

AGENDA
WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF EDUCATION

Capitol Building 6, Suite 600
1900 Kanawha Boulevard, East
Charleston, West Virginia
May 10, 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. Recognition

IV. Delegation(s)

V. School Safety Update - (Information)
Jonah Adkins

VI. Consent Agenda - (Action)

A. Approval of Minutes - (Action)

Attachment A

It is recommended that the **minutes of the April 12, 2023, meeting of the WVBE be approved.**

B. Routine Business

1. West Virginia Department of Education (WVDE) Personnel Matters - (Information)

Attachment B

David L. Roach

2. Waivers of WVBE Policies and Regulations, Superintendent's Interpretations, State Statutes, and Legislative Rules - (Action)

Attachment C

Carla Warren

West Virginia University's (WVU) waiver request for the Multi-disciplinary Studies math and science courses to waive WVBE Policy 5100, 6.8.a, requiring all freshman cohorts transition to the West Virginia Residency Model culminating with a yearlong clinical experience no later than Fall 2024. WVU requests that an extension of one year be granted to allow the new leadership in the School of Education the time to redesign these programs to meet the requirements of the state and Policy 5100 which previously failed the Educator Preparation Program Review Board (EPPRB) review in the Spring of 2023. These programs will be submitted to the EPPRB no later than the Spring of 2024 to be reviewed and recommended to the WVBE for full implementation.

It is recommended that **WVU's waiver request for the Multi-disciplinary Studies math and science courses to waive Policy 5100, 6.8.a, requiring all freshman cohorts transition to the West Virginia Residency Model**

culminating with a yearlong clinical experience no later than Fall 2024 with a resubmission to the EPPRB no later than the Spring 2024 be approved.

3. **Employment of Substitute Teachers in Areas of Critical Need and Shortage Affidavits - (Action)** Attachment D
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. **Amendment - Logan County Board of Education 2020-2030 Comprehensive Educational Facilities Plan (CEFP) - (Action)** Attachment E
Micah Whitlow

Policy 6200 requires all local boards of education to submit amendments to CEFPs to the WVBE and the School Building Authority of West Virginia (SBA) for approval. The Logan County Board of Education requests approval to revise their 2020-2030 CEFP to make the replacement of Man High School's electrical and fire alarm systems their number one project priority. The project is proposed to be funded through local funds and a grant from the SBA.

This amendment will bring Man High School's electrical and fire systems up to current codes and standards and allow for future expansion of these systems.

It is recommended that the **Logan County Board of Education's request to amend their 2020-2030 CEFP be approved.**

5. **West Virginia Licensure Testing Directory - (Action)** Attachment F
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 **Licensure Testing Directory be approved.**

6. **West Virginia Educator Preparation Program Review Board (EPPRB) Recommendation to Approve Fairmont State University's Supervisor of Instruction Initial Licensure and Certificate Endorsement - (Action)** Attachment G
Carla Warren

EPPRB members voted to recommend for approval of Fairmont State University's Supervisor of Instruction initial licensure and certificate. The main function of the EPPRB is to review and make recommendations to the WVBE regarding the approval of educator preparation programs of study leading to

teacher certification. Policy 5100 provides guidelines and procedures for the approval of educator preparation programs leading to licensure in West Virginia and Policy 5202 provides guidelines and procedures for the issuance of licensure.

It is recommended that the WVBE **approve Fairmont State University's Supervisor of Instruction initial licensure and certificate.**

- 7. Policy 5901, Regulations for Alternative Certification Programs for the Education of Teachers - (Action)** Attachment H
Carla Warren

Proposed revisions to Policy 5901 were placed on public comment during the April WVBE meeting for the purpose of aligning program eligibility criteria pertaining to educational qualifications in sections 7.2.a.3 and 12.1 to accept newly approved exemptions of the West Virginia Licensure Testing Directory. Further amendments are required as a result of provisions found in House Bill 3035 pertaining to educator preparation program instructional requirements.

It is recommended that **Policy 5901 be withdrawn from public comment and the newly amended version be placed on public comment for 30 days.**

- 8. Policy 6204, School Closings or Consolidations - (Action)** Attachment I
Micah Whitlow

In accordance with Senate Bill 51, passed during the 2023 regular session, Policy 6204 is being amended to include statutory language changes regarding the requirement for impact statements. Additionally, the amended policy enhances, clarifies, and technically corrects requirements that guide the development and dissemination of documents that support closure or consolidation proposals.

It is recommended that **Policy 6204 be placed on public comment for 30 days.**

- 9. West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind Monthly Update - (Information)** Attachment J
Clayton Burch, Superintendent, West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind

VII. WVDE Reports - (Information)

- ▶ **Superintendent's Updates**
 - West Virginia K-12 Job Bank
 - Literacy and Numeracy
- ▶ **West Virginia School Discipline Data**
Georgia Hughes-Webb and Drew McClanahan

Additional data related to school discipline, suspensions, expulsions, and behaviors, and a plan on how to support districts and principals related to the data will be presented.

VIII. New Business

- A. West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission (WVSSAC) Series 1, Attachment K-1
Constitution, Series 2, Athletics, Provisions Governing Eligibility, Series 3, Attachment K-2
Provisions Governing Contests, and Series 4, Provisions Governing Conduct Attachment K-3
- (Action) Attachment K-4
Bernie Dolan**

The majority of public and most private schools in West Virginia belong to the WVSSAC. Each year, principals of member schools submit revisions to the rules and regulations. The submitted proposals are presented and voted upon at the annual Board of Control meeting. Any approved changes are then submitted to the WVBE for its review and approval. The proposed amendments are brought forth to keep the WVSSAC current and updated on changes, trends and issues in the band and athletic programs. This year 27 proposals, found in the attachment, were submitted by member schools for consideration; 22 proposals were approved. Series 2 is being further amended to comply with recent legislative action.

It is recommended and a motion is requested that **WVSSAC Series 1, 2, 3, and 4 be placed on public comment for 30 days.**

- B. Update: Special Circumstance Review Report for the Clay County Board of Attachment L
Education and Central Office - (Information/Action)
Jeffrey Kelley**

Discussion of this item may involve an Executive Session as provided in W. Va. Code §6-9A-4(b)(2)(A) [personnel exception] and/or §6-9A-4(b)(6), [privacy exception]. The Board majority must vote to have an Executive Session.

Motions, if any, will be offered during the meeting.

- C. West Virginia Board of Education (WVBE) and West Virginia Department of Attachment M
Education (WVDE) Personnel Matters and Litigation Update in B.P.J. by her
next friend and mother, Heather Jackson - (Action)
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.**

- IX. WVBE Member Updates and Requests for Information - (Information)
L. Paul Hardesty**
- X. Future Meetings - (Information)
L. Paul Hardesty**

The next regular meeting of the WVBE will be held June 14, 2023, in Charleston, West Virginia.

XI. Adjournment - (Action)