibility- (Action)

[Attachment I](#)

Wayne Ryan

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

15. West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission (WVSSAC) Series 3, Provisions Governing Contests, Provisions Governing Conduct - (Action)

[Attachment J](#)

Wayne Ryan

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

16. West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission (WVSSAC) Series 4, Provisions Governing Conduct - (Action)

[Attachment K](#)

Wayne Ryan

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Control meeting. Any approved changes are then submitted to the WVBE for review and approval. This proposed rule revision was approved by the Board of Control on April 8, 2025. At the May 14, 2025, meeting, the WVBE approved the rule to be placed on public comment for 30 days. There was one comment received during the allotted period, resulting in no changes being made to the proposed rule.

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

17. Amendment of Roane County's 2020-2030 Comprehensive Educational Facilities Plan (CEFP) – (Action) [Attachment L](#)
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 Roane County Board of Education requests approval to relocate fifth-grade students from Spencer Middle School (SMS) to Spencer Elementary School (SES), reconfiguring SES as a PreK-5 facility and SMS as a 6-8 facility. Adequate space is available at SES to accommodate the students, and no project or scope changes are required. This proposed reconfiguration is scheduled to take effect with the start of the 2025-2026 school year.

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

V. New Business

A. Policy 4336, West Virginia School Transportation Requirements - (Action) [Attachment M](#)
Jimmy Lacy

This proposed rule repeals and replaces Policy 4336. The policy applies to the West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind (WVSDB), the West Virginia Schools for Diversion and Transition (WVSDT), and any other public school district under the supervision of the WVBE. It requires public school districts to comply with the West Virginia School Transportation Procedures Manual as incorporated by reference and approved by the WVBE. At the May 14, 2025, meeting, the WVBE approved the proposed rule and the incorporated manual to be placed on public comment for 30 days. There were 13 comments accepted that resulted in changes to the proposed West Virginia School Transportation Procedures Manual submitted by the eight total commenters.

It is recommended that **Policy 4336 and the incorporated West Virginia School Transportation Procedures Manual** be approved and effective 30 days from final filing.

B. Roane County Schools Report – (Action)
Alexandra Criner

[Attachment N](#)

The Office of Accountability will present an executive summary of findings related to the lack of Roane County Board of Education actions to balance the budget. Declining enrollment, failure to approve a consolidation plan, a lack of sufficient personnel action, and other operational decisions have resulted in a significant projected budget deficit for fiscal year 2026.

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.

C. 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.; Civil Action No. CC-41-2025-C-230, Miranda Guzman v. West Virginia Board of Education, 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.

D. 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 O](#)

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

[Attachment P](#)

VI. WVDE Reports - (Information)
Superintendent Michele Blatt

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

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

A special meeting of the WVBE is scheduled for July 14, 2025, at noon and the next regular meeting is scheduled for August 13, 2025. Both meetings will be held in Charleston, West Virginia.

IX. Election of WVBE Officers – (Action)
Nancy J. White

X. Adjournment - (Action)