

February 6, 2017

The Board of Education of the County of Kanawha met in Special Session on Monday, February 6, 2017, 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
Ryan White, President Pro Tem
Ric Cavender
Becky J. Jordon (via phone)
William P. Thaw
Ronald E. Duerring, Secretary

Debra J. Lewis, Recording Secretary

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Tom Williams, Deputy Superintendent
Lou Maynus, Assistant Superintendent, Middle Schools
James W. Withrow, General Counsel
Carol Hamric, Executive Director, Human Resources
Bob Calhoun, Executive Director, Elementary Education
Melissa Ruddle, Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum & Instruction
Leah Sparks, Executive Director, Technology
Mark Milam, Asst. Superintendent, Secondary & Career-Technical Education
Kate Porter, Asst. Superintendent, Special Ed. & Student Support Services
Briana Warner, Communications Director

PERSONNEL

- A. Personnel Agenda for February 6, 2017 (Enclosure 85)

Mr. Ryan White moved: The Board approve the Personnel Agenda as included in Enclosure 85. Motion was seconded by Mr. Ric Cavender and unanimously carried.

REPORTS

- A. WV Collaborative Program

Steven Ardman-I am the Lead Teacher with the WVSU Collaborative Program. I have been with the program for 16 years. This is part of Kanawha County Schools' Alternative Education Department. Since its inception in 2001, the program is still providing a quality education to underachieving and gifted students who want to attend college but are struggling to graduate from high school. The program offers Kanawha County high school students the opportunity to enroll in a dual credit program conducted on the campus of WV State University. Students have to complete an application as well as meet the requirement of having a score of 18 or better on ACT Math and English. Once students are accepted, they enroll in dual credit college classes that are used to fulfill their high school graduation requirements. Since 2002, over 400 at-risk students have successfully completed the program and are graduates of Kanawha County Schools. We currently have 42 students enrolled, 29 are seniors and are graduating in May. We have one teacher for each core subject. We also have a part time counselor. The teachers have an even distribution of students that are a part of a teacher's mentor group. Each student meets with their mentor a minimum of once a week to discuss their progress, problems, etc. The collaborative programs administrative duties fall under Dr. Lou Maynus' supervision. She has always been available to us and has been a tremendous asset to our program. These students have all the resources available to them that a regular college student would have.

REPORTS (continued)

Mr. White-What is the cost for a student? Steven Ardman-There is no cost for the student. The only obligation to students is that we do not provide transportation or we don't feed them. Ryan White-Do these credits transfer readily to WVU and other places out of state? Steven Ardman-Yes, most of them transfer. When they have declared a major, and before we schedule them, we look at particular classes that we know in fact will transfer to WVU, Marshall, etc. There are many data bases where we can find out which ones will transfer. Mr. White-Have you had success with getting them transferred to out-of-state schools as well? Steven Ardman-Yes we have.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Out of State Travel Requests (Enclosure 86)

Mr. Ryan White moved: The Board approve the Out of State Travel Requests as included in Enclosure 86. Motion was seconded by Mr. Ric Cavender and unanimously carried.

B. Waiver Request for Grandview Elementary (Enclosure 87)

Mr. Ryan White moved: The Board approve the waiver request to allow 4th grade students from Grandview Elementary to participate in an overnight excursion as shown in Enclosure 87. Motion was seconded by Mr. Ric Cavender.

Mr. White-What policy are we waiving? Bob Calhoun-It is Policy J30. Normally we only allow the most senior class in an elementary school to go on an overnight trip, but because of the size of the 5th grade class and the 4th grade class and to make it more economical, they would like to take both grades this year and then the 4th grade class won't go next year. Mr. White-Do we need to revisit this policy? Dr. Duerring-It is rare that we have a waiver like this. I think its fine the way it is.

The above motion unanimously carried.

NEW BUSINESS (continued)

C. Head Start Renewal Grant (Enclosure 88)

Mr. Ryan White moved: The Board approve the Head Start Renewal Grant as included in Enclosure 88. Motion was seconded by Mr. Ric Cavender and unanimously carried.

D. Approval of AEP Right-of-Way at Elkview Middle School (Enclosure 89)

Mr. Ryan White moved: The Board approve the Right-of-Way request from AEP to relocate the electrical service line at Elkview Middle School to allow installation of portables as shown in Enclosure 89. Motion was seconded by Mr. Ric Cavender and unanimously carried.

E. Lease with Elkview Drive-In Holdings, LLC (Enclosure 90)

Mr. Ryan White moved: The Board approve the lease with Elkview Drive-In Holdings, LLC for additional parking space at Bridge Elementary as shown in Enclosure 90. Motion was seconded by Mr. Ric Cavender.

Mr. White-How many spaces are we getting? Jim Withrow-Probably 20. Mr. White-Is the going rate for 20 spaces \$750 a month? Jim Withrow-I think that was what Mr. Wilson negotiated.

The above motion unanimously carried.

DELEGATIONS

None

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS

None

SUPERINTENDENT'S PRESENTATION

A. Employee Discipline

Mr. Ryan White moved: The Board adopt the findings and conclusions of the hearing examiner, approve the Superintendent's prior suspension of Cheryl Snodgrass and further approve the Superintendent's recommendation for dismissal of Cheryl Snodgrass, and Cheryl Snodgrass shall be, and she is hereby, terminated from her employment with the Kanawha County Board of Education, effective immediately. Motion was seconded by Mr. Ric Cavender and unanimously carried.

ESTABLISHMENT OF MEETING DATES

- A. Monday, February 6, 2017, 4:00 p.m.-Special Session
- B. Thursday, February 16, 2017, 6:00 p.m.-Regular Session
- C. Monday, March 6, 2017, 4:00 p.m.-Special Session
- D. Tuesday, March 7, 2017, 3:00 & 3:15 p.m. Budget Workshop-Statutory Session (Presentation of Schedule of Proposed Levy Rates) (Budget Workshop to Follow)
- E. Thursday, March 9, 2017, 12:00 Noon-Statutory Session (Approval of the Schedule of Proposed Levy Rates)
- F. Thursday, March 16, 2017, 6:00 p.m.-Regular Session
- G. Monday, April 3, 2017, 4:00 p.m.-Special Session
- H. Tuesday, April 18, 2017, 12:00 Noon-Statutory Session (Reconvening of March 9, 2017, Meeting to Enter all Levies)
- I. Thursday, April 20, 2017, 6:00 p.m.-Regular Session

ESTABLISHMENT OF MEETING DATES (continued)

J. Monday, April 24, 2017, 6:00 p.m.-Statutory Session (Public Hearing on Proposed Budget)

K. Monday, May 1, 2017, 4:00 p.m.-Special Session

L. Thursday, May 11, 2017, 6:00 p.m.-Regular Session

M. Tuesday, May 23, 2017, 12:00 Noon-Statutory Session (Approval of the Proposed Budget)

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 Mr. Ric Cavender and unanimously carried. The Special Session was declared adjourned by Board President Jim J. Crawford at 4:15 p.m.

President

Secretary

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2/10/2017