

February 7, 2018

The Board of Education of the County of Kanawha met in Special Session on Wednesday, February 7, 2018, at the Board of Education Building, Charleston, West Virginia. The meeting was called to order by Board President Jim J. Crawford at 12:00 Noon.

**PRESENT**

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

Debra J. Lewis, Recording Secretary

**ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF**

Tom Williams, Deputy Superintendent  
Melissa Ruddle, Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum & Instruction  
James W. Withrow, General Counsel  
Carol Hamric, Executive Director, Human Resources  
Mark Milam, Assistant Superintendent, Secondary & Career-Technical Education  
Paula Potter, Assistant Superintendent, Middle & Alternative Schools  
Briana Warner, Communications Director

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### A. Appointment and Swearing In of New Board Candidate

Mr. Ryan White moved: The Board appoint Mrs. Betty C. Spencer as a Board Member to serve the unexpired term ending June 30, 2018. Motion was seconded by Mr. Ric Cavender.

Mr. Ric Cavender-I would like to thank Dr. Duerring and Ms. Warner for their help in this search process. I thought it was a really thorough and transparent process to find the person to fill this seat. I also want to say it is equally important for the four of us to come to a consensus on someone to fill this seat and with this appointment we have done that.

The above motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Jim J. Crawford-We have elected Mrs. Spencer to fill the remainder of Mr. Thaw's term which will be big shoes to fill. We certainly do miss Mr. Thaw.

## **OATH**

Jim Withrow administered the Oath of Office.

Mrs. Betty C. Spencer-This is an exciting day. I've been interested in Kanawha County Schools all my life. I actually turned 21 years when I came to Kanawha County Schools. I spent 39 years in the school system. Thirty-three of those was as an elementary principal. I just want to say that my heart is with the children in Kanawha County Schools. I'm so excited about this. I know there a lot of things in the making. I don't know all of the goals and objectives that this Board has set, but I am used to coming to Board Meetings and I kind of know what goes on. So I am excited to be a part of it and I want to thank anyone that had anything to do with this. I am glad to fill the position. Mr. Thaw is quite a position to fill. We were good friends. I appreciate everybody for everything.

Mr. Jim J. Crawford-Congratulations. It's nice to have you with us.

Mr. Ryan White-Congratulations. I'm excited to serve with you.

## **OATH (continued)**

Mr. Cavender-Welcome to the Board.

Mr. Jim. J. Crawford-I experienced this almost 18 years ago and it was a learning experience for me. You are never too old to learn. I remember when we came here and I talked Dr. Duerring into going to a NFUSSD Conference. I remember when we visited Millard District in Omaha and the children all had iPads. I told him we needed to get busy and get those in Kanawha County so our children can move forward. We've practiced that ever since. We have a strong Superintendent who is very good with curriculum and finances. One of the great things about being on this Board is that we are conscious about our money and we don't operate in the red and that all goes back to Dr. Duerring and his staff. I have supported all of his curriculum initiatives and will continue to do so and I can't say enough about that.

Dr. Duerring-Thank you for that. I have to say that Betty was a phenomenal educator and principal. Kids always came first with her. She wasn't hesitant in speaking up about what kids needed in her school. That's the beauty of having someone like that on our Board who truly believes in our children. You know I love you Betty and I'm glad you are on here.

Mr. Ryan White-Are we in the process of drafting a resolution for the next Board Meeting? Dr. Duerring-Yes, we will have that at the next Regular Board Meeting.

Mrs. Becky J. Jordon-I would just like to say thank you to Mrs. Spencer for agreeing to be on the Board.

## **ESTABLISHMENT OF MEETING DATES**

- A. Wednesday, February 7, 2018, 12:00 Noon-Special Session
- B. Thursday, February 15, 2018, 6:00 p.m.-Regular Session
- C. Monday, March 5, 2018, 4:00 p.m.-Special Session

**ESTABLISHMENT OF MEETING DATES (continued)**

- D. Thursday, March 8, 2018, 3:00 p.m. & 3:15 p.m. Budget Workshop-Statutory Session (Presentation of Schedule of Proposed Levy Rates) (Budget Workshop to Follow)
  
- E. Tuesday, March 13, 2018, 12:00 Noon-Statutory Session (Approval of the Schedule of Proposed Levy Rates)
  
- F. Thursday, March 15, 2018, 6:00 p.m.-Regular Session
  
- G. Monday, April 9, 2018, 3:00 p.m.-Special Session (Budget Work Session)
  
- H. Monday, April 9, 2018, 4:00 p.m.-Special Session
  
- I. Tuesday, April 17, 2018, 12:00 Noon-Statutory Session (Reconvening of March 13, 2018, Meeting to Enter all Levies)
  
- J. Thursday, April 19, 2018, 6:00 p.m.-Regular Session
  
- K. Monday, April 23, 2018, 6:00 p.m.-Statutory Session (Public Hearing on 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 12:10 p.m.

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President

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Secretary

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