

August 17, 2017

The Board of Education of the County of Kanawha met in Regular Session on Thursday, August 17, 2017, at the Board of Education Building, Charleston, West Virginia. The meeting was called to order by Board President Jim J. Crawford at 6:00 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
Bob Calhoun, Assistant Superintendent, Elementary
James W. Withrow, General Counsel
Carol Hamric, Executive Director, Human Resources
Terry Hollandsworth, Executive Director, Maintenance & Energy Management
Leah Sparks, Executive Director, Technology
Kate Porter, Asst. Superintendent, Special Education & Student Support Services
Paula Potter, Assistant Superintendent, Middle Schools
Melissa Ruddle, Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum & Instruction
Lisa Wilcox, Treasurer, Budget & Finance
Alan Cummings, Director, Purchasing & Supply Management
Mark Milam, Assistant Superintendent, Secondary & Career-Technical Education
Briana Warner, Communications Director
Stan Keller, Director, Accounting

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. June 15, 2017 - Regular Session
- B. July 10, 2017 - Special Session
- C. July 20, 2017 - Regular Session

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

PRESENTATION

A. Homeless Students' Clothing Fund

Dinah Adkins-Co-We are here tonight to present a check to the Kanawha County Schools Homeless Children's Clothing Fund in the amount of \$1,700.00. Before we had always had a miniature golf tournament but the facilities closed so we decided to have corn-hole tournament. This is something we want to do as teachers to let you know that our hearts are in the right place. We believe we can help our kids just a little bit more. We are doing this in memory of Barbara Welch, the former Board Member who passed away this year. Her daughter and granddaughter are with us here this evening. We are proud to make this donation in her memory tonight.

Dr. Duerring-Thank you very much. They couldn't have honored a better person. You know how much we loved her. People don't realize that we have about 67% of our kids on free lunch, so this kind of money gets put to good use. Thank you.

Mr. Crawford-On behalf of the Board I would like to thank you for your efforts in raising this money and particularly in honoring Mrs. Welch whom I considered a dear friend. What a wonderful person we lost. Thank all of you.

REPORTS

- A. Kanawha County Travel Reimbursement for July 2017 (Enclosure 16)
- B. Monthly Financial Report (Enclosure 17)
- C. Attendance Report

Carol Hamric-There are no significant changes.

- D. Technology Report-iPads

Leah Sparks-The last few days we have been getting a lot of iPads returned with the students coming back especially after they realize they aren't getting a new one without turning the old one in. We also have only received a report back on the first pickup of 12,200. We've been able to cross-reference the schools return information with the actual return information that the company reported to us. The data is very fluid. Apple told us to expect around a 2% loss a year which would equate to 301 iPads for us a year. We are currently at 2.82% a year. That's a loss of 423 out of 15,025. The largest source of loss that we've seen are students that transfer out of county or out of state. It's important to note that over 97% of our students are doing the right thing. They are being respectful and benefiting from this program and turning them in. We can lock each one that wasn't returned. We give a list of serial numbers to local authorities. We are requiring daily check in of devices. Every 9 weeks we will send a report to the school if they are not checking in. Schools are also appointing a point of contact if they transfer out of country or out of state. That person will be in contact with me and we can lock those down immediately. Schools are now going to be responsible for lost iPads out of their textbook or supply funds since the iPad has become their textbook. It's important to note that principals are not issuing new iPads unless they have paid for or turned in their old one. Out of 12,200 devices 10,000 were graded A & B. A is full price and B is \$10 off each device. We are getting more money than we had even planned on. We have also had a phenomenal employee turn in.

REPORTS (continued)

Mr. White-Have we thought about allowing each individual school to decide whether they will allow the students to take them home? Leah Sparks-There are a lot of items they need to do with Schoology and things they need to do on the iPad for homework. It's a learning management system and we really do encourage them to take them home because it gives them more educational time. Dr. Duerring-When we talked to student focus groups they like having them to be able to do their work. It's really become their textbook, their learning device, their research. Mr. White-It's not high schools I'm worried about but middle schools. I think we should allow schools to choose. If they don't think it's a good thing they should be able to make that choice.

Mr. Thaw-You are telling me that after 3 years all you can give us is a report like that. You can't tell us how many we got, how many we have today and subtract the two and get the MIAs. Why don't you give us that? Dr. Duerring-She did. We started with 15,025 and we have 13,756 now. We are short 1,269. Mr. Thaw-Do you have a hard copy? Leah Sparks-I can provide you with a hard copy of this information.

Mr. Cavender-I've had many compliments about the rollout of the iPads. Leah Sparks-I have to give credit to my team. What we do is help teachers teach and students learn.

E. Legal Report

None

F. Board Reports

Mr. White-We had a RESA Meeting yesterday and we are going to have to determine which way we want to go. We need to determine whether we want to act as a cooperative. We need to decide that pretty quickly in the next month or so.

REPORTS (continued)

Mr. Cavender-As a Parent with a child with a life threatening allergy to all nuts when this new non-nutritional food standards policy comes to us and they ask us if we want to change it I want you to know that I plan on being against this policy. The policy we have in place helps us with liability issues and food borne illnesses. I just want to make sure that my opinion is made clear that when it comes to us I will not be supporting a change in that policy. I would much rather focus on educational policies and curriculum and not cupcakes and cookies.

PERSONNEL

A. Personnel Agenda for August 17, 2017 (Enclosure 18)

Mr. Ryan White moved: The Board approve the Revised Personnel Agenda as included in Enclosure 18. Motion was seconded by Mr. Ric Cavender and unanimously carried.

DELEGATIONS

Dinah Adkins-I would like to thank Dr. Duerring and Elaine Gayton for scheduling time to allow employees to do their online staff development. We hope we can continue to streamline this training so the veteran teachers can update every few years instead of completing the same training year after year. At the beginning of the year most of the concerns are about heating and air conditioning. We again ask to push forward with a plan to correct this issue. The other main issue is technology. The deployment was an overwhelming task. While most teachers used part of their summer break to pick up equipment everyone was not able to do so and shouldn't be deemed less dedicated to students. Summer break was short and employees needed a break from school-related issues. It seems that when equipment is provided the insurance should have been part of the purchase agreement. Many of your employees can't pay this insurance. Many would have to give up necessities in order to do that. You are well aware that WV is among the lowest paid teachers. We've had many questions addressed to us about technology. It would be nice if those were listed on our website. Mrs. Sparks responds readily and this in no way reflects negatively on Leah.

DELEGATIONS (continued)

Jay O'Neal, 7th grade teacher Stonewall Jackson Middle School-As you know Stonewall Jackson School is a Title I School and most of our students live in poverty. Most of our students and their families didn't sign up for the insurance for the iPads because they simply couldn't afford the \$40 a year. Many of our families have multiple secondary students. Middle school students lose things, misplace things and break things. I had 2 to 3 students without an iPad and this made planning difficult for me. It is a true burden for our families. Now our teachers are having to endure \$100 taken out of our 20 paychecks. I know \$5 doesn't sound like much, but remember that these teachers have not had a raise in years and every year their salaries get cut more with PEIA costs continuing to rise.

Dr. Duerring-There are always going to be issues with the iPads. I think the educational value outweighs some of the things that we hear. I can tell you in most instances if there was a good reason parents didn't pay. We aren't going to make someone not be able to put food on the table or pay medical bills. There are some instances where somebody should pay. For instance a student got mad at the teacher and threw it against the wall. They should be held responsible for that. It's never going to be perfect, but I think the good outweighs the bad.

NEW BUSINESS

CONSENT

Mr. Ryan White moved: The Board approve the following CONSENT Items A-B. Motion was seconded by Mr. Ric Cavender and unanimously carried.

A. Approval of Bills for July 2017 (Enclosure 19)

Approval of the payment of bills for the month of July 2017 in the amounts of \$16,920,072.33 for the Current Expense Fund and the Special Revenue Fund; \$37,124.63 for the KCS Public Library Excess Levy Fund; \$926,331.48 for the Permanent Improvement Fund; \$237,448.85 for the Public Library Fund; and \$986,859.36 for the RESA Fund as reflected in Enclosure 19.

NEW BUSINESS

CONSENT (continued)

B. Budget Supplements & Transfers (Enclosure 20)

Approval of budget supplements and transfers as reflected in Enclosure 20.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

A. Approval of CPA Firm to Perform the Annual Financial Audits of Kanawha County Board of Education (Enclosure 21)

Mr. Ryan White moved: The Board approve Perry & Associates CPAs to perform the annual financials audits of Kanawha County Board of Education in accordance with West Virginia Code 6-9-7 (c). This approval is for Perry and Associates CPAs to conduct audits for the three fiscal years ending June 30, 2017, June 30, 2018 and June 30, 2019 as shown in Enclosure 21. Motion was seconded by Mr. Ric Cavender and carried 4-1 with Mr. White voting No.

B. Purchase of Replacement School Buses (Enclosure 22)

Mr. Ryan White moved: The Board approve the purchase of replacement school buses in the amount of \$1,040,257.00 to Matheny Motor Truck Company as per State Contract Bid #SBUS17B as shown in Enclosure 22. Motion was seconded by Mr. Ric Cavender and unanimously carried.

SUPERINTENDENT'S PRESENTATION

A. Employee Discipline

Mr. Ryan White moved: The Board approve the Superintendent's prior suspension of Justin Rollyson and further approve the Superintendent's recommendation for the termination of the regular teaching contract of Justin Rollyson and the contract of Justin Rollyson as a regularly employed teacher is hereby terminated effective immediately. Motion was seconded by Mr. Ric Cavender and unanimously carried.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS

None

ESTABLISHMENT OF MEETING DATES

- A. Thursday, August 17, 2017, 6:00 p.m.-Regular Session
- B. Monday, August 28, 2017, 6:00 p.m.-LSIC Meeting (Sissonville Area at Sissonville High School)
- C. Tuesday, September 5, 2017, 4:00 p.m.-Special Session
- D. Monday, September 11, 2017, 6:00 p.m.-LSIC Meeting (GW Area at George Washington High School)
- E. Thursday, September 21, 2017, 6:00 p.m.-Regular Session
- F. Monday, September 25, 2017, 6:00 p.m.-LSIC Meeting (South Charleston Area at South Charleston High School)
- G. Monday, October 2, 2017, 4:00 p.m.-Special Session
- H. Thursday, October 5, 2017, 6:00 p.m.-LSIC Meeting (Capital Area, Chandler & Garnet at Capital High School)

ESTABLISHMENT OF MEETING DATES (continued)

- I. Monday, October 9, 2017, 6:00 p.m.-LSIC Meeting (Riverside Area at Riverside High School)
- J. Thursday, October 19, 2017, 6:00 p.m.-Regular Session
- K. Monday, October 23, 2017, 6:00 p.m.-LSIC Meeting (St. Albans Area at St. Albans High School)
- L. Monday, October 20, 2017, 6:00 p.m.-LSIC Meeting (Nitro Area at Nitro High School)

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 Regular Session of the Board be adjourned. Motion was seconded by Mr. Ric Cavender and unanimously carried. The Regular Session was declared adjourned by Board President Jim J. Crawford at 6:45 p.m.

President

Secretary

djl

8/22/2017