

AGENDA
WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF EDUCATION
Capitol Building 6, Suite 600
1900 Kanawha Boulevard, East
Charleston, West Virginia
March 13, 2024 - 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(s)**

IV. **Delegation(s)**

V. **School Safety - (Information)**
Jonah Adkins

VI. **County Technical Assistance Updates - (Information)**
Jeffrey Kelley

VII. **Consent Agenda - (Action)**

A. **Approval of Minutes - (Action)**

[Attachment A](#)

It is recommended that the **minutes of the February 14, 2024, meeting of the West Virginia Board of Education (WVBE)** be approved.

B. **Routine Business**

1. **Employment of Substitute Teachers in Areas of Critical Need and Shortage - (Action)**
Lara Bissett

[Attachment B](#)

Pursuant to W. Va. Code §18A-2-3, Gilmer, Kanawha, Lewis, Marshall, Tyler, and Wyoming 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, Kanawha, Lewis, Marshall, Tyler, and Wyoming Counties** be approved.

2. **Employment of Retired Bus Operators as Substitutes in Areas of Critical Need and Shortage - (Action)**
Lara Bissett

[Attachment C](#)

Pursuant to W. Va. Code §18A-4-15a, Gilmer, Marshall, and Monongalia Counties have submitted a policy for the WVBE's approval.

It is recommended that the **Employment of Retired Bus Operators as Substitutes in Areas of Critical Need and Shortage policies for Gilmer, Marshall, and Monongalia Counties be approved.**

3. **Employment of Substitute Teachers and Bus Operators in Areas of Critical Need and Shortage Affidavits - (Action)** [Attachment D](#)
Lara Bissett

Pursuant to W. Va. Code §18A-2-3(c)(2)(G) and §18A-4-15a(b)(2)(F), affidavits from counties must be received and approved by the WVBE for submission to the Consolidated Public Retirement Board.

WVDE legal counsel has reviewed and recommends that the **affidavits listed in the attachment be received and approved for submission to the Consolidated Public Retirement Board**

4. **West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind Monthly Update - (Information)** [Attachment E](#)
Clayton Burch, Superintendent, West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind

VIII. New Business

- A. **Policy 2322, West Virginia System of Support and Accountability - (Action)**
Alexandra Criner

Senate Bill 172, awaiting Governor's signation (3/1/24), requires the further amendment of Policy 2322. Due to rule-making procedural requirements, Policy 2322 must be withdrawn from public comment. Policy 2322, inclusive of legislative amendments, will be presented for placement on public comment at a future meeting.

It is recommended and a motion is requested that **Policy 2322 be withdrawn from public comment.**

- B. **WVBE and WVDE Personnel Matters - (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 to **approve the WVBE personnel matters found in the attachment.** [Attachment F](#)

The WVDE has no personnel matters requiring action.

- IX. **WVDE Reports - (Information)**

- 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 April 10, 2024, in Charleston, West Virginia.

XII. Adjournment - (Action)