**MINUTES**

**WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**Capitol Building 6, Suite 600**

**1900 Kanawha Boulevard, East**

**Charleston, West Virginia**

**January 12, 2022**

**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 9:00 a.m. on January 12, 2022, in Capitol Building 6, Suite 600, 1900 Kanawha Boulevard, East, Charleston, West Virginia.

The following members were present: President Hall, Thomas W. Campbell, Robert W. Dunlevy, L. Paul Hardesty, F. Scott Rotruck, Daniel D. Snavely, Debra K. Sullivan, Nancy J. White, and James S. Wilson and ex officios W. Clayton Burch, 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. Rotruck 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 (distributed information), Executive Director, West Virginia Professional Educators, addressed the Board regarding the organization’s goals for 2022. Mr. Fred Albert, President, American Federation of Teachers-West Virginia, spoke regarding the teacher shortage and making public schools in West Virginia stronger. Mr. Dale Lee, President, West Virginia Education Association, spoke about redesigning education, listening to educators, and making positive change for West Virginia students. (Copy appended to Official Minutes, Attachment Mc.)

**IV. Strategic Plan Update**

Dr. Jan Barth (distributed information), Assistant Superintendent, Superintendent’s Office, provided an overview of the strategic plan update: Goal 1/Objective 2: Partner with schools, communities, institutions of higher education, state/federal agencies, and businesses. Mr. Clinton Burch, Technical Education Officer, WVDE Office of Technical and Adult Education, Ms. Charlene Coburn, Accountability Officer, WVDE Office of Support and Accountability, Ms. Melanie Purkey, Federal Programs Officer, WVDE Office of Federal Programs and Support, Dr. Sonya White, Teaching and Learning Officer, WVDE Office of Teaching and Learning, Mr. Tim Conzett, Technology Officer, WVDE Office of Data Management and Information Services, and Dr. Amelia Courts, President/CEO, The Education Alliance, were present for the presentation and addressed questions from WVBE members. (Copy appended to Official Minutes, Attachment N.)

**V. Consent Agenda**

President Hall called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Mr. Campbell moved, and Ms. White seconded, that the Consent Agenda be approved. Prior to the vote President Hall spoke to the importance of Policy 2315 and how it can be a gamechanger in helping students succeed. Upon the call for the question the motion was carried unanimously. (Copies appended to Official Minutes, Attachments A through H.)

* Approved December 8, 2021, WVBE minutes (Attachment A)
* Received West Virginia Department of Education (WVDE) personnel matters (Attachment B)
* Approved Employment of Substitute Teachers in Areas of Critical Need and Shortage policies for Braxton, Hardy, Harrison, Kanawha, McDowell, and Roane Counties (Attachment C)
* Approved the Mingo County Board of Education’s request to amend the 2020‑2030 Comprehensive Educational Facilities Plan to include two multi-purpose Career Technical Education (CTE) classrooms at Tug Valley High School, outdoor learning spaces for all schools, and auditorium renovations at Burch PreK-8 and Tug Valley High School. CTE spaces are planned to be funded through local funds; outdoor spaces and auditorium renovations are intended to be funded with American Rescue Plan (ARP) Elementary and Secondary Schools Emergency Relief (ESSER) funds (Attachment D)
* Approved Policy 2315, Comprehensive School Counseling Programs, to be effective 30 days from filing (Attachment E)
* Approved Policy 2322, West Virginia System of Support and Accountability, inclusive of the repeal of Policy 3235, Definition of Good Cause for Failure to Receive School Board Training, and Policy 7300, Better Schools Accountability: School, School District and Statewide School Report Cards to be effective 30 days from filing (Attachment F)
* Approved Policy 5300, County Board of Education Relations with County Staff and School Employees, for placement on public comment for 30 days (Attachment G)
* Approved county boards of education listed in Attachment H to execute their county superintendent evaluation process (Attachment H)
* Appointed L. Paul Hardesty to the County Board Member Training Standards Review Committee (term ending July 2022) and the Commission on Holocaust Education (term ending August 2022).

**VI. Superintendent Report**

Superintendent Burch (distributed information) spoke regarding: 1) the Legislative Forum hosted by the West Virginia Public Education Collaborative; 2) recent call from the United States Department of Education regarding states’ view on keeping schools open and requesting districts offer monthly vaccination clinic noting that West Virginia began offering vaccination clinics early in the pandemic; 3) thanked the West Virginia Education Association, American Federation of Teacher-West Virginia, West Virginia Professional Educators, and West Virginia School Service Personnel Association for working with the WVDE in gearing up for the legislative session; 4) assisted by Mr. Drew McClanahan, Director, WVDE Government Relations, provided an overview of the legislative process; 5) welcomed Mr. Hardesty; 6) success of the initial Academic Showdown; 7) supports for teachers pursuing certification; 8) redesign of the WVDE and development of public liaison positions; 9) the WVDE’s 2022 motto *Be Nice*; and 10) assisted by Dr. Carla Warren (distributed information), Director, WVDE Educator Development and Support Services, provided a report regarding teacher preparation and addressing the teacher shortage. (Copies appended to Official Minutes, Attachment O.)

**VII. Break**

President Hall called for a break at 10:30 a.m.

**VIII. Call to Order**

President Hall called the meeting back to order at 10:45 a.m.

**IX.** **Berkeley County Special Circumstance Review Report:**

**High School Special Education**

Mr. Matt Hicks, Director, WVDE Accountability Services, presented the Berkeley County Special Circumstance Review Report for High School Special Education for the Board’s consideration. Dr. Patrick K. Murphy, Superintendent, Berkeley County Schools, participated in the meeting via Teams.

Following discussion, Mr. Campbell moved, and Mrs. Sullivan seconded, that the Special Circumstance Review Report: High School Special Education presented for Berkeley County Schools be approved. Upon the call for the question the motion was carried unanimously. (Copy appended to Official Minutes, Attachment I.)

**X. Innovation in Education Schools Report and Applications**

Dr. White (distributed information), assisted by Mr. Joey Wiseman, Director, WVDE Middle and Secondary Learning Services, presented the Innovation in Education Schools Report and Applications for the Board’s consideration.

Following discussion, Mr. Campbell moved, and Ms. White seconded, that the schools listed in Attachment J be designated Innovation in Education Schools. Upon the call for the question the motion was carried unanimously. (Copy appended to Official Minutes, Attachment J and addendum.)

**XI. Medicaid Status Report for Fiscal Year 2021**

Mr. Sam Pauley (distributed information), School Operations Officer, WVDE Office of School Operations and Finance, and Ms. Kelley Johnson Marcum, Coordinator, WVDE Special Education Services, presented the Medicaid Status Report for Fiscal Year 2021 for the Board’s consideration. Ms. Sheila Paitsel, Director, WVDE Special Education Services, addressed questions regarding the delivery of special education services.

Following discussion, Mr. Campbell moved, and Mrs. Sullivan seconded, that the Medicaid Status Report for Fiscal Year 2021 be accepted. Upon the call for the question the motion was carried unanimously. (Copy appended to Official Minutes, Attachment K and addendum.)

**XII. Policy 5100, Approval of Educational Personnel Preparation Programs**

Dr. White presented Policy 5100 for the Board’s consideration. Comments received and accepted during the comment period are found in Attachment L-1.

Following discussion, Mr. Campbell moved, and Dr. Wilson seconded, that Policy 5100, 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 L-1 and L‑2.)

**XIII. WVBE Personnel Matters**

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

**XIV. WVBE Member Updates**

Mr. Hardesty thanked Governor Justice for appointing him to the Board and the West Virginia Legislature for confirming him, offered get well wishes to Governor Justice as he recovers from COVID, spoke regarding his experience as a member of the Logan County Board of Education, and spoke about his governance style; Mrs. Sullivan attended a meeting of the Non‑public School Coalition and visited Gauley Bridge Elementary School; Mr. Rotruck attended the West Virginia Public Education Collaborative’s Legislative Forum and the 2022 Superintendents’ Winter Meeting; President Hall spoke at several assistant principal meetings and attended the 2022 Superintendents’ Winter Meeting; Mr. Campbell spoke regarding his reappointment and confirmation to the Board, wished Governor Justice a speedy recovery, participated in a field trial of Greenbrier East High School‘s InvenTeam Digital Junction Tracker for Caves at Lost World Caverns, and will participate in a Mock Presidential Debate during an AP® Government class at Greenbrier East High School; Dr. Wilson spoke regarding staffing shortages and correcting student behaviors at the elementary level; and, members welcomed Mr. Hardesty to the Board.

**XV. Requests for Information**

Mrs. Sullivan requested a presentation regarding WVEIS 2.0 and an update regarding the status of construction projects, such as Nicholas County, resulting from the 2016 flood. President Hall requested an item be placed on the February agenda regarding Policy 2315.

**XVI. Future Meetings**

President Hall announced that the next regular meeting of the WVBE will be held February 9, 2022, at 9:00 a.m., in Charleston, West Virginia.

**XVII. Adjourn**

President Hall called for a motion to adjourn. Ms. White moved, and President Hall seconded, that the meeting be adjourned. Upon the call for the question the meeting was adjourned at 12:38 p.m.

**Minutes approved by the Board on February 9, 2022.**

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**Miller L. Hall, President**

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**Thomas W. Campbell, Vice President**

Minutes were recorded by

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Secretary to the Board

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