**MINUTES**

**WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**Capitol Building 6, Suite 600**

**1900 Kanawha Boulevard, East**

**Charleston, West Virginia**

**April 12, 2023**

**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 April 12, 2023, 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, Robert W. Dunlevy, Victor L. Gabriel, F. Scott Rotruck, Daniel D. Snavely, Christopher A. Stansbury, Debra K. Sullivan, and James S. Wilson. Members absent were 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. Mrs. Sullivan moved, and Dr. Stansbury seconded, that the agenda be approved. Upon the call for the question, the motion was carried unanimously.

**III. Recognition of 2022 West Virginia Milken Educator**

Assisted by Dr. Carla Warren, Director, WVDE Office of Educator Development and Support, Ms. Stephanie Bishop, Vice President, Milken Educator Awards, and Dr. Kimberly Miller, Superintendent, Ohio County Schools, the Board recognized West Virginia’s 2022 Milken Educator, Mrs. Andrea Trio, Principal, Madison Elementary (Ohio County).

**IV. Delegations**

Dr. Jenny Santilli, West Virginia Coalition for Truth in History, addressed the Board regarding a statewide school discipline plan. Dr. Mickey Blackwell, Executive Director, **West Virginia** Association of Elementary/Middle School Principals, addressed the Board regarding the need and support for principals. Mr. Fred Albert, President, AFT-West Virginia, addressed the Board regarding his visits to schools and stated that the top concern issued by school staff is student discipline. Mr. David Gladkosky, Executive Director, West Virginia Professional Educators, addressed the Board regarding creating a better workforce, addressing energy needs, continuing to advocate for use of sick days toward retirement, and promotion of *Ready. Read. Write. West Virginia*. Mr. Dale Lee, President, West Virginia Education Association, addressed the Board regarding support for the educational community.

**V. School Safety Update**

Mr. Tim Conzett, Technology Officer, WVDE Office of Data Management and Information Systems, provided an update regarding school cyber safety.

**VI. Consent Agenda**

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

* Approved the March 8, 2023, WVBE minutes (Attachment A)
* Received WVDE personnel matters (Attachment B)
* Approved Employment of Substitute Teachers in Areas of Critical Need and Shortage policies for Hancock County and Wyoming County (Attachment C)
* Received, for submission to the Consolidated Public Retirement Board, Employment of Substitute Teachers in Areas of Critical Need and Shortage Affidavits from Boone (one), Clay (one), Jefferson (one), Hancock (five), Harrison (one), Logan (three), Nicholas (one), Putnam (three), Wood (two), and Wyoming (nine) Counties (Attachment D)
* Approved the Barbour County Board of Education's request to amend their 2020-2030 Comprehensive Educational Facilities Plan to include renovations and additions to Barbour County Career and Technical Education Center; the project be funded through local funds and a grant from the SBA (Attachment E)
* Approved the Fred W. Eberle Technical Center's request to amend their 2020‑2030 Comprehensive Educational Facilities Plan (CEFP) to modify an existing project defined in their CEFP to include a dust collection system; the project be funded through local funds and a grant from the SBA (Attachment F)
* Approved the Roane Jackson Technical Center's request to amend their 2020‑2030 Comprehensive Educational Facilities Plan to amend their current Electrical Technology classroom project to include an HVAC/Plumbing Technology classroom and make it the first priority; the project be funded through a grant from the SBA (Attachment G)
* Approved documentation as an addendum to the Cabell County Schools: GROW Educators Program for general education provided by Cabell County Schools in partnership with the WVDE to add the endorsements of English 5‑9, English 5-Adult, Health PreK-Adult, Health 5-Adult, Social Studies 5-9, and Social Studies 5‑Adult (Attachment H)
* Accepted Advancing Quality on Education Preparation’s decisions and the West Virginia Educator Preparation Program Review Board’s recommendation granting Full Accreditation for Alderson Broaddus University and removal of the institution from the WVDE Corrective Action Plan; and granting two year Probationary Accreditation for Bethany College with continuation of the WVDE Corrective Action Plan (Attachment I)
* Accepted the West Virginia Educator Preparation Program Review Board’s recommendation of approval of Concord University's addition of a CTR Program with Mercer County (Attachment J)
* Accepted the West Virginia Educator Preparation Program Review Board’s recommendation of approval of West Virginia University's addition of a CTR Program with Nicholas County (Attachment K)
* Approved the West Virginia Licensure Testing Directory (Attachment L)
* Placed Policy 2520.2B, West Virginia College- and Career-Readiness Standards for Mathematics, on public comment for 30 days (Attachment M)
* Placed Policy 5202, Minimum Requirements for the Licensure of Professional/ Paraprofessional Personnel and Advanced Salary Classifications, on public comment for 30 days (Attachment Mc)
* Placed Policy 5901, Regulations for Alternative Certification Programs for the Education of Teachers, on public comment for 30 days (Attachment N)
* Received an update from the West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind (Attachment O).

**VII. WVDE Reports**

Mr. Joey Wiseman, Director, WVDE Student Enrichment Services, provided updates regarding the Arts Alive and fine arts initiatives; recognized the 2023 Arts Alive poster artist, Ms. Naudia Ng, a freshman at Robert C. Byrd High School (Harrison County); and provided an update regarding the Academic Showdown.

Ms. Christy Day, Executive Director, WVDE Office of Communications, provided an update regarding the WVDE’s literacy initiative *Ready. Read. Write. West Virginia*; and Mr. Tim Flatley, Coordinator, WVDE Office of Instructional Leadership and School Improvement, provided an update regarding the WVDE’s mathematics initiative UNIT*e* with *Numeracy*.

Mr. Robert Mellace, Coordinator, WVDE Office of Educator Development and Support, Mr. Phillip Cantrell (CSM, Retired), State Director, Mountaineer ChalleNGe Academy, and Major Holli Nelson, Director, Strategic Communications and Governmental Affairs, West Virginia National Guard, provided an update regarding the West Virginia Common Ground Partnership, *Purple Up* Month, and Military Signing Week.

**VIII. WVBE and WVDE Personnel Matters and Litigation Update in**

**B.P.J. by her next friend and mother, Heather Jackson**

**Executive Session**

President Hardesty called for a motion to enter in executive session. Ms. White moved, and Mr. Dunlevy seconded, that the Board enter in executive session for WVBE personnel and/or legal matters 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)]. Upon the call for the question the motion was unanimously carried; the Board moved into executive session at 10:44 a.m.

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**Return from Executive Session**

Vice President White announced the Board had returned from executive session at 12:43 p.m. with no action taken and called for a motion to approve the Board’s personnel attachment. Mr. Dunlevy moved, and Mr. Gabriel seconded, that the personnel attachment be approved. Upon the call for the question the motion was carried unanimously. Dr. Snavely and President Hardesty departed the meeting. (Copy appended to Official Minutes, Attachment P.)

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

Dr. Stansbury spoke regarding his attendance at a student service academy and requested continuing updates regarding school safety. Dr. Snavely returned to the meeting. Mr. Rotruck attended a Focus Forward event. Mrs. Sullivan provided updates regarding Communities In Schools and policy work; attended Leaders of Literacy and Grow Your Own events; and issued concern regarding paperwork and whether it is required by the federal, state, or county. Mr. Gabriel requested the Board invite Mr. Andy Neptune, Director, School Building Authority of West Virginia, to introduce himself and provide an update at a future meeting. Ms. White reported that she attended the Southeastern Association of School Business Office Conference.

**XI. Future Meetings**

Vice President White announced that the next regular meeting of the WVBE will be held May 10, 2023, at 9:00 a.m., in Charleston, West Virginia.

**XII. Adjourn**

Vice President White called for a motion to adjourn. Dr. Wilson moved, and Mr. Gabriel seconded, that the meeting be adjourned. Upon the call for the question the meeting was adjourned at 12:53 p.m.

**Minutes approved by the Board on May 10, 2023.**

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**L. Paul Hardesty, President**

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**Nancy J. White, Vice President**

Minutes were recorded by

Virginia M. Harris

Secretary to the Board

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