

June 15, 2017

The Board of Education of the County of Kanawha met in Regular Session on Thursday, June 15, 2017, in the Board of Education Building, 200 Elizabeth Street, Charleston, West Virginia. The meeting was called to order by Board President, Jim Crawford at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT

Jim Crawford, President
William Pete Thaw
Becky Jordan
Ryan White
Ric Cavender
Ronald E. Duerring, Secretary

Mala A. Bumgardner, Recording Secretary

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Tom Williams, Deputy Superintendent
James W. Withrow, General Counsel
Carol Hamric, Executive Director, Human Resources
Lisa Wilcox, Treasurer, Budget & Finance

Alan Cummings, Director, Purchasing
Terry Hollandsworth, Executive Director, Maintenance & Energy Management
Leah Sparks, Executive Director, Technology
Kate Porter, Asst. Superintendent, Special Education & Student Support Services
Briana Warner, Communications Director
Stan Keller, Director, Accounting
Lou Maynus, Assistant Superintendent, Middle Schools
Bob Calhoun, Executive Director, Elementary Education
Charles Wilson, Executive Director, Facilities, Planning & Management
Mark Milam, Assistant Superintendent, Secondary & Career-Technical Education

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of Allegiance was led by Board President, Jim J. Crawford.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. March 29, 2017 - Special Session
- B. May 1, 2017 - Special Session
- C. May 3, 2017 - Special Session
- D. May 11, 2017 - Regular Session
- E. May 23, 2017 - Statutory Session

There being no corrections, deletions or amendments, the minutes stand approved as submitted.

AGENDA ADJUSTMENT

Jim Crawford – Delete Item A under Other New Business and add Item D under Other New Business.

REPORTS

- A. Kanawha County Travel Reimbursement for May, 2017 (Enclosure 144)
- B. Monthly Financial Report (Enclosure 145)
- C. Safety Report

Charlie Warner submitted a written report to the Board members and went over it. Mr. Crawford questioned the number on page 8 of the report. Mr. Warner indicated that it was a typographical error and should be 122.

D. Legal Report

None.

E. Board Reports

Mr. Thaw said he wanted a report on the iPad situation. Dr. Duerring will present it to the Board at a later time.

Mr. White stated the State Board is coming up with an assessment accountability standard that is easy to understand, and should make everyone happy. Dr. Duerring will send a draft of it to all the Board members.

PERSONNEL

Ryan White moved that the Board approve the Personnel Agenda for June 15, 2017 as included in Enclosure 146. Mrs. Jordan seconded the motion. Carol Hamric indicated that an amendment was needed. On Page 4 under the heading of Coaching Assignments, the name of John G. McCune – East Bank Middle School – Softball should be removed. Motion passed 5-0.

DELEGATIONS

Lisa Hamric of Brickstreet made the same presentation to the Board Members, as had been given to the Committee overseeing the recommendation of Kanawha County Schools Worker's Compensation coverage.

NEW BUSINESS

A., B., & C. The Board agreed to package A., B., & C. together for the purpose of voting. Ryan White move the approval of the payment of bills for the month of May 2017 in the amounts of \$19,655,377.17 for the Current Expense Fund and the Special Revenue Fund; \$116,653.93 for the KCS Public Library Excess Levy Fund; \$1,987,980.55 for the Permanent Improvement Fund; \$550,915.29 for the Public Library Fund; and \$451,923.61 for the RESA Fund as reflected in Enclosure 147; Budget Supplements & Transfers as reflected in Enclosure 148; and the out-of-State Travel Requests as contained in Enclosure 149. Mrs. Jordan seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

B. Ryan White moved the Board approve a contract for furnishings for Elkview Middle School to replace those lost in the flood in the amount of \$172,406.07 to The Hon Company as per GSA bid number RFQ119444S. Mrs. Jordan seconded. In discussion, Mr. White asked if this was the low bid, and Alan Cummings assured it was. Motion passed 5-0.

- C. Ryan White moved the Board approve the purchase of replacement school buses in the amount of \$243,570.00 to Matheny Motor Truck Company as per State Contract Bid #SBUS17B. Mrs. Jordan seconded. In discussion, Mrs. Jordan asked how many buses were being purchased. Mr. Cummings advised there were two diesel buses. Motion passed 5-0.
- D. Becky Jordan moved the Board approve a contract for Workers Compensation Insurance to Brickstreet Insurance as solicited by our Broker: Commercial Insurance. Mr. Cavender seconded. Ryan White recused himself from the discussion & vote. Mr. Cavender invited Tim Linsky to, and he did, make a presentation on behalf of Traveler's Insurance, since Brickstreet made one earlier. In discussion, Mr. Cavender noted that Traveler's has a main office in West Virginia. Mrs. Jordan thanked Mr. Linsky for his presentation and the wonderful work Traveler's had done for KCS over the past several year. However, she stated she was going to support the lowest bid, which was Brickstreet because that has always been the practice of The Board. She did not believe it would be right to vote differently just because the Selection Committee had recommended Traveler's. Mr. Cavender stated his agreement. Mr. Thaw asked Mr. Linsky why Traveler's wasn't the lowest bid, and he explained that the profits and losses were averaged over a three-year period. Mrs. Jordan asked how long until the Board could vote again. Mr. Cummings stated that the Board could get quotes from the insurance broker and vote every year if they decide to do so. He stated that six companies were solicited by Commercial Insurance for bids; three responded; and the Selection Committee interviewed between the two best, which were Traveler's and Brickstreet. Mr. Thaw wanted to know why that the Committee had selected Traveler's. Mr. Cummings stated the Selection Committee supports Traveler's. Mr. Thaw asked why the Committee did not take the lower bid. Mr. Cavender wanted to know the same thing. Mr. Cummings explained the interview process and that the Committee believed Traveler's had answered every question better than Brickstreet. Mrs. Jordan asked how many people came from Brickstreet and how many came from Traveler's. Mr. Thaw stated that the Board wanted to know because the members would have to have a very good reason not to vote for the lowest bid. Mr. Cummings could not recall. Mr. Cavender questioned why KCS would consider anything except the lowest bid when it always takes the lowest bid, even when that decision has meant giving the contract to out-of-state companies. Mr. Crawford stated to Mr. Cummings that KCS is able to select bids (or quotes) each year from insurance companies, and the results could change from year to year. Mr. Cummings said that was correct. Mr. Crawford asked Mr. Cummings if both Traveler's and Brickstreet could provide KCS the same coverage. Mr. Cummings said, "Yes." Mr. Crawford asked if Brickstreet was the low bid. Mr. Cummings said, "Yes." Motion passed 3-1.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS

Afterward Mrs. Jordan asked Dr. Duerring if KCS could look into changing policy and in the interview process those companies in West Virginia would get more points than out-of-state

companies. Mr. Cummings indicated that the State has one in place, and KCS could mirror it from the State's model already in process.

SUPERINTENDENT'S PRESENTATION

Ryan White moved the Board adopt the findings and conclusions of the hearing examiner, approve the Superintendent's prior suspension of Patricia Madden and further approve the Superintendent's recommendation for suspension of Patricia Madden, and Patricia Madden shall be, and she is hereby, suspended, without pay, from her employment with the Kanawha County Board of Education, for a period of 5 working days, with the dates to be determined by the Superintendent of Schools. Mrs. Jordan seconded. In discussion Mr. White said he did not receive his packet of information until right before the meeting and would be abstaining from the vote. He also asked that it be sent out a day earlier. Motion passed 4-0.

ESTABLISHMENT OF MEETING DATES

- A. Thursday, June 15, 2017, 6:00 p.m. – Regular Session
- B. Monday, July, 2017, 4:00 p.m. - Special Session
- C. Thursday, July 20, 2017, 6:00 p.m. – Regular Session
- D. Monday, August 7, 2017, 4:00 p.m. – Special Session
- E. Thursday, August 17, 2017, 6:00 p.m. – Regular Session
- F. Monday, August 28, 2017, 6:00 p.m. – LSIC Meeting (Sissonville Area at Sissonville High School)

ADJOURNMENT

Ryan White moved the Regular Session of the Board be adjourned. Ric Cavender seconded. Motion passed 5-0. The Regular Session was declared adjourned by Board President, Jim J. Crawford, at 6:43 p.m.

President

Secretary

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