

AGENDA
WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF EDUCATION

Capitol Building 6, Suite 600
1900 Kanawha Boulevard, East
Charleston, West Virginia
February 8, 2023 - 9:00 a.m.

- I. **Welcome - Pledge of Allegiance - Introductions - Call to Order**
L. Paul Hardesty, President
- II. **Approval of Agenda - (Action)**
L. Paul Hardesty
- III. **Communities In Schools Update - (Information)**
(This presentation will take place at 10:00 a.m.)
First Lady Cathy Justice
- IV. **Recognition(s)**
- V. **Delegation(s)**
- VI. **School Safety Update - (Information)**
Jonah Adkins
- VII. **New Business**
- A. **Update: Logan County Schools Intervention - (Information)** Attachment A
Charlene Coburn and Jeff Huffman, Interim Superintendent, Logan County Schools
- An update regarding progress addressing the findings and deficiencies outlined in the Logan County Schools Special Circumstance Review Report will be provided.
- B. **West Virginia Board of Education (WVBE) Personnel Matters and Litigation Update in B.P.J. by her next friend and mother, Heather Jackson - (Action)** Attachment B
L. Paul Hardesty
- WVBE personnel and/or legal matters may involve an 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)]. The Board majority must vote to have an Executive Session. **(No action will be taken in Executive Session.)**
- It is recommended and a motion is requested that the **WVBE personnel matters found in the attachment be approved.**
- VIII. **Consent Agenda - (Action)**
- A. **Approval of Minutes - (Action)** Attachment C
- It is recommended that the **minutes of the January 11, 2023, meeting of the WVBE be approved.**

B. Routine Business

1. **West Virginia Department of Education (WVDE) Personnel Matters - Attachment D**
(Information)
David L. Roach

2. **Employment of Substitute Teachers in Areas of Critical Need and Attachment E**
Shortage - (Action)
Stephanie Abraham

Pursuant to W. Va. Code §18A-2-3, Gilmer, Greenbrier, Jefferson, and Pendleton Counties have submitted a policy for the WVBE's approval.

It is recommended that the **Employment of Substitute Teachers in Areas of Critical Need and Shortage policies for Gilmer, Greenbrier, Jefferson, and Pendleton Counties be approved.**

3. **Employment of Substitute Teachers in Areas of Critical Need and Attachment F**
Shortage Affidavits - (Action)
Stephanie Abraham

Pursuant to W. Va. Code §18A-2-3(c)(2)(G), affidavits found in the attachment must be received and approved by the WVBE for submission to the Consolidated Public Retirement Board.

WVBE legal counsel has reviewed the affidavits and recommend that the **affidavits identified in the attachment be submitted to the Consolidated Public Retirement Board.**

4. **Waivers of WVBE Policies and Regulations, Superintendent's Attachment G**
Interpretations, State Statutes, and Legislative Rules - (Action)
Joey Wiseman

Brooke, Putnam, and Ohio Counties have requested a first-time waiver of Policy 2510, Appendix B: Training Required in Policy 2510, related to professional development for Advanced Placement® (AP®) teachers. Brooke County requests a waiver for one new teacher of AP® US Government and Politics at Brooke High School; Putnam County requests a waiver for one new teacher of AP® English at Hurricane High School; and Ohio County requests a waiver for one teacher of AP® French at Wheeling Park High School. The teachers began their assignments after the AP® Summer Institute and will be required to attend the AP® training during the next summer trainings (2023) in order to continue teaching the courses in future years. The waivers and waiver criteria have been reviewed by WVDE staff. If granted, the waivers will provide students at Brooke High School access to AP® US Government and Politics, students at Hurricane High School access to AP® English, and students at Wheeling Park High School access to AP® French during school year 2022-23.

It is recommended that: **1) Brooke County's request for a waiver of required professional development for one new teacher of AP® US Government and Politics; 2) Putnam County's request for a waiver of**

required professional development for one new teacher of AP® English; and 3) Ohio County's request for a waiver of required professional development for one teacher of AP® French at Wheeling Park High School be approved for school year 2022-2023.

- 5. Policy 2419, Regulations for the Education of Students with Exceptionalities - (Action)** Attachment H

Sheila Paitsel

Policy 2419 is West Virginia's implementation of the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). This policy was recently revised and went into effect on November 14, 2022. Omission of language in Chapter 4 and terminology inconsistent with IDEA in Chapter 9 dictate that updates are necessary to these two sections to correct current state and federal language. No comments were received during the comment period.

It is recommended that Policy 2419 be approved and effective 30 days from filing.

- 6. West Virginia Licensure Testing Directory - (Action)** Attachment I

Robert Hagerman

The WVBE required licensure exams for educator certification and completion of WVBE approved programs leading to West Virginia licensure directory is maintained on the WVDE website. Additional test(s), scores, or exceptions have been changed to reflect updates in policy and exams.

It is recommended that the West Virginia Licensure Testing Directory be approved.

- 7. Association for Advancing Quality on Education Preparation (AAQEP) Accreditation Final Decision for Educator Preparation Programs (Fall 2022): Wheeling University - Full Seven Year Accreditation – (Action)** Attachment J

Carla Warren

In December 2022, AAQEP issued their accreditation decision to Wheeling University, who hosted full on-site reviews in the Fall of 2022. Wheeling University received the decision of Full Accreditation for seven years. The West Virginia Educator Preparation Program Review Board (EPPRB) members met in January 2023 and agreed on the AAQEP decision and recommend the status as listed above and for Wheeling University to be removed from the WVDE Corrective Action Plan.

It is recommended that the WVBE accept the AAQEP decision and EPPRB's recommendation of Full Accreditation for Wheeling University and to remove the institution from the WVDE Corrective Action Plan.

- 8. County Board Member Training Standards Review Committee Procedures of Operation - (Action)** Attachment K

James G. Brown, Executive Director, West Virginia School Board Association, Debra K. Sullivan, and James S. Wilson

On January 11, 2023, the West Virginia Board of Education/West Virginia School Board Association County Board Member Training Standards Review Committee (TSRC) voted to approve the attached Procedures of Operation document and request the WVBE's approval.

It is recommended that the **TSRC Procedures of Operation be approved.**

9. County Board Member Training Standards Review Committee 2023 Training Sessions - (Action)

James G. Brown, Executive Director, West Virginia School Board Association, Debra K. Sullivan, and James S. Wilson

On January 11, 2023, the West Virginia Board of Education/West Virginia School Board Association County Board Member Training Standards Review Committee (TSRC) voted to recommend the following 2023 training sessions for the WVBE's consideration: 1) highlights of new legislation and legal developments impacting public education (1.5 hours); 2) update on the status of district's elementary and secondary school emergency relief funds (.5 hours); 3) community and technical colleges update inclusive of county college going rates (.5 hours); and 4) fiduciary duties of school board members and W. Va. Code §18-5-34. Other Authority and Duties of District Boards (.5 hours).

It is recommended that the **2023 training sessions for county board members, as recommended by the TSRC, be approved.**

10. Medicaid Status Report for Fiscal Year 2022 - (Action)
Samuel E. Pauley

Attachment L

The Medicaid Status Report for Fiscal Year 2022 provides to the WVBE and the public information regarding the implementation of W. Va. §18-2-5b, *Medicaid-eligible children; school health services advisory committee*. The report contains an overview of the activities conducted to maximize funding to the state education system, highlights of fiscal year 2022, and the amounts reimbursed to each school-based Medicaid program provider.

It is recommended, as required by W. Va. Code §18-2-5b(c), that the **Medicaid Status Report for Fiscal Year 2022 be accepted.**

11. West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind Monthly Update - (Information)

Attachment M

Clayton Burch, Superintendent, West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind

IX. WVDE Reports - (Information)

► **Superintendent's Update**

- Legislative Update
- Literacy Update
- Dual Credit and AP® Update
- Career Technical Education Update

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Attachment N

X. WVBE Member Updates and Requests for Information - (Information)

L. Paul Hardesty

XI. Future Meetings - (Information)
L. Paul Hardesty

The next regular meeting of the WVBE will be held March 8, 2023, in Charleston, West Virginia.

XII. Adjournment - (Action)