

AMENDED
AGENDA

WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF EDUCATION

Capitol Building 6, Suite 600
1900 Kanawha Boulevard, East
Charleston, West Virginia

November 13, 2024 - 10:00 a.m.

- I. Welcome - Pledge of Allegiance - Introductions - Call to Order**
Nancy J. White, President

- II. Approval of Agenda - (Action)**
Nancy J. White

- III. Recognition(s) – 2024 National Blue Ribbon West Virginia Schools**
Christy Day

Gilmore Elementary School (Jackson County)
Kellogg Elementary School (Wayne County)
Pleasant Valley Elementary School (Marion County)

- IV. Delegation(s)**
Christy Day

- V. Consent Agenda - (Action)**

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

[Attachment A](#)

It is recommended that the **minutes of the October 9, 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)**
Kelli Talbott

[Attachment B](#)

It is recommended that the **Employment of Substitute Teachers in Areas of Critical Need and Shortage policy for Berkeley, Kanawha, Lincoln, Marion, Mercer and Mineral counties** be approved.

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

[Attachment C](#)

It is recommended that the **Employment of Retired Bus Operators as Substitutes in Areas of Critical Need and Shortage** policy for Berkeley, Kanawha, Lincoln, Marion, and Mineral counties be approved.

3. **Employment of Substitute Teachers in Areas of Critical Need and Shortage Affidavits - (Action)** [Attachment D](#)
Kelli Talbott

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.

It is recommended that the **affidavits listed in the attachment be received and approved for submission to the Consolidated Public Retirement Board.**

4. **County Dual and/or Embedded Credit Policies– (Action)** [Attachment E](#)
Joey Wiseman

Policy 2510 requires counties to submit their dual and/or embedded credit policy for approval after completion of the county approval process.

It is recommended that the **dual credit policies for Hardy and Wirt counties and the embedded credit policies for Logan, Upshur, Raleigh, and Wyoming counties be approved.**

5. **Amendment of Randolph County's 2020-2030 Comprehensive Educational Facilities Plan (CEFP) - (Action)** [Attachment F](#)
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 Randolph County Board of Education requests approval to include additions and renovations to Tygarts Valley Middle/High on its project priority list. This proposed work would include a Vo-Ag shop, various classrooms, a safe school entrance, and a gymnasium with supporting spaces. The project is planned to be funded through local funds and a grant from the SBA.

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

6. **Amendment of Tucker County's 2020-2030 Comprehensive Educational Facilities Plan (CEFP) - (Action)** [Attachment G](#)

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 Tucker County Board of Education requests approval to include interior and exterior renovations at Davis Thomas Elementary/Middle School as the top prioritized project. The proposed renovations include hazardous material removal, new finishes, exterior wall cleaning/sealing, toilet renovations, sprinkler systems, new LED lighting, and fire alarm upgrades. The projects are planned to be funded through local funds and a grant from the SBA.

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

7. Amendment of Wood County's 2020-2030 Comprehensive Educational Facilities Plan (CEFP) - (Action)

[Attachment H](#)

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 Wood County Board of Education requests approval to add a Bus Loop / Drop Off Improvement Project to its project priority list. The project is planned to be funded through a grant from the SBA.

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

8. West Virginia Educator Preparation Program Review Board (EPPRB) Recommendation for Approval of Bluefield State University to maintain a Certified Teacher of Record (CTR) Agreement with Nicholas County Schools, Summers County Schools, and Wyoming County Schools – (Action)

[Attachment I](#)

Dr. Traci Tuttle

The EPPRB recommends approval from the WVBE for Bluefield State University to maintain a Certified Teacher of Record (CTR) Agreement with Nicholas County Schools, Summers County Schools and Wyoming County Schools. This agreement permits the county school systems to employ Residency 2 candidates from Bluefield State University to become a CTR in the county school system in a position of need or shortage.

It is recommended that the **EPPRB's request for Bluefield State University to maintain a CTR agreement with Nicholas County**

Schools, Summers County Schools, and Wyoming County Schools be approved.

9. West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission (WVSSAC) Series 3, Provisions Governing Contests, Provisions Governing Conduct - (Action)

[Attachment J](#)

David Price

The majority of public schools and several private schools in West Virginia belong to the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission. Each year, the 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 West Virginia State Board of Education for its review and approval. The following proposals dealing solely with classification were presented at a special meeting of the Board of Control on October 24, 2024. The special meeting was held based on a decision rendered by the Review Board in August 2024.

It is recommended that **WVSSAC Series 3 be placed on public comment for 30 days from filing.**

VI. New Business

A. Amendment of Kanawha County's 2020-2030 Comprehensive Educational Facilities Plan (CEFP) - (Action)

[Attachment K](#)

Micah Whitlow & Dr. Tom Williams, Superintendent, Kanawha County Schools

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 Kanawha County Board of Education requests approval to revise their 2020-2030 CEFP to include a change in their project priority list and additional mergers and consolidations. It is being proposed as a top priority that Belle Elementary School, Malden Elementary School, Mary Ingles Elementary School, and Midland Trail Elementary School be consolidated into a new Eastern Kanawha Elementary Center, pending a successful grant application to the SBA. The amendment also includes the closure and merger of McKinley Middle School into Hayes Middle School and the closure and merger of East Bank Middle into Dupont Middle. The middle school closures are proposed to occur at the end of the 2024-2025 school year.

Changes in a county's CEFP are for planning only, and any proposed closures are pending the completion and approval of the official closure procedures established in Policy 6204, School Closings or Consolidations.

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

B. Kanawha County Board of Education: Closure of Belle Elementary School, Mary Ingles Elementary School, Malden Elementary School, and Midland Trail Elementary School– (Action)

[Attachment L](#)
[Attachment M](#)
[Attachment N](#)
[Attachment O](#)

Micah Whitlow & Dr. Tom Williams, Superintendent, Kanawha County Schools

The Kanawha County Board of Education respectfully requests approval for the closure of Belle Elementary School, Mary Ingles Elementary School, Malden Elementary School, and Midland Trail Elementary School and their consolidation into a proposed new Eastern Kanawha County Elementary Center. This closure is contingent upon receiving funds from the SBA and the completion of a new elementary school in the eastern end of Kanawha County. The consolidation of these schools will enable Kanawha County Schools to operate county schools more efficiently.

In consideration of this closure, applicable WVBE policies were reviewed and followed. Documents were available for public inspection for the required amount of time, and closure hearings were held for Belle Elementary School on October 15, 2024; Mary Ingles Elementary School on October 17, 2024; Malden Elementary School on October 21, 2024; and Midland Trail Elementary School on October 22, 2024. The Kanawha County Board of Education voted to approve these closures at the conclusion of each respective hearing.

Based on the information provided, it is recommended that the **closure and consolidation of Belle Elementary School, Mary Ingles Elementary School, Malden Elementary School, and Midland Trail Elementary School be approved.**

C. Kanawha County Board of Education: Closure of East Bank Middle School – (Action)

[Attachment P](#)

Micah Whitlow & Dr. Tom Williams, Superintendent, Kanawha County Schools

The Kanawha County Board of Education respectfully requests approval for the closure of East Bank Middle School and its merger into DuPont Middle School. This closure is not contingent upon any other actions and is proposed to occur at the end of the 2024-2025 school year.

Regarding this closure, applicable WVBE policies were reviewed and followed. Documents were available for public inspection for the required time, and a closure hearing was held for East Bank Middle School on

October 8, 2024. A receiving hearing for DuPont Middle School was also held on October 8, 2024. The Kanawha County Board of Education voted to approve this closure and consolidation at the conclusion of the October 8, 2024, hearings.

Based on the information provided, it is recommended that the **closure of East Bank Middle School and its merger into DuPont Middle School be approved.**

D. Kanawha County Board of Education: Closure of McKinley Middle School – (Action) [Attachment Q](#)

Micah Whitlow & Dr. Tom Williams, Superintendent, Kanawha County Schools

The Kanawha County Board of Education respectfully requests approval for the closure of McKinley Middle School and its merger into Hayes Middle School. This closure is not contingent upon any other actions and is proposed to occur at the end of the 2024-2025 school year.

Regarding this closure, applicable WVBE policies were reviewed and followed. Documents were available for public inspection for the required time, and a closure hearing was held for McKinley Middle School on October 9, 2024. A receiving hearing for Hayes Middle School was also held on October 9, 2024. The Kanawha County Board of Education voted to approve this closure and consolidation at the conclusion of the October 9, 2024, hearings.

Based on the information provided, it is recommended that the **closure of McKinley Middle School and its merger into Hayes Middle School be approved.**

E. WVBE and WVDE Personnel Matters and Civil Action No. 2:24-cv-18, *Krystle Perry and Anthony Perry, individually and on behalf of their minor child K.P. v. Stacy Marteney, et al.*; Civil Action No. CC-20-2024-P-361, *West Virginia Conference of the NAACP v. West Virginia Department of Homeland Security, et al.*; and, Civil Acton No. 24-C-49, *Jeffrey and Vanessa Perkins vs. Upshur County Board of Education et al.* - (Action)

Nancy J. White

It is recommended and a motion is requested to **approve the WVBE personnel matters included in the attachment.** [Attachment R](#)

It is recommended and a motion is requested to **approve the WVDE personnel matters included in the attachment.** [Attachment S](#)

Motions, if any, regarding Civil Action No. 2:24-cv-18, Civil Action No. CC-20-2024-P-361 and/or Civil Action No. 24-C-49 will be determined at the meeting.

F. Update: Martinsburg North Middle School (Berkeley County) Intervention – (Information)

Jeffrey Kelley, Kelly Massinople & Superintendent Ryan Saxe

A school environment review of Martinsburg North Middle School was conducted on April 17, 2024, at the request of the WVDE Office of District and School Improvement. The review was presented to the WVBE in May after which the WVBE declared a State of Emergency existed at Martinsburg North Middle School and directed that an action plan, in collaboration with the WVDE Division of District and School Accountability and Berkeley County Schools leadership, be developed and presented to the WVBE for action. The WVBE approved the action plan on June 12, 2024.

G. SY 2023-2024 School Safety and Security Report (W. Va. Code §18-5-48) – (Information)

Micah Whitlow & Jonah Adkins

W. Va. Code §18-5-48(c) requires the WVDE to annually request a legislative appropriation that includes the budget request of the county boards of education, public charter schools governing boards, and multi-county vocational center administrative councils for safety and security measures needed in West Virginia’s public schools. This report is a compilation of the budget requests received through the survey distributed to required participants. The WVDE has submitted this report to the Legislative Oversight on Education Accountability in accordance with *W. Va. Code 18-5-48(a)*.

[Attachment T](#)

H. Appointment of member to fill an unexpired term as a member of the School Building Authority of West Virginia (SBA) – (Action)

Nancy J. White

A motion is requested to **appoint Robert Dunlevy to the SBA to fill the unexpired term of Dr. Daniel Snavelly ending September 4, 2025.**

VII. WVDE Reports - (Information)

Michele Blatt

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

Nancy J. White

IX. Future Meetings - (Information)

Nancy J. White

The next regular meeting of the WVBE will be held December 11, 2024, in Charleston, West Virginia.

X. Adjournment - (Action)