

September 5, 2017

The Board of Education of the County of Kanawha met in Special Session on Tuesday, September 5, 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
Ric Cavender
Becky J. Jordon
William P. Thaw (via phone)
Ryan White, President Pro Tem
Ronald E. Duerring, Secretary

Debra J. Lewis, Recording Secretary

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Mark Milam, Assistant Superintendent, Secondary & Career Technical Education
Paula Potter, Assistant Superintendent, Middle Schools
Bob Calhoun, Assistant Superintendent, Elementary
Melissa Ruddle, Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum & Instruction
Leah Sparks, Executive Director, Technology
Kate Porter, Asst. Superintendent, Special Education & Student Support Services
Briana Warner, Communications Director
James W. Withrow, General Counsel
Jon Duffy, Director, Counseling & Testing
Carol Hamric, Executive Director, Human Resources

REPORTS

A. Test Scores

Jon Duffy-In regards to our results from the 2017 Smarter Balance Results, we had about 13,000 students who participated in the assessment. We had about 247 students who participated in the alternate assessments. We did have a county-wide participation rate of 98%. The Department of Education requires that each one of our schools has a minimum of 95%. We had 46% proficient in English/Language Arts versus 47% at the State level. We had 36% proficient in Math compared to 34% statewide. We did see a slight decrease in our elementary grades in English/Language Arts of 2 to 3%. However, grades 6 & 7 matched prior year proficiency. We saw a grade 11 increase of about 4%. In regards to Math, 6 out of 7 of our grade levels tested exhibited improvement from year to year. Our math scores in grade 3 were at 52% proficient versus 48% at the State, grade 4 was 45% versus 43% at the State, grade 4 was at 40%, grade 6 was at 34% versus 32% at the State, grades 7 & 8 were just below the State level at 27% & 29%, grade 11 was at 25% versus 22% at the State level. Our science scores showed in grade 5 we had 33% versus 37% at the State, grade 8 our county and state levels were equivalent with 38% proficiency, in grade 10 we had about 4 out of 10 proficient in science. Our 4 and 5 year graduation rates can see a trend upward. Currently we had about 86% students graduated in 4 years and 81% after 5 years. In regards to race by ethnicity, we have really reduced the gap among our different ethnic groups. In regards to our drop-out rate, we have different initiatives underway to keep students in school through Credit Recovery, Task, Mountaineer Challenge Academy and Option Pathway. We see the effectiveness those programs have in keeping students in school. Another new initiative we undertook this year was a grant that we received from the WV Higher Education Policy to improve our FAFSA completion rates. We had a competition between our high schools. There was a statewide goal for 60% of students to fill out the FAFSA and we had 62.4%. This exceeded the statewide goal. We were up almost 9% above that 2015 baseline. That equates to 140 seniors. All of our high schools worked really hard. Herbert Hoover High School and GW led the way. Hoover had an 18% increase & GW had a 16% increase. Six of our eight high schools were almost up by 10% or more. Our ACT Scores continue to trend in a positive direction. In English our mean score was 20.8 versus 20.5 in the State, in Math it was 20 versus 19.6, Reading 21.8 and Science was 21.1. We were above the state averages in each one of those composite scores. Mr. White-Do you know what percentage of students take the ACT? Jon Duffy-We had 1,003 who took the ACT this past year and about 200 took the SAT. Mr. White-Do a lot of kids take both? Jon Duffy-There is a very small percentage that take both.

REPORTS (continued)

As far as attendance trends in 2015-16 we were about 93.5%, 2014-2015 we were at 92.9%, 2013-14 we were at 96.7%. That will be an important component in the new accountability system. We do have a new Attendance Matters Initiative and we have several lesson plans underway in our elementary schools. We are expecting an announcement very soon on the new assessment piece. There will be a balanced score card with the new system. There will be 5 indicators which will receive a different score. Mr. White-Is this an improvement from the prior system? Jon Duffy-I think it will provide more detail at the school level. Dr. Duerring-This will allow us to see what areas they need to work hard on and look at corrective instruction. We've held our own in Language/Arts, we've showed growth in Math, we've increased our graduation rates, we've lowered our drop- out rates, we've increased our FAFSA and our SATs are above State and national standards. We have a lot to be proud of. There is always more work to be done though.

PERSONNEL

A. Personnel Agenda for September 5, 2017 (Enclosure 23)

Mr. Ryan White moved: The Board approve the Personnel Agenda as included in Enclosure 23. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Becky J. Jordon and unanimously carried.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Out of State Travel Requests (Enclosure 24)

Mr. Ryan White moved: The Board approve the Out of State Travel Requests as included in Enclosure 24. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Becky J. Jordon and unanimously carried.

B. Kanawha County Public Library

Mr. Ryan White moved: The Board approve Ms. Betty King as a Director of the Kanawha County Public Library for a term to end June 30, 2022. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Becky J. Jordon and unanimously carried.

NEW BUSINESS (continued)

C. Naming of SHS Gym

Mr. Ryan White moved: The Board approve the naming of the main gym at Sissonville High School as the Calvin R. McKinney Gymnasium. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Becky J. Jordon and unanimously carried.

D. Nitro High School Waiver Request

Mr. Ryan White moved: The Board approve the request from Nitro High School to waive the provisions of Kanawha County Board of Education Policy C03, to be permitted to conduct or participate in a charitable raffle, so long as it complies with all the requirements of the West Virginia Charitable Raffle Boards of Games Act (West Virginia Code §47-23-1 et seq.) Motion was seconded by Mrs. Becky J. Jordon and unanimously carried.

DELEGATIONS

None

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS

Mr. White-There is a School Board Association Meeting this weekend.

ESTABLISHMENT OF MEETING DATES

- A. Tuesday, September 5, 2017, 4:00 p.m.-Special Session
- B. Monday, September 11, 2017, 6:00 p.m.-LSIC Meeting (GW Area at George Washington High School)
- C. Thursday, September 21, 2017, 6:00 p.m.-Regular Session
- D. Monday, September 25, 2017, 6:00 p.m.-LSIC Meeting (South Charleston Area at South Charleston High School)

ESTABLISHMENT OF MEETING DATES (continued)

- E. Monday, October 2, 2017, 4:00 p.m.-Special Session
- F. Thursday, October 5, 2017, 6:00 p.m.-LSIC Meeting (Capital Area, Chandler & Garnet at Capital High School)
- G. Monday, October 9, 2017, 6:00 p.m.-LSIC Meeting (Riverside Area at Riverside High School)
- H. Thursday, October 19, 2017, 6:00 p.m.-Regular Session
- I. Monday, October 23, 2017, 6:00 p.m.-LSIC Meeting (Hoover Area at Elkview Middle School)
- J. Thursday, October 26, 2017, 6:00 p.m.-LSIC Meeting (St. Albans Area at St. Albans High School)
- K. Monday, October 30, 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

Mrs. Becky J. Jordon moved: That the Special Session of the Board be adjourned. Motion was seconded by Mr. Ryan White and unanimously carried. The Special Session was declared adjourned by Board President Jim J. Crawford at 4:40 p.m.

President
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Secretary

9/11/2017