

MINUTES
WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF EDUCATION
Capitol Building 6, Room 353
1900 Kanawha Boulevard, East
Charleston, West Virginia
May 12, 2021

I. Call to Order

Following the welcome and Pledge of Allegiance, President Miller L. Hall called the meeting of the West Virginia Board of Education (WVBE) to order at 10:00 a.m. on May 12, 2021, in Capitol Building 6, Room 353, 1900 Kanawha Boulevard, East, Charleston, West Virginia.

The roll was called and the following members were present: President Hall, Thomas W. Campbell (telephone), Robert W. Dunlevy, A. Stanley Maynard, F. Scott Rotruck (telephone), Daniel D. Snavelly, Debra K. Sullivan (Teams), Nancy J. White (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 Hall, at the request of the West Virginia Department of Education (WVDE), requested that Consent Agenda item 8. *Policy 5309, County Superintendent Performance Evaluations* (Attachment I), be removed from the agenda and called for a motion to approve the amended agenda. Mr. Dunlevy moved, and Dr. Snavelly seconded, that the amended agenda be approved. Upon the call for the question, the motion was carried unanimously.

III. Delegations

Mr. Dale Lee, President, West Virginia Education Association, spoke to the future of education, pandemic relief funding, and encouraged the WVBE and WVDE to utilize expert educators from across West Virginia to assist in planning and executing plans to help students succeed.

IV. Learning Policy Institute Report for WVDE
Preparing West Virginia's Teachers: Opportunities in
Teacher Licensure and Program Approval

Dr. Carla Warren (distributed information), Director, WVDE Educator Development and Support Services, and Mr. Ryan Saunders, Policy Advisory, Learning Policy Institute (LPI), explained the partnership with LPI and provided a brief summary of the report prepared for the WVDE entitled *Preparing West Virginia's Teachers: Opportunities in Teacher Licensure and Program Approval*. Following the summary, information was provided about previous and future actions taken by WVDE to address the recommendations presented in the report. (Copies appended to Official Minutes, Attachment N.)

**V. Spotlight on Summer SOLE
(Student Opportunities for Learning and Engagement)**

Ms. Sonja White (distributed information), Teaching and Learning Officer, WVDE Office of Teaching and Learning, provided a brief overview of the Summer SOLE program in Mercer County and introduced Mr. William Hosaflook, Superintendent, Ms. Ashlee Beatty, Curriculum Coordinator, and Ms. Christie Willis, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Wood County Schools, who presented a brief overview of the summer learning program in Wood County. Mr. Justin Raber, President of the Wood County Board of Education, was present for the presentation and addressed the Board regarding the successful partnership and teamwork experienced among Wood County board members and county staff. (Copies appended to Official Minutes, Attachment O.)

VI. Break

President Hall called for a break at 11:40 a.m.

VII. Call to Order

President Hall called the meeting back to order at noon.

VIII. Consent Agenda

President Hall called for a motion to approve the amended Consent Agenda. Mr. Dunlevy moved, and Dr. Snively seconded, that the Consent Agenda be approved. Mrs. Sullivan questioned Routine Business item 2. *Waivers of State Board of Education Policies and Regulations, Superintendent's Interpretations and State Statutes and Legislative Rules*, and asked if the waiver should be considered statewide; Dr. Barth indicated that a statewide waiver will be presented at a future meeting and the issue will be considered when the appropriate policy is undergoing amendment. Following discussion President Hall called for the question and the amended Consent Agenda was unanimously approved. (Copies appended to Official Minutes, Attachments A through H and J through L.)

- Approved April 14, 2021, WVBE minutes (Attachment A)
- Received West Virginia Department of Education (WVDE) personnel matters (Attachment B)
- Approved Fairmont State University's request for a waiver of Policy 5100, *Approval of Teacher Preparation Programs*, section 6.6.b.3.A, for school years 2021 through 2026 (Attachment C)
- Received Substitute Teachers in Areas of Critical Need and Shortage affidavits from Berkeley (one), Cabell (one), Harrison (two), Putnam (one), and Taylor (one) County Schools (Attachment D)

- Approved documentation as an addendum to the Region 5 Alternative Certification Programs for general education provided by Calhoun, Jackson, Pleasants, Ritchie, Roane, Tyler, Wirt, and Wood Counties in partnership with Marshall University to add the endorsements of Agriculture 5-AD, Business Education 5-AD and 9-AD, Chemistry/Physics 9-AD, Earth and Space Science 5-AD, Algebra I 5-AD, General Mathematics Through Algebra I 5-9, Geometry 5-AD, and Technology Education 5-AD (Attachment E)
- Appointed Ms. Angie Kinder, a PK-12 educator, to the Educator Preparation Program Review Board (Attachment F)
- Approved Policy 2422.7, Standards for Basic and Specialized Health Care Procedures, as amended, effective July 1, 2021 (Attachment G-1 and G-2)
- Approved Policy 4150, Student Driver Eligibility Certificate, effective July 1, 2021 (Attachment H)
- Placed Policy 2330, Non-public School Accreditation, on public comment for 30 days (Attachment J)
- Placed Policy 5314, Service Personnel Classification, Competency Testing, and Professional Learning, inclusive of the repeal of Policy 5141, Approved College Credit for Aide 4 Classification, 5314.01, Autism Mentor, Policy 5301, College Hours or Comparable Training in a Trade or Vocational School, and Policy 5500.02, County Service Personnel Staff Development, on public comment for 30 days (Attachment K)
- Placed West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission, Series 2, Athletics, Provisions Governing Eligibility, and Series 3, Provisions Governing Contests, on public comment for 30 days (Attachment L-1 and L-2).

IX. Career Technical Education

Mr. Clinton Burch (distributed information), Senior Officer, WVDE Office of Technical and Adult Education, provided an in-depth overview of career technical education (CTE) supports, services, professional development, and workplace learning. Dr. Robert Hagerman, Director, WVDE Certification Services, presented information regarding a collaborative effort with Wheeling Park High School (Ohio County) CTE students that assists individuals, via instructional videos, pursuing West Virginia certification. Ms. Caroline Dillon-Ihlenfeld, teacher, and students (appearing virtually), Wheeling Park High School, spoke regarding the collaborative effort. (Copy appended to Official Minutes, Attachment P.)

X. Berkeley County Special Circumstance Review Report: Middle School Special Education Program

Ms. Charlene Coburn (distributed information), Senior Officer, WVDE Office of Support and Accountability, presented the Berkeley County Special Circumstance Review Report: Middle School Special Education Program for the Board's consideration. Dr. Patrick K. Murphy

(appearing virtually/submitted document for distribution), Superintendent, Berkeley County Schools, addressed the Board regarding the report. Ms. Alexandra Criner, Coordinator, WVDE Accountability Services, also addressed the Board regarding the review process and report.

President Hall called for a motion regarding the Berkeley County Special Circumstance Review Report: Middle School Special Education Program. Dr. Maynard moved, and Mrs. Sullivan seconded, that the Berkeley County Special Circumstance Review Report: Middle School Special Education Program be approved. Upon the call for the question, the motion was carried unanimously. (Copies appended to Official Minutes, Attachment Q.)

XI. West Virginia Pedagogical Standards in Response to Senate Bill 14

Ms. White presented West Virginia Pedagogical Standards in Response to Senate Bill 14 for the Board's consideration. Senate Bill 14 (2021 Legislative Session) requires candidates to successfully complete pedagogical training or a pedagogical course or courses in substantive alignment with nationally recognized standards or approved or established by the WVBE.

President Hall called for a motion regarding the West Virginia Pedagogical Standards in Response to Senate Bill 14. Dr. Wilson moved, and Ms. White seconded, that the West Virginia Pedagogical Standards as set forth in Policy 5310, *Performance Evaluation of School Personnel*, §126-142-13. *Teacher Evaluation Standards and Elements* be designated to satisfy the requirement of Senate Bill 14 (2021 Legislative Session). (Copies appended to Official Minutes, Attachment M.)

XII. WVBE Personnel Matters Executive Session

President Hall called for a motion to enter executive session for a personnel matter. Dr. Maynard moved that the Board's personal matters be approved and that the Board enter into executive session 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)]. Mr. Dunlevy seconded the motion and upon the call for the question the motion was carried unanimously. The Board entered executive session at 1:23 p.m. (Copy appended to Official Minutes, Attachment Mc.)

XIII. WVBE Personnel Matters Return from Executive Session

President Hall announced that the Board had returned from executive session at 2:30 p.m. with no decisions made or action taken.

XIV. Superintendent Report

Superintendent Burch (distributed information) provided information regarding Arts Alive (virtual), Golden Horseshoe (in-person), school visits in Mason, Nicholas, and Raleigh Counties, and with the assistance of WVDE staff presented information regarding preschool education, a West Virginia early learning longitudinal study, work of the Superintendent's Education Advisory Council (SEAT) and recent SEAT survey results, an action plan for statewide technical assistance centers, demonstrated a website devoted to local student support and well-being services, and

presented results of a recent presentation to the Legislative Oversight Commission on Education Accountability and resulting placement of Policy 5309 on public comment next month, update regarding vaccinations, and announced that West Virginia was recognized the Center for Assessment for its school reporting dashboard. (Copies appended to Official Minutes, Attachment R.)

XV. WVBE Member Updates

Ms. White joined the livestream of Green Bank Elementary/Middle School's (Pocahontas County) contact with the International Space Station; Mrs. Sullivan spoke (virtually) with adult education teachers and learners about the impact of adult education programs; Dr. Maynard encouraged continuing dialogue with legislative education chairs; President Hall visited Mercer and Raleigh County Schools; and, Dr. Wilson would like an item placed on a future agenda for a philosophical discussion regarding equity.

XVI. Items for Future Meetings

Mrs. Sullivan suggested inviting a couple of county superintendents, including Superintendent Blaine Hess, Jackson County Schools, to a future meeting to talk about plans for the coming school year. Dr. Maynard suggested inviting the Board President or a Board member to accompany the county superintendent.

XVII. Future Meetings

President Hall announced that the next regular meeting of the WVBE will be held June 9, 2021, in Charleston, West Virginia.

XVIII. Adjourn

Mr. Dunlevy moved, and Dr. Maynard seconded, that the meeting be adjourned. Upon the call for the question the motion was carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 4:02 p.m.

Minutes approved by the Board on June 9, 2021.

Miller L. Hall, President

Thomas W. Campbell, Vice President