**MINUTES**

**WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**Capitol Building 6, Room 353**

**1900 Kanawha Boulevard, East**

**Charleston, West Virginia**

**December 16, 2020**

**I. Call to Order**

Following the welcome and Pledge of Allegiance, President Miller L. Hall called the virtual meeting of the West Virginia Board of Education (WVBE) to order at 10:12 a.m. on December 16, 2020, in Capitol Building 6, Room 353, 1900 Kanawha Boulevard, East, Charleston, West Virginia.

The following members were present virtually unless otherwise noted: President Hall, Vice President Thomas W. Campbell, Robert W. Dunlevy, A. Stanley Maynard, F. Scott Rotruck, Daniel D. Snavely, Debra K. Sullivan, Nancy J. White, and James S. Wilson, and ex officios W. Clayton Burch (present in the meeting room), State Superintendent of Schools and 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 Hall called for a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Campbell moved, and Mr. Dunlevy seconded, that the agenda be approved. Upon the call for the question the motion was carried unanimously.

**III. Delegations**

Mr. David Gladkosky, Executive Director, West Virginia Professional Educators, ~~s~~ubmitted a letter for the Board’s consideration. (Copy appended to Official Minutes, Attachment K.)

**IV. West Virginia Schools of Diversion and Transition Quarterly Update**

Mr. Jacob Green, Superintendent, West Virginia Schools of Diversion and Transition, provided an overview and update regarding services and initiatives. (PowerPoint appended to Official Minutes, Attachment L.) Mr. Rotruck, Dr. Snavely, and Dr. Wilson joined the meeting.

**V. Consent Agenda**

President Hall called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Ms. White moved, and Mr. Rotruck seconded, that the Consent Agenda be approved. Following discussion regarding funding needs for the 2020-2030 CEFPs, President Hall called for the question and the Consent Agenda was unanimously approved. (Copies appended to Official Minutes, Attachments A through D.)

* Approved November 12, 2020, WVBE minutes (Attachment A)
* Received West Virginia Department of Education (WVDE) personnel matters (Attachment B)
* Appointed A. Stanley Maynard to the County Board Member Training Standards Review Committee, and Debra K. Sullivan to the West Virginia Commission for Professional Teaching Standards
* Approved 2020-2030 Comprehensive Educational Facilities Plans for Cabell, Calhoun, Fayette, Greenbrier, Kanawha, Logan, Mason, Mineral, Wayne, and Wyoming Counties, and the Fred W. Eberle and United Technical Centers (Attachments C-1 through C-12)
* Approved a New Data Collection for Digital Equity
* Approved revisions to the West Virginia Career and Technical Education Endorsement and Testing Manual (Attachment D).

**VI. Closure of Summers Middle School, Summers County**

Ms. Amy Willard, School Operations Officer, WVDE Office of School Operations and Finance, presented the closure of Summers Middle School at the conclusion of the 2020-2021 school year, and for the corresponding modification of the 2010-2020 Comprehensive Educational Facilities Plan (CEFP) for the Board’s consideration.

The students from Summers Middle School will be reassigned to Summers County High School to have one comprehensive school with grades 6-12 effective for the start of the 2021-2022 school year, or later if the completion of the new school configuration is delayed.  At the beginning of the current school year, the staff and students from Summers Middle School were relocated to the Summers County High School building due to various safety issues at the middle school facility.  Summers Middle School has operated as a separate school within the high school facility during the 2020‑2021 school year.  Closure hearings were held on October 29, 2020, at 5:00 p.m. at Summers County High School and 8:00 p.m. at Summers Middle School.  The Summers County Board of Education voted to close Summers Middle School at the completion of the second public hearing on October 29, 2020.

Following discussion, Mrs. Sullivan moved, and Mr. Dunlevy seconded, that the closure of Summers Middle School at the conclusion of the 2020-2021 school year and the corresponding modification to the 2010‑2020 CEFP be approved. Upon the call for the question the motion was carried unanimously. (Copy appended to Official Minutes, Attachment E.) Chancellor Tucker joined the meeting.

**VII. Policy 4110, Attendance**

Ms. Charlene Coburn, Accountability Officer, WVDE Office of Support and Accountability, presented Policy 4110 for the Board’s consideration. Six individuals submitted eight comments during the comment period. No changes to the policy were recommended as a result of the comments received; minor editorial corrections were made to the policy.

Mrs. Sullivan moved, and Mr. Dunlevy seconded, that Policy 4110 be approved and effective 30 days from filing. Upon the call for the question the motion was carried unanimously. (Copy appended to Official Minutes, Attachment F.) President Hall moved *New Business* item *E. Policy 5310, Performance Evaluation of School Personnel* to be taken up immediately.

**VIII. Policy 5310, Performance Evaluation of School Personnel**

Ms. Margaret Williamson, Director, WVDE School Improvement Services, presented Policy 5310 for the Board’s consideration. No comments were received during the comment period.

Following discussion, Ms. White moved, and Mr. Campbell seconded, that Policy 5310 be approved and effective 30 days from filing. Upon the call for the question the motion was carried unanimously. (Copy appended to Official Minutes, Attachment I.)

**IX. Policy 5100, Approval of Educator Preparation Programs**

Dr. Carla Warren, Director, WVDE Educator Development and Support Services, presented Policy 5100 for the Board’s consideration. Eighteen individuals submitted 38 comments during the comment period; changes to the policy resulting from the comment period are found in Attachment G-1.

Following discussion, Mrs. Sullivan moved, and Ms. White seconded, that Policy 5100 be approved and effective 30 days from filing. Upon the call for the question the motion was carried unanimously. (Copy appended to Official Minutes, Attachment G-1 and G-2.)

**X. Policy 5202, Minimum Requirements for the Licensure of**

**Professional/Paraprofessional Personnel and Advanced Salary**

**Classifications and Policy 5112, Athletic and Limited Football Trainers**

**in the Public Schools of West Virginia**

Dr. Robert Hagerman, Director, WVDE Certification Services, presented Policy 5202, inclusive of the repeal of Policy 5112, for the Board’s consideration. Eighteen individuals submitted 32 comments during the comment period; changes to the policy resulting from the comment period are found in Attachment H-1.

Ms. White moved, and Mrs. Sullivan seconded, that Policy 5202, inclusive of the repeal of Policy 5112 be approved and effective 30 days from filing. Upon the call for the question the motion was carried unanimously. (Copy appended to Official Minutes, Attachment H-1 and H-2.) President Hall moved *New Business* item *G. Update: Summers County and Lincoln County Special Circumstance Reviews* to be taken up immediately.

**XI. Update: Summers County and Lincoln County**

**Special Circumstance Reviews and WVBE Personnel Matters**

**Executive Session**

Mr. Matt Hicks, Director, WVDE Accountability Services, provided a brief update regarding the Summers County and Lincoln County Special Circumstance Reviews.

Following Mr. Hicks’ presentation, Superintendent Burch requested an executive session to take up personnel matters in Lincoln and Summers Counties. Discussion ensued after which President Hall called on Mr. Campbell for a motion to enter into executive session. Mr. Campbell moved that the Board enter into executive session to take up the Summers County and Lincoln County Special Circumstance Reviews and WVBE Personnel matters as provided in in W. Va. Code §6-9A-4(b)(2)(A) [personnel exception] and/or W. Va. Code §6‑9A-4(b)(6) [privacy exception] and/or §6-9A-4 [matters involving attorney‑client privilege per *Peters v. County Commission*, 205 W. Va. 481 (1999)]. Dr. Maynard seconded the motion and upon the call for the question the motion was carried unanimously. The Board entered executive session at 11:52 a.m.

**XII. Update: Summers County and Lincoln County**

**Special Circumstance Reviews and WVBE Personnel Matters**

**Return from Executive Session**

President Hall announced that the Board had returned from executive session with no action taken at 12:12 p.m.

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

**XIII. Superintendent’s Report**

Superintendent Burch reported: 1) Ms. Lynn Hurt, Wayne County, and Mr. Terry Harless, Boone County, will immediately begin providing assistance, along with others already providing support, to Lincoln County; 2) comprehensive approach is underway with partners Southern Regional Education Board and the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission (HEPC) targeting recovery from the pandemic; 3) collaborative efforts with HEPC and the P-20 network regarding Senate Bill 707 (2020 Regular Session), Nursing Pathways; 4) avenues being explored to address teacher shortages and rethinking teacher preparation; 5) lessons learned that are being addressed with regard to remote and virtual instruction/learning and broadband; 6) a year-in-review report will be released next week; 7) assisted by Dr. Jan Barth, Assistant State Superintendent, provided an update regarding WVDE policy revision/development protocol; 8) benchmark assessments; and 9) access to the COVID vaccine.

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

Dr. Wilson raised concern regarding financial repercussions for athletic programs and spoke about a meeting he attended regarding the development of an elective course on African American studies. President Hall requested data be provided in February regarding the pandemic’s impact on student achievement. Ms. White shared Jefferson County Superintendent Bondy Shay Gibson’s letter closing schools on December 16. Mrs. Sullivan suggested members travel the backroads of West Virginia to observe the isolation and hardships experienced by students and their families during the pandemic. Dr. Snavely reported that he will receive the COVID vaccination, and will take it without reservation, as soon as it becomes available to him. A number of members spoke to taking the vaccine, also without reservation, as soon as it becomes available to the public.

**XV. Future Meetings**

President Hall announced that the next regular meeting of the WVBE will be January 13, 2021, in Charleston, West Virginia.

**XVI. Adjourn**

Mr. Rotruck moved, and Dr. Snavely seconded, that the meeting be adjourned. Upon the call for the question the motion was carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 12:54 p.m.

**Minutes approved by the Board on January 13, 2021.**

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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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