

June 4, 2018

The Board of Education of the County of Kanawha met in Special Session on Monday, June 4, 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  
Ryan White, President Pro Tem  
Ric Cavender  
Betty C. Spencer  
Ronald E. Duerring, Secretary

**ABSENT**

Becky J. Jordon

Debra J. Lewis, Recording Secretary

**ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF**

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

## **STATEMENT**

This is a reminder that in Kanawha County Schools, our dedication to cultural diversity and anti-discrimination is not just a statement posted through our buildings and on our materials; it is woven into our mission and incorporated into the education of our communities' youth every day. The diversity of our school community enriches the district and adds to our students' educational experience.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

### A. Kanawha County Schools Educator of the Year

Dr. Duerring-We are here to recognize the Educator of the Year, Mark Davis. Mark has been with Kanawha County Schools for 21 years and during that time he has worked with students of all ages. His workshop credits are quite broad. He has been an instructor for the Appalachian Children's Choir Summer Music Camps several years in a row. He has served on various boards across the county, including the Clay Center for the Arts and Sciences. In 2012 he was named the Kanawha County Teacher of the Year and from there he accepted the role as the Fine Arts Curriculum Specialist for the Kanawha County Schools District. That's a lot of work and Mark always does it all with a smile on his face. There is rarely an arts event in Charleston that Mark is not a part of. Congratulations.

Mark Davis-I'm honored and humbled. I work with some tremendous people. I couldn't do the events without the lead teachers and the chair people that run these events. Before every event I thank Dr. Duerring and the Board of Education for their support of the Arts. That's why kids come to school for many reasons. I am honored. Thank you so much.

Mr. Crawford-On behalf of the Board, thank you for all of the hard work you do for the Arts.

## **DISCUSSION**

### A. Excess Levy Order (Enclosure 144)

Dr. Duerring-As you know, it is time to put the levy up for the November election. We have prepared something for you all to look at. This is not final by any means. You may want to make changes. Over the years comments were made that maybe we need to do something about the HVAC and roofing issues. There are existing budget provisions for those things that have been regularly in the excess levy as far as construction and benefits to our people. Those have typically been in there since its existence. We wanted to include more safety and security improvements. Again, this is your first glance so you need to see if you want to do that or reduce the amounts, etc. It's your first introduction to it. We will have it on the June 21st agenda again for you to discuss. You will see the HVAC improvements. We have taken some money from our General Budget to fix some of the worst ones in the district. If you take a look you will see that we put in some roofing improvements. There was an issue about having turf on the athletic fields. This is not the final draft. We will have some real discussion at the June 21<sup>st</sup> board meeting.

Mr. Crawford-This does not include the 3% library excess levy correct? Dr. Duerring-No, it does not. That is separate. Mr. Withrow is working on that.

Mr. Cavender-Is there something to be able to show us what the figures would look like if the cap is lifted? Dr. Duerring-Yes, we will provide you all that information once you make a decision with those numbers. Mr. Cavender-I think it will be more important to show the full impact.

Mr. Crawford-You have listed several schools for HVAC improvements. Are they the ones with the oldest systems that need replaced? Dr. Duerring-Yes, we took the worst ones and prioritized those.

Mr. White-How many other schools would still need HVAC that aren't on this list? Dr. Duerring-I'll get you those numbers at the next meeting. They will all need it eventually.

## **DISCUSSION (continued)**

Mr. White-We have had a lot of documented issues with our HVAC and we need to take care of those issues. I also think the safety issue is important as well with all of the shootings we have seen all over the country.

Dr. Duerring-The best scenario is that we would have the final document by July 18. We could possibly go to the first meeting in August and still be within the timelines to file and get everything ready. Mr. Crawford-if this does pass and we purchase new HVAC units, we need to make sure we don't purchase close-out units because you can't find parts for it. Dr. Duerring-Number one priority. So it may not be the lowest bid.

## **PERSONNEL**

A. Personnel Agenda for June 4, 2018 (Enclosure 142)

Mr. Ryan White moved: The Board approve the Revised Personnel Agenda as included in Enclosure 142. Motion was seconded by Mr. Ric Cavender.

Dr. Duerring-I would like to pull Dusty Herscher from the agenda at this time.

Mr. Ryan White moved: To amend the original motion and pull Dusty Herscher from the personnel enclosure. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Betty C. Spencer and carried 4-0.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Out of State Travel Requests (Enclosure 143)

Mr. Ryan White moved: The Board approve the Out of State Travel Requests as included in Enclosure 143. Motion was seconded by Mr. Ric Cavender and carried 4-0.

## **NEW BUSINESS (continued)**

### B. Kanawha County Public Library Board of Directors

Mr. Ryan White moved: The Board approve Ms. Stephanie Haden and Ms. Anne Silbernagel for a six year term as Directors of the Kanawha County Public Library, with such six year terms to end June 30, 2024. Motion was seconded by Mr. Ric Cavender and carried 4-0.

## **DELEGATIONS**

Scott Wade-I am a parent of three children in middle school. They are quite different One is very responsible, one lacks self-discipline and one is in between. Our children have ADHD and we've had some issues this year. My suggestion is for the School Board to consider options for students that need different things. The class sizes are too large. There is not really a study period. That would have been beneficial for our children. My son needs assistance from teachers so he needs that one on one time.

Christina Wade-Some of the main issues we have this year is the iPad use and misuse. I'm just suggesting that the Board would take a look at these concerns and take a parent survey. The high teacher/student ratio is a problem. We've struggled throughout this school year. We need your help. Especially for a child that has attention disorders. The issue with Schoology is that the grades are F before a grade is entered in. That's something to look at. There is a lot of misinformation between the app and the website. That needs to be made clear to parents. The cleanliness of the bathrooms is an issue. That's a county issue. I think we need to pay the janitors more. If our students can't go to a clean bathroom what are they supposed to do? This is more of an awareness so you can hear from a parent's prospective.

## **QUESTIONS/ANSWERS**

Mr. Cavender-I continue to hear some issues with Schoology having an F until the grade are put in. Leah Sparks-It's not listed as an F until a grade is entered, there is just nothing there.

## **ESTABLISHMENT OF MEETING DATES**

- A. Monday, June 4, 2018, 4:00 p.m.-Special Session
- B. Thursday, June 21, 2018, 6:00 p.m.-Regular Session
- C. Monday, July 9, 2018, 4:00 p.m.-Special Session
- D. Thursday, July 19, 2018, 6:00 p.m.-Regular Session
- E. Monday, August 6, 2018, 4:00 p.m.-Special Session
- F. Thursday, August 16, 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 Mr. Ric Cavender carried 4-0. The Special Session was declared adjourned by Board President Jim J. Crawford at 4:32 p.m.

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President

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Secretary

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