**MINUTES**

**WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**Capitol Building 6, Room 353**

**1900 Kanawha Boulevard, East**

**Charleston, West Virginia**

**July 31, 2020**

**I. Call to Order**

 Following the welcome and Pledge of Allegiance, President Miller L. Hall called the special meeting of the West Virginia Board of Education (WVBE) to order at 10:06 a.m. on July 31, 2020, in Capitol Building 6, Room 353, 1900 Kanawha Boulevard, East, Charleston, West Virginia.

 The following members were present: President Hall, Vice President Thomas W. Campbell (via telephone and joined the meeting in person at 10:10 a.m.), David G. Perry, F. Scott Rotruck, and Debra K. Sullivan. Members absent were Robert W. Dunlevy, Daniel D. Snavely, Nancy J. White, and James S. Wilson, and ex officios W. Clayton Burch, State Superintendent of Schools, and Sarah Armstrong Tucker, Chancellor, West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education, and Interim Chancellor, West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission.

**II. Approval of Agenda**

President Hall announced that no comments had been received from the public and called for a motion to approve the agenda. Mrs. Sullivan moved, and Mr. Perry seconded, that the agenda be approved. Upon the call for the question the motion was carried unanimously.

**III. Interviews and Employment of Superintendent of the**

 **West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind**

 President Hall stated that the candidates requested that their interviews be conducted in executive session and called for a motion to enter into executive session.

Mr. Perry moved that the Board enter into executive session as provided in W. Va. Code §6‑9A-4(b)(2)(A) [personnel exception]. Mrs. Sullivan seconded the motion and upon the call for the question, the motion was carried unanimously. The Board moved into executive session at 10:08 a.m. Mr. Scott Cochran, Superintendent of Webster County Schools, was called into executive session at 10:32 a.m. Ms. Barbara Kesner, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Elementary Education, and Pre‑K/Head Start, Mineral County Schools, was called into executive session at 12:20 p.m.

**IV. Return from Executive Session**

President Hall announced that the Board had returned from executive session at 3:13 p.m. with no decisions made or action taken and called for a motion regarding the employment of a Superintendent of the West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind.

 Mr. Campbell moved that Mr. Scott Cochran be employed as the Superintendent of the West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind at an annual salary of $124,000.00 effective August 12, 2020. Mr. Perry seconded the motion and upon the call for the question the motion was carried unanimously.

**V. Future Meetings**

 The next regular meeting of the WVBE will be held August 12, 2020, in Charleston, West Virginia.

**VI. Adjourn**

 President Hall called for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Campbell moved, and Mr. Perry seconded, that the meeting be adjourned. Upon the call for the question the motion was carried unanimously; the meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

 **Minutes approved by the Board on August 12, 2020.**

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 **Miller L. Hall, President**

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 **Thomas W. Campbell, Vice President**

Minutes were recorded by

 Virginia M. Harris

 Secretary to the Board

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