**MINUTES**

**WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**Capitol Building 6, Suite 600**

**1900 Kanawha Boulevard, East**

**Charleston, West Virginia**

**November 10, 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 9:00 a.m. on November 10, 2021, 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, A. Stanley Maynard, F. Scott Rotruck, Daniel D. Snavely, Debra K. Sullivan, Nancy J. White (via Teams and telephone), and James S. Wilson, and ex officio W. Clayton Burch, State Superintendent of Schools. Member absent was 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. Dr. Wilson moved, and Dr. Maynard 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, addressed the Board regarding the upcoming legislative session. Ms. Lisa Hechesky, West Virginia Library Commission, addressed the Board regarding West Virginia Family Read Week (November 14-20).

**IV. Strategic Plan Update**

Superintendent Burch spoke briefly regarding the strategic plan and introduced Dr. Monica DellaMea (distributed information), Director, WVDE Early and Elementary Learning Services, who shared the 2020 West Virginia State of Universal Pre-K report. The overview included the most current published data for West Virginia Universal Pre-K including the state snapshot, collaboration rates, program and enrollment data, pre-k program review summary, and national quality and access rankings (National Institute for Early Education Research). (Copy appended to Official Minutes, Attachment T.)

**V. Consent Agenda**

President Hall spoke to the policies to be placed on comment. Mrs. Sullivan questioned the Advanced Placement® waiver; Dr. Jan Barth, Assistant Superintendent, addressed Mrs. Sullivan’s concern. President Hall called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Mr. Campbell moved, and Dr. Wilson seconded, that the Consent Agenda be approved. President Hall spoke to the importance of Policy 2315 and collaboration with students and parents. Following additional questions, President Hall called for the question the motion was carried unanimously. (Copies appended to Official Minutes, Attachments A through M.)

* Approved the 2021 Strategic Plan for West Virginia Public Schools (Attachment A)
* Approved October 13, 2021, WVBE minutes (Attachment B)
* Received West Virginia Department of Education (WVDE) personnel matters (Attachment C)
* Approved a first time waiver request of Policy 2510, Appendix B: *Training Required in Policy 2510*, related to professional development for Advanced Placement® (AP®) teachers, submitted by Tucker County for a teacher of AP® United States History at Tucker County High School for school year 2021-22 (Attachment D)
* Approved Employment of Substitute Teachers in Areas of Critical Need and Shortage policies for Barbour, Berkeley, Cabell, Clay, Fayette, Gilmer, Marion, Mason, Mercer, Morgan, Nicholas, Pocahontas, Putnam, Raleigh, Tucker, Wayne, and Wood Counties (Attachment E)
* Approved the Harrison County Board of Education's request to amend the 2020‑2030 CEFP to add the action of purchasing the former RESA 7 building to temporarily utilize it to house United High School students during the renovation of the existing United High School facility. Upon completion of the renovation project, the consolidated Wilsonburg and Adamston Elementary Schools will be relocated into the United High School facility as previously approved in the CEFP. The consolidated elementary school will be named Victory Elementary School instead of Gore Elementary as referenced in the original 2020-2030 CEFP. The United High School alternative education students will be relocated from the RESA 7 building to the Wilsonburg Elementary facility once it is vacant, as indicated in the previously approved 2020-2030 CEFP. The CEFP amendment clarifies that location change in relation to the original closure documents for Wilsonburg and Adamston Elementary Schools (Attachment F)
* Approved Policy 2315, Comprehensive School Counseling Programs, for placement on public comment for 30 days (Attachment G)
* 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 Districts and Statewide School Report Cards, for placement on public comment for 30 days (Attachment H)
* Approved Policy 5100, Approval of Educational Personnel Preparation Programs, for placement on public comment for 30 days (Attachment I)
* Approved Bethany College's revisions to the Elementary Education with Residency program (Attachment J)
* Approved Clinical Teacher of Record (CTR) Agreement Addition: Shepherd University/Jefferson County; and CTR/School Counselor Addition: West Virginia University/Monongalia County (Attachment K-1 and K-2)
* Appointed Dr. Jeff Hunter, an IHE representative from Glenville State College, to a term on the West Virginia Commission for Professional Teaching Standards (Attachment L)
* Approved the West Virginia Licensure Testing Directory (Attachment M).

**VI. Superintendent Report**

Superintendent Burch thanked Herbert Hoover High School (Kanawha County) students for their efforts in the redesign of the Board Room; spoke about his visit to Mineral County and contacts with various county superintendents; announced that Ms. Julia Legg has been named the 2021 State Leader of the Year by the State Educational Technology Directors Association; Mr. Tim Conzett, Technology Officer, WVDE Office of Data Management and Information Services, provided information regarding E-Rate and Second Month Enrollment data (Vice President Campbell requested statistical data regarding student population needs); Dr. Vaugh Rhudy, Director, WVDE Assessment Services, provided an overview of the West Virginia Student Progress Explorer website; Superintendent Burch provided a brief update regarding the West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind and stated that a full report will be provided at the Board’s December meeting; Ms. Michele Blatt, Deputy State Superintendent of Schools, provided an update regarding COVID vaccine clinics; and, Superintendent Burch addressed the Board regarding information packets provided to members following meetings and the development of an internal WVDE newsletter (attached). (Copy appended to Official Minutes, Attachment U.)

**VII. Closure/Waiver/Amendment: Hampshire County 2020-2030**

**Comprehensive Educational Facilities Plan (CEFP)**

Mr. Micah Whitlow, Manager, WVDE School Facilities Services, ~~a~~nd Mr. Jeffrey Pancione, Superintendent, Hampshire County Schools, presented: 1) the closure of John J. Cornwell Elementary School; 2) a waiver request of Policy 4336 for bus routes beyond the recommended duration of transportation time for elementary students; and, 3) a corresponding amendment to Hampshire County’s 2020-2030 CEFP for the Board’s consideration. Applicable WVBE policies were reviewed and followed, documents were available for public inspection for the required amount of time, and a closure hearing was held for John J. Cornwell Elementary School on November 3, 2021. Hearings for the receiving schools were respectively held for Romney Elementary School and Slanesville Elementary School on November 2, 2021. The Hampshire County Board of Education voted to approve the closure on November 3, 2021.

Following discussion, Mr. Campbell moved, and Mr. Dunlevy seconded, that the: 1) closure of John J. Cornwell Elementary School be approved; 2) waiver of WVBE Policy 4336, transportation time for elementary students be approved; and 3) corresponding amendment to Hampshire County's 2020-2030 CEFP be approved. Upon the call for the question the motion was carried unanimously. (Copy appended to Official Minutes, Attachment Mc.)

**VIII. Closures/Consolidation: Lincoln County 2020-2030**

**Comprehensive Educational Facilities Plan (CEFP)**

Mr. Whitlow and Mr. Jeffrey Kelley (via telephone), Superintendent, Lincoln County Schools, presented closure and consolidation of Duval PreK-8 School and Midway Elementary School for the Board’s consideration. The closures are contingent upon receiving funding from the School Building Authority of West Virginia (SBA) for the construction of a new consolidated school at the site of the existing Duval PreK-8 School. Applicable WVBE policies were reviewed and followed, documents were available for public inspection for the required amount of time, and closure hearings were respectively held for Duval PreK-8 School and Midway Elementary School on October 12, 2021, and October 13, 2021. The Lincoln County Board of Education voted to approve the closures on October 26, 2021.

Following discussion, Mr. Dunlevy moved, and Mr. Campbell seconded, that the closure and consolidation of Duval PreK-8 School and Midway Elementary School be approved. Upon the call for the question the motion was carried unanimously. (Copy appended to Official Minutes, Attachment N.)

**IX. Policy 8100.1, Computation of Average Daily Attendance (ADA)**

**and Average Daily Membership (ADM)**

Ms. Blatt presented Policy 8100.1 for the Board’s consideration. Comments received during the comment period resulted in no changes to the policy.

Following discussion, Mrs. Sullivan moved, and Mr. Rotruck seconded, that Policy 8100.1 be approved and effective 30 days from filing. Upon the call for the question the motion was unanimously carried. (Copy appended to Official Minutes, Attachment O.)

**X. Approval of Association for Advancing Quality in**

**Educator Preparation As a National Accreditor for**

**WVBE-Approved Educator Preparation Programs**

Dr. Sonya White, Teaching and Learning Officer, WVDE Office of Teaching and Learning, presented the Association for Advancing Quality in Educator Preparation as a National Accreditor for WVBE-approved educator preparation programs for the Board’s consideration.

Following discussion, Ms. White moved, and Mrs. Sullivan seconded, that the Association for Advancing Quality in Educator Preparation be approved as an option as a national accreditor for West Virginia educator preparation programs. Upon the call for the question the motion was unanimously carried. (Copy appended to Official Minutes, Attachment P.)

**XI. County Superintendent Evaluation Process**

Ms. Charlene Coburn (distributed information), Accountability Officer, WVDE Office of Support and Accountability, presented a county superintendent evaluation process for the Board’s consideration.

Following discussion, Mr. Campbell moved, and Mr. Dunlevy seconded, that the county superintendent evaluation process adopted by the eighteen county boards of education identified in the attachment be approved. Upon the call for the question the motion was unanimously carried. (Copy appended to Official Minutes, Attachment Q and addendum.)

**XII. 2020-2021 County Board of Education Accountability Report**

Mr. Matthew Hicks, Director, WVDE Accountability Services, presented the 2020-2021 County Board of Education Accountability Report for the Board’s consideration.

Following discussion, Dr. Maynard moved, and Dr. Wilson seconded, that the 2020-2021 County Board of Education Accountability Report be approved. Upon the call for the question the motion was unanimously carried. (Copy appended to Official Minutes, Attachment R.)

**XIII. WVBE Personnel Matters**

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

**XIV. WVBE Member Updates**

Dr. Wilson spoke regarding bus routes and the importance of remembering and recognizing our nation’s veterans. Mr. Dunlevy spoke regarding his attendance at a recent SBA meeting and the enormous need of many schools across the state. President Hall spoke regarding his presentation at the Beginning Principals Conference in Glade Springs and another he will deliver next week in Morgantown. Mrs. Sullivan provided an update regarding Communities In Schools (CIS) and spoke about the adopt a school initiative and CIS art exhibit at The Culture Center. Dr. Maynard stated that he will meet on Friday with WVDE staff and others regarding the new teacher preparation program; he also spoke about the appointment of Mr. Brad Smith as President of Marshall University. Ms. White attended a recent SBA meeting and discussed the many needs of schools throughout the state.

**XV. Items for Future Meetings and Requests for Information**

Dr. Wilson asked if Marshall University President-elect Smith could address the Board at a future meeting. Mr. Campbell suggested the Board begin to explore the possibility of traveling to counties when conditions improve. President Hall stated that he would like a presentation about the new teacher training program. Mrs. Sullivan requested information regarding the process for dealing with troubled educators and service personnel and a report on homeless students, services available to homeless students, and how homeless students are identified. Dr. Snavely spoke about the importance of financial literacy.

**XVI. Future Meetings**

President Hall announced that the next regular meeting of the WVBE will be held December 8, 2021, at 9:00 a.m., in Charleston, West Virginia.

**XVII. Adjourn**

President Hall called for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Campbell moved that the meeting be adjourned. Upon the call for the question the meeting was adjourned at 12:04 p.m.

**Minutes approved by the Board on December 8, 2021.**

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**Miller L. Hall, President**

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**Thomas W. Campbell, Vice President**

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Secretary to the Board

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