

SPECIAL SESSION

Wednesday, January 30, 2019, 12:00 Noon

**Central Office
Kanawha County Board of Education
200 Elizabeth Street
Charleston, WV 25311-2119**

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PRESENTATION

A. Resolution Concerning the Omnibus Education Bill.

II. PRESENTATION (continued)

Recommended Motion: I move the Board approve the following resolution: WHEREAS: West Virginia’s entire Public Education system continues to be underfunded, leading to shortages in teachers, service personnel, nurses, librarians, psychologists, counselors, bus drivers and special education staff; and WHEREAS: County Boards of Education budgets are already severely strained due to previous cuts made to appropriations to the school aid formula; and WHEREAS: A bill has been originated by the Senate Education committee which proposes certain reforms to public education in West Virginia (the “Omnibus Bill”); WHEREAS: The legislature has a duty to provide a thorough and efficient system of free schools in the State and the Kanawha County Board of Education has been delegated such duty for Kanawha County, West Virginia; and WHEREAS: To the extent reform to West Virginia’s public education system is needed, such reform should have the goal of increasing student achievement for the most disadvantaged children that do not have the resources, parental guidance and general support to succeed in our current system; and WHEREAS: The opioid problem has additionally put a strain on our educational system that has furthered the difficulty in educating our most disadvantaged children due to the increase in number and magnitude of behavioral issues in children; and WHEREAS: Public schools are at the heart of the community well-being; and WHEREAS: Reduction in State financial support will negatively impact our ability to serve the children and families of our community; and WHEREAS: Research and experience across the country have shown that implementation of certain aspects of the bill has a high likelihood of adversely affecting the education of the most disadvantaged children in our system; and WHEREAS: Certain provisions of the current proposed Omnibus Bill is detrimental to our public schools and the ability of the Kanawha County Board of Education to provide a thorough and efficient

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system for all students in Kanawha County; and THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Kanawha County Board of Education opposes any and all efforts to use public funds for education reform or make any changes that does not lead to higher student achievement for the most disadvantaged students; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: Taxation and policy decisions which result in reduced revenues for public education and/or have a negative impact on our students and families must be avoided.

(R. White)

III. ESTABLISHMENT OF MEETING DATES

- A. Wednesday, January 30, 2019, 12:00 Noon-Special Session
- B. Monday, February 4, 2019, 4:00 p.m.-Special Session
- C. Thursday, February 21, 2019, 6:00 p.m.-Regular Session
- D. Monday, March 4, 2019, 4:00 p.m.-Special Session
- E. Thursday, March 7, 2019, 3:00 p.m.-& 3:15 Budget Workshop-Statutory Session (Presentation of Schedule of Proposed Levy Rates) (Budget Workshop to Follow)
- F. Thursday, March 14, 2019, 12:00 Noon-Statutory Session (Approval of the Schedule of Proposed Levy Rates)
- G. Thursday, March 21, 2019, 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.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

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