**MINUTES**

**WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**Capitol Building 6, Suite 600**

**1900 Kanawha Boulevard, East**

**Charleston, West Virginia**

**November 9, 2022**

**I. Call to Order**

Following the welcome and Pledge of Allegiance, President L. Paul Hardesty called the meeting of the West Virginia Board of Education (WVBE) to order at 9:00 a.m. on November 9, 2022, in Capitol Building 6, Suite 600, 1900 Kanawha Boulevard, East, Charleston, West Virginia.

The following members were present: President Hardesty, Vice President Nancy J. White (via Teams), Robert W. Dunlevy, Victor L. Gabriel, F. Scott Rotruck (via Teams), Daniel D. Snavely, Christopher A. Stansbury, Debra K. Sullivan, and James S. Wilson, and ex officios David L. Roach, 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 Hardesty called for a motion to approve the agenda. Dr. Snavely moved, and Mr. Gabriel seconded, that the agenda be approved. Upon the call for the question, the motion was carried unanimously.

**III. School Safety Update**

Mr. Sam Pauley, School Operations Officer, West Virginia Department of Education (WVDE) Office of School Operations, and Mr. Micah Whitlow, Director, WVDE School Facilities Services, provided an update regarding school safety and security. (Copy appended to Official Minutes, Attachment A.)

**IV. Recognitions**

The Board recognized WVDE school bus inspectors Mr. Darrin Yonker, Mr. Ray Dickens, Mr. David Moore, and Mr. Wesley Stone. Superintendent Roach introduced Mr. James G. Brown, Executive Director of the West Virginia School Boards Association. Mrs. Sullivan joined the meeting.

**V. Delegations**

Mr. Fred Martin, citizen of Mercer County, addressed the Board regarding teaching methods, specifically reading, in West Virginia schools. Mr. David Gladkosky, Executive Director, West Virginia Professional Educators (WVPE), addressed the Board regarding early WVPE member feedback from a 2022 annual survey. Dr. Mickey Blackwell, Executive Director, **West Virginia** Association of Elementary/Middle School Principals, invited members to visit schools and talk with staff and spoke about NAEP testing and the defeat of Constitutional Amendment 4. Mr. Fred Albert, President, AFT-West Virginia, addressed the Board regarding the defeat of Constitutional Amendment 4 and going forward united to improve West Virginia schools. Mr. Dale Lee, President, West Virginia Education Association, addressed the Board regarding the November 8 election and the defeat of Constitutional Amendment 4 and working together to improve education. Ms. Marian Keyes, citizen of Kanawha County, addressed the Board regarding the effectiveness of community engagement in improving student learning.

**VI. Special Community Development Project: West Side (Kanawha County)**

Superintendent Roach presented the Special Community Development Project: West Side (Kanawha County) for the Board’s consideration.Based on the proven experience and implementation model of Communities In Schools (CIS) and its overlap with the HOPE Community Development Corporation (HOPE CDC), the WVDE proposes a Special Community Development Project for Kanawha County’s West Side community under the umbrella of CIS. First year funding for this project totals $380,000.00. Discussion ensued regarding opportunities already in place for West Side schools and supports available through CIS.

Following discussion, Mrs. Sullivan moved, and Dr. Stansbury seconded, that the WVBE approve and support the Special Community Development Project: West Side (Kanawha County). Upon the call for the question the motion was carried unanimously.

**VII. Update - Lincoln County Schools State of Emergency**

Mr. Matthew Hicks, Director, WVDE Accountability Services, presented an update regarding the Lincoln County Schools State of Emergency over the past month.

**VIII. Annual County Board of Education Accountability Report**

Mr. Hicks (distributed amended 2022 Annual County Board of Education Accountability Report) presented the Annual County Board of Education Accountability Report for the Board’s consideration.

Following discussion regarding the report and the need to amend Policy 2322, West Virginia System of Support and Accountability, Mrs. Sullivan moved, and Mr. Dunlevy seconded, that the 2022 Annual County Board of Education Accountability Report, as amended, be accepted and that county approval status, as recommended in the report, be approved. Upon the call for the question the motion was carried unanimously. (Copies appended to Official Minutes, Attachment B-1 and B-2 and addendum.) Superintendent Roach issued an apology, on the Department’s behalf, to counties misidentified in the report that was attached to the agenda.

**IX. Continuation of Statewide Waiver of Policy 4336, West Virginia School Bus**

**Transportation Regulations, Procedures, and Specifications for the Design**

**and Equipment of School Buses, Sections 17 and 20.7**

Mr. David Baber, Director, WVDE School Transportation Services, presented a request for the continuation of a statewide waiver of Policy 4336, section 17 and 20.7, for the Board’s consideration.

Following discussion, Mr. Gabriel moved, and Dr. Stansbury seconded that the statewide waiver of Policy 4336, section 17 and section 20.7, be continued (originally approved December 2021) until such time as Policy 4336 can be amended to include the following provisions: 1) section 17, be approved to permit school bus operators from other states to substitute experience as a certified school bus operator in lieu of the required 40 hours of classroom training and 12 hours of behind-the-wheel training (applicant shall provide proof of experience to the local school district); and 2) section 20.7, be approved to permit certified school bus operators who have previously terminated employment with a local school district and/or who have not renewed certification for two consecutive certification terms (school year) not be considered a new applicant as currently stated; additionally, the Operator shall complete a minimum of six hours of behind the wheel refresher training with a WVDE certified school bus operator trainer. Upon the call for the question the motion was carried unanimously.

**X. WVBE Personnel Matters**

President Hardesty called for a motion to approve the Board’s personnel attachment. Mrs. Sullivan moved, and Mr. Gabriel seconded, that the personnel attachment be approved. Upon the call for the question the motion was carried unanimously. (Copy appended to Official Minutes, Attachment C.)

**XI. Consent Agenda**

President Hardesty called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Mr. Dunlevy moved, and Dr. Stansbury seconded, that the Consent Agenda be approved. Upon the call for the question the motion was carried unanimously. (Copies appended to Official Minutes, Attachments D through K.)

* Approved the October 12 and 27, 2022, WVBE minutes (Attachment D)
* Received WVDE personnel matters (Attachment E)
* Approved Employment of Substitute Teachers in Areas of Critical Need and Shortage policies for Clay, Kanawha, Lewis, Marion, Mercer, Wayne, and Wood Counties and the West Virginia Schools of Diversion and Transition (Attachment F)
* Approved three first-time waivers of Policy 2510, Assuring the Quality of Education: Regulations for Education Programs, Appendix B: Training Required in Policy 2510, related to professional development for Advanced Placement® (AP®) teachers for school year 2022-2023: 1) Wood County’s request for two waivers of required professional development for one new teacher of AP® Computer Science A and Computer Science Principles at the Caperton Center for Applied Technology; and 2) Ohio County’s request for a waiver of required professional development for one new teacher of AP® Music Theory at Wheeling Park High School be approved for school year 2022-2023. All teachers must attend AP® Summer 2023 trainings to continue teaching AP® courses (Attachment G)
* Accepted the West Virginia Educator Preparation Program Review Board's recommendation of approval of the addition of a Clinical Teacher of Record Program for West Virginia University with Jefferson County (Attachment H)
* Approved the West Virginia Licensure Testing Directory (Attachment I)
* Approved West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission (WVSSAC) Series 2, Athletics, Provisions Governing Eligibility, and Series 3, Provisions Governing Contests to be effective 60 days from filing (Attachments J-1 and J-2)
* Received an update from the West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind (Attachment K).

**XII. WVDE Reports**

Superintendent Roach provided information regarding second month enrollment numbers and requested Ms. Erika Klose, Coordinator, WVDE PK-12 Academic Support Services, address the Board regarding the provision of computer science education. Ms. Klose stated that West Virginia is now ninth in the nation in the provision of computer science education to students and was recognized recently for the number of young women taking computer science classes.

**XIII. WVBE Member Updates and Requests for Information**

Mr. Gabriel commended staff for their work on the accountability report. Mrs. Sullivan has participated in planning for an upcoming Communities In Schools (CIS) advisory council meeting, participated in a CIS national accreditation review, attended several athletic events, and visited schools and met with staff in Wirt County. Mr. Rotruck guest lectured at Glenville State University and spoke about the importance of career technical education. Ms. White spoke about the Milken Educator award. Dr. Stansbury spoke about the importance of the Reserve Officers’ Training Corps (ROTC) program and observing and participating in Veterans Day. Dr. Wilson spoke about the ease of reading the accountability report and the need for students to be on-track in reading and math at grade three. Mr. Dunlevy spoke about his attendance at the Milken Award event at Madison Elementary. President Hardesty again recognized the school bus inspections and commended them on the work they do, spoke to Veterans Day thanking those who served and serve, and giving educators the flexibility to help students reach their full potential.

**XIV. Future Meetings**

President Hardesty announced that the next regular meeting of the WVBE will be held December 14, 2022, at 9:00 a.m., in Charleston, West Virginia.

**XV. Adjourn**

President Hardesty called for a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Sullivan moved, and Dr. Snavely seconded, that the meeting be adjourned. Upon the call for the question the meeting was adjourned at 10:53 a.m.

**Minutes approved by the Board on December 14, 2022.**

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**L. Paul Hardesty, President**

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**Nancy J. White, Vice President**

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