**MINUTES**

**WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**Capitol Building 6, Room 353**

**1900 Kanawha Boulevard, East**

**Charleston, West Virginia**

**July 8, 2020**

**I. Call to Order**

 Following the welcome and Pledge of Allegiance, President David G. Perry called the meeting of the West Virginia Board of Education (WVBE) to order at 10:01 a.m. on July 8, 2020, in Capitol Building 6, Room 353, 1900 Kanawha Boulevard, East, Charleston, West Virginia.

 The roll was called and the following members were present: President Perry, Vice President Miller L. Hall, Thomas W. Campbell, Robert W. Dunlevy, F. Scott Rotruck, Daniel D. Snavely, Debra K. Sullivan, Nancy J. White (via Teams), and James S. Wilson, and ex officio W. Clayton Burch, State Superintendent of Schools. Member absent was ex officio Sarah Armstrong Tucker, Chancellor, West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission and West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education.

**II. Approval of Agenda**

President Perry called for a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Hall moved, and Mr. Campbell seconded, that the agenda be approved. Upon the call for the question the motion was carried unanimously.

**III. Delegations**

 Submissions from the West Virginia Professional Educators, West Virginia Education Association, and American Federation of Teachers-West Virginia are attached to the Official Minutes at Attachment K.

**IV. Consent Agenda**

 President Perry called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Prior to the motion, Mrs. Sullivan provided comments regarding the waiver requests of West Virginia University‑Parkersburg and Ohio County Board of Education. It was determined that the West Virginia University-Parkersburg waiver is available to other colleges/universities and that the Ohio County Board of Education’s waiver did not include Geometry. Following discussion, Ms. White moved, and Mr. Campbell seconded, that the Consent Agenda be approved. Upon the call for the question the Consent Agenda was unanimously approved. (Copies appended to Official Minutes, Attachments A through F.)

* Approved June 10, 2020, minutes (Attachment A)
* Received West Virginia Department of Education (WVDE) personnel matters (Attachment B)
* Approved: 1) West Virginia University College of Education and Human Services’ request for a waiver of WVBE Policy 5100, section 6.6.b., Standards for Subject Area Content in EPP for its Master of Arts and Certification (MAC) Program; 2) West Virginia University-Parkersburg’s request for a waiver of WVBE Policy 5100, section 6.7.b.5.E, which requires clinical placement in two grades, a lower and upper grade (K-6); and 3) Ohio County Board of Education’s request for a waiver of WVBE Policy 2510, section 5.4.g.1, Alternative Means to Earn High School Credit (Attachments C-1, C-2, and C‑3)
* Approved the Monongalia County Board of Education’s request to amend their 2010-2020 Comprehensive Educational Facilities Plan to include a Major Improvement Project (MIP) at North Elementary School for replacement of an existing access/exit ramp with an access/exit stair tower linking the three permanent school buildings (Attachment D)
* Accepted the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation decisions and Educator Preparation Program Review Board’s recommendations of Full Accreditation for Shepherd University and West Virginia University Parkersburg (Attachments E-1 and E-2)
* Approved Davis and Elkins College’s certification programs for Special Education with Autism and Special Education without Autism and Fairmont State University’s certification program for M.Ed. in Educational Leadership (Attachments F-1 and F-2).

**V. Update of Special Circumstance Review of Berkeley County Schools**

 Ms. Charlene Coburn (distributed information), Accountability Officer, WVDE Office of System of Support and Accountability, and Dr. Patrick K. Murphy (via Teams), Superintendent, Berkeley County Schools, provided an update regarding the special circumstance review of Berkeley County Schools. (Copies appended to Official Minutes, Attachment L.)

**VI. Virtual School Programs in West Virginia**

 Dr. Jan Barth (distributed information), Assistant State Superintendent, Division of Teaching and Learning, Dr. Bondy Shay Gibson (via Teams), Superintendent, assisted by and Ms. Jennifer Rowan (via Teams), Director of Technology, and Mr. Shawn Dilly (via Teams), Deputy Superintendent for Instruction, Jefferson County Schools, and Dr. Valery Harper (via Teams), Executive Director, Kanawha County Schools, provided information regarding virtual school programs in Jefferson and Kanawha Counties. Superintendent Burch departed the meeting and Deputy Superintendent Michele L. Blatt took his seat. (Copies appended to Official Minutes, Attachment M.)

**VII. Break**

 President Perry called for a break for lunch at 12:06 p.m. Ms. White departed the meeting.

**VIII. Call to Order**

 President Perry called the meeting back to order at 12:38 p.m.

**IX. School Based Healthcare**

 Mr. Rotruck introduced Ms. Kim Tieman (via Teams), Program Director, Health and Human Resources, Benedum Foundation, Dr. Sherri Ferrell (via Teams), Executive Director, West Virginia Primary Care Association, and Dr. Kimberly Becher (via Teams), Community Care of West Virginia, all of whom presented information regarding school based healthcare. (Copies distributed during the meeting attached to Official Minutes, Attachment Mc.)

**X. Policy 2520.1A, West Virginia College- and**

 **Career-Readiness Standards for English Language Arts**

 Dr. Barth presented Policy 2520.1A for the Board’s consideration. Sixty-three public comments were received during the comment period resulting in minor changes to the policy. Ms. White rejoined the meeting.

 Mr. Campbell moved, and Dr. Wilson seconded, that Policy 2520.1A, as amended and inclusive of the repeal of Policy 2520.17, Library Media Content Standards and Objectives for West Virginia Schools, be approved and effective 30 days from filing. Upon the call for the question the motion was carried unanimously. (Copies appended to Official Minutes, Attachments G-1 and G-2.)

**XI. Policy 2525, West Virginia’s Universal Access to a**

 **Quality Early Education System**

 Dr. Barth presented Policy 2525 for the Board’s consideration. Two public comments were received during the comment period resulting in a minor change to a sentence in the Program Assessment and Continuous Quality and Improvement section.

 Mr. Dunlevy moved, and Mrs. Sullivan seconded, that Policy 2525 as amended be approved and effective 30 days from filing. Upon the call for the question the motion was carried unanimously. (Copies appended to Official Minutes, Attachments H-1 and H-2.)

**XII. West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission (WVSSAC)**

 **Series 2, Athletics, Provisions Governing Eligibility, and**

 **Series 3, Provisions Governing Contests**

 Ms. Sarah Stewart, Government Affairs Counsel, WVDE Office of Legal Services, presented WVSSAC Series 2 and 3 for the Board’s consideration. No changes were made to the rules as a result of the comment period.

 Mr. Dunlevy moved, and Dr. Wilson seconded, that the proposed amendments to WVSSAC Series 2 and Series 3 be approved and effective 60 days from filing. Upon the call for the question the motion was carried unanimously. (Copies appended to Official Minutes, Attachments I-1 and I‑2.)

**XIII. WVBE Personnel Matters**

 **Executive Session**

 President Perry called for a motion to enter executive session for personnel matters.

 Mr. Hall moved, 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)], that the Board enter in executive session for personnel matters. Mrs. Sullivan seconded the motion and upon the call for the question the motion was carried unanimously. The Board entered executive session at 1:32 p.m. Superintendent Burch returned to the meeting at 2:10 p.m.

**XIV. WVBE Personnel Matters**

 **Return from Executive Session**

 President Perry announced that the Board had returned from executive session at 2:20 p.m. with no decisions made or action taken.

 President Perry called for a motion to approve the Board’s personnel matters. Mr. Rotruck moved, and Mr. Hall seconded, that the personnel items be approved. Upon the call for the question the motion was carried unanimously. (Copy appended to Official Minutes, Attachment J.)

**XV. Superintendent’s Report**

 Superintendent Burch, assisted by Deputy Superintendent Blatt presented: 1) a digital preview of Arts Alive 2020; 2) information regarding a future innovation hub; 3) a *ConnectEd* video honoring Dr. Kathy D’Antoni (former WVDE Associate Superintendent) on her retirement and dedication to career technical education; 4) information regarding the WVDE’s organizational structure; 5) 2021 Teacher of the Year finalists; and, 6) an overview of the school re-entry guidance document (distributed) and website. Mrs. Sullivan spoke to the possibility of developing a teacher recruitment campaign; President Perry suggested the Board develop a recommendation for consideration by the Governor and legislative leadership. President Perry requested a letter be issued to the Governor expressing appreciation and support for the September 8 reopening date for West Virginia Schools and, that a letter be issued to Dr. D’Antoni expressing the Board’s appreciation for her service to the students, WVDE, and State of West Virginia. (Copy appended to Official Minutes, Attachment N.)

**XVI. WVBE Member Updates and Future Items**

Dr. Wilson issued concern that the approach to teaching social studies is antiquated and suggested that he form a small group, in consultation with the WVDE, to investigate a more modern approach. Mr. Rotruck spoke regarding a presentation from the National Energy Technology Laboratory to be placed on the August agenda. Mrs. Sullivan provided an update regarding Communities In Schools; requested a comparison of school size, student achievement, attendance, and behavior; and, requested a review of disciplinary actions at elementary, middle, and high school levels and how they are handled be presented at a future meeting. Superintendent Burch indicated a report regarding equity is under development. Mr. Hall indicated that a study is underway regarding disparity. Mr. Campbell provided a report on behalf of the Resource Committee stating that proposals discussed during the committee meeting will be provided to members and to expect recommendations from the committee for the Board’s consideration in August. The committee also discussed the use of vans for transporting students and received an update regarding the county watch list (counties in or approaching deficit). Mr. Campbell also spoke about recent discussions with students regarding course offerings and security officers in schools.

**XVII. Future Meetings**

 The WVBE will meet July 31, 2020, at 10:00 a.m., to conduct interviews for the position of Superintendent of the West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind. The next regular meeting of the WVBE will be held August 12, 2020, in Charleston, West Virginia. The meeting will continue August 13, 2020, if the agenda is not completed on August 12, 2020.

**XVIII. Election of Officers**

 President Perry nominated Mr. Hall to the office of President. Mr. Hall thanked President Perry for the nomination and spoke to his leadership style if elected. Dr. Snavely seconded the nomination. Upon the call for the question the motion was carried unanimously; Mr. Hall was elected President by acclamation.

 President Perry called for nominations to the office of Vice President. Dr. Wilson nominated Mr. Campbell as Vice President. Mr. Dunlevy seconded the nomination. Upon the call for the question the motion was carried unanimously; Mr. Campbell was elected Vice President by acclamation.

 President Perry called for nominations to the office of Financial Officer. Mr. Campbell nominated Mr. Rotruck to the office of Financial Officer. Ms. White seconded the nomination. Upon the call for the question the motion was carried unanimously; Mr. Rotruck was elected Financial Officer by acclamation.

**XIX. Adjourn**

 Dr. Snavely moved, and Ms. White seconded, that the meeting be adjourned. Upon the call for the question the motion was carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 3:50 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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