

January 2, 2018

The Board of Education of the County of Kanawha met in Special Session on Tuesday, January 2, 2018, at the Board of Education Building, Charleston, West Virginia. The meeting was called to order by Board President Jim J. Crawford at 4:00 p.m.

**PRESENT**

Jim J. Crawford, President  
Ric Cavender  
Becky J. Jordon  
Ryan White, President Pro Tem  
Ronald E. Duerring, Secretary

Debra J. Lewis, Recording Secretary

**ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF**

Tom Williams, Deputy Superintendent  
Paula Potter, Assistant Superintendent, Middle Schools  
Bob Calhoun, Assistant Superintendent, Elementary  
Melissa Ruddle, Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum & Instruction  
Leah Sparks, Executive Director, Technology  
Kate Porter, Special Education & Student Support Services  
Briana Warner, Communications Director  
James W. Withrow, General Counsel  
Valery Harper, Executive Director, Virtual School  
Carol Hamric, Executive Director, Human Resources  
Elaine Gayton, Director, Staff Development/ESL

## **MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Mr. Jim J. Crawford-I would like for everyone to stand and have a moment of silence in memory of our departed Board Member.

## **PERSONNEL**

### A. Personnel Agenda for January 2, 2018 (Enclosure 65)

Mr. Ryan White moved: The Board approve the Revised Personnel Agenda as included in Enclosure 65. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Becky J. Jordon.

Carol Hamric-On page 1 under Employment you will see TBA. That person was selected today. That was Chadrick Campbell starting 1/5/17 as the Assistant Principal for East Bank Middle School.

The above motion carried 4-0.

## **DELEGATIONS**

Fred Albert-The reason I am here this evening is to pay tribute to Mr. Thaw on behalf of AFT/Kanawha and myself, my Executive Board and many teachers in this county. I want to express my condolences to the Board. I have reflected on his passing quite a bit the past few days. We were on opposite sides of the fence on some issues but I respected his honesty. I respected the fact that he stood for what he believed. He was not afraid and he didn't back down. He will be greatly missed. He has left a void and we will miss him. Our thoughts are with Mrs. Thaw and his family. That's pretty much what I came to say tonight. In addition to that, I would like to ask that Dr. Duerring and the Board rethink the 2-hour delay. I know we have had that issue before. I have talked to a lot of people today and the students were frozen. Some of the children have to wait on those buses and it's pretty frigid out there today. I'm just wondering if we can rethink a 2 hour delay at some point. Thank you very much.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

### A. 2018-19 School Calendar Options (Enclosure 66 & 67)

Elaine Gayton-The first option is almost identical to this year with the start date being August 13th and the last day being May 21st for students. They have one week off at Thanksgiving, Christmas and Spring Break. There are four days at the beginning for teachers. The tentative early dismissal days and Faculty Senate are on there. The only difference is that we have moved the PTO Conferences to November 5th paired with the November 6th Election Day to make a long weekend. The last day of the semester is December 21st which is the last day before the holiday. The 2<sup>nd</sup> semester would begin on January 2nd. Next year's Spring Break would be before Easter instead of after because it's late in the year. There are 5 days at the end of the year for makeup days.

Mr. Crawford-Actually there is not much difference other than one starts on the 13th and one on the 20th. Does the semester end at Christmas? Elaine Gayton-The first one does but the August 20<sup>th</sup> start date the semester will end after Christmas.

Mr. White-Are we going to see the year round calendars? Elaine Gayton-Usually what we do is approve the regular calendars and then I will get with the principals from the two year-round schools and work on that.

## **QUESTIONS/ANSWERS**

None

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. Ryan White moved: The Board enter into an executive session for the provisions of WV Code Section 6-9A-4 for the purpose of considering matters arising from the appointment of a public official. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Becky J. Jordon and carried 4-0.

The Regular Session of the Board was recessed and the Executive Session convened at 4:09 p.m. by Board President Jim J. Crawford.

## **RECONVENE REGULAR SESSION**

Mr. Ryan White moved: The Board reconvene the Regular Session of the Board. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Becky J. Jordon and carried 4-0. The Regular Session was reconvened at 4:57 p.m.

## **ESTABLISHMENT OF MEETING DATES**

- A. Tuesday, January 2, 2018, 4:00 p.m.-Special Session
- B. Thursday, January 18, 2018, 6:00 p.m.-Regular Session
- C. Monday, February 5, 2018, 4:00 p.m.-Special Session
- D. Thursday, February 15, 2018, 6:00 p.m.-Regular Session
- E. Monday, March 5, 2018, 4:00 p.m.-Special Session
- F. Thursday, March 8, 2018, 3:00 & 3:15 p.m.-Budget Workshop-Statutory Session (Presentation of Schedule of Proposed Levy Rates) (Budget Workshop to Follow)
- G. Tuesday, March 13, 2018, 12:00 Noon-Statutory Session (Approval of the Schedule of Proposed Levy Rates)
- H. Thursday, March 15, 2018, 6:00 p.m.-Regular Session

NOTE; The above meetings of the Kanawha County Board of Education, unless otherwise indicated, will be held in the Board of Education Building, 200 Elizabeth Street, Charleston, WV.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Ryan White moved: That the Special Session of the Board be adjourned.  
Motion was seconded by Mrs. Becky Jordon and carried 4-0. The Special Session  
was declared adjourned by Board President Jim J. Crawford at 4:58 p.m.

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President

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Secretary

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