

November 4, 2019

The Board of Education of the County of Kanawha met in Special Session on Monday, November 4, 2019 at Riverside High School, Charleston, West Virginia. The meeting was called to order by Board President Ryan White at 4:00 p.m.

PRESENT

Ryan White, President

Ric Cavender, President Pro Tem

Jim J. Crawford, Sr.

Becky J. Jordon

Tracy White

Ronald E. Duerring, Secretary

Debra J. Lewis, Recording Secretary

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Paula Potter, Asst. Superintendent, Middle & Alternative Schools

Carol Hamric, Executive Director, Human Resources

Bob Calhoun, Asst. Superintendent, Elementary

Leah Sparks, Executive Director, Technology

Kate Porter, Asst. Superintendent, Special Education & Student Support Services

Lindsey McIntosh, General Counsel

Melissa Ruddle, Asst. Superintendent, Curriculum & Instruction

Mark Milam, Asst. Superintendent, Secondary & Career-Technical Education

Bobbi Lewis, Director, Title I

LSIC REPORT

Jane Kennedy-When we finished the last school year we had around 1,070 students and now we have 1,276. We have increased our enrollment with our partners in Fayette County from Valley. It's been a very good experience for all of us. Several things that we are proud of is that our attendance rate is now at 93%. Our graduation rate went from 79-85%. Our AP passage went from 24-34.5. The thing that makes me the most proud is when we got our SAT scores we had increased ELA by 5% and Math by 8%. We are really proud of that. We are excited about our college/career team. We have JROTC, Business, Marketing and Accounting. We have one career/ tech class that no one else in the State has and it is Clean Energy Technology. Mrs. Jordon-What kind of instructor teaches that? Jane Kennedy-Right now it is a Science teacher. They made their own bio-fuel. Mr. White-How many kids are in that class? Jane Kennedy-In one class there are around 40-50 students and in Class II there are 13.

Dr. Duerring-What extra resources did you get from your Comprehensive School Improvement monies? Jane Kennedy-For the last two years we have had an extra person that is running a credit recovery for our 9th and 10th graders. We already have a graduation coach. We also have in-school suspension and it was very successful. If it is not severe level 3 or 4 we keep them in school. We have a teacher that enjoys being with them and is very organized. She helps them with their work as well. We had teachers go to AP training. They may not teach it right now but to understand the rigor they went to the training. We have some staff development here for us after school. Our math teachers received TI Calculators as well. They got 6 sets of 30 with those funds. Mr. White-To what extent are you using trauma-informed care for your kids? Jane Kennedy-We used to have Respect and Protect and that money ran out. One of the things that they talk about is having those conversations with kids about changing their behavior so we have our Warrior Ways. I think the biggest strength of our staff, and I mean everybody including cooks and custodians, is that we care about our kids. We have quite a few students that are considered homeless. They find resources for them. We have the Cabin Creek Health Center here and it is a huge help with us for physical health as well as mental health. Mrs. White-Is the pantry for the community? Jane Kennedy-Yes, every 3rd Saturday our community service students get it ready. There are community members that go shopping and our students will give out the food. The last one was 67 families and we've had as high as 90 before.

LSIC REPORT (continued)

We also have the Warrior Wardrobe. We ask for donations for what our students will wear. If its homecoming and they don't have something we find something for them. Mrs. White-I know that this time last year the need was greater than what you had. Jane Kennedy-People from the community and the surrounding communities has helped. We got \$5,000 from Kanawha County Commission right before Christmas. Churches give us donations for the food pantry. Mr. Crawford-What percentage is on track for graduation? Jane Kennedy-At least 80% if not more. Mr. White-What is the biggest impediment to making sure our kids have a great education? Jane Kennedy-I think if we can get them here we got them. It's that attendance issue. Something I have control over is probably making time for planning/collaborating. That's one of the things that we have done. Every day our teachers from 3:50-4:15 collaborate with one another. The more we get to collaborate the more we make a bigger impact. Mrs. White-How many Special Education teachers did we lose this year due to the legislation? Dr. Duerring-I know of 3 that left to go back to the regular classroom mainly because of cameras in the room. We are also finding that to be true with aides also. I want to commend this Board because under House Bill 2711 you let us have 5 full days of staff development. I would like to commend Jane and the staff here. The students say they know that the administrators and staff love them. Also, all the roads are leading in the right direction with the improvement in test scores and the things they are trying to do here. Riverside is moving in the right direction.

Lou Ann Wright English Teacher -Thank you for very much for your commentary I've been here for 12 years. One of the things for me that I would like to point out is that our leadership is rock solid. It feels like we have all right people in the right places this year. Having the opportunity to do the collaboration is going to make a difference.

PERSONNEL

A. Personnel Agenda for November 4, 2019 (Enclosure 52)

Mr. Ric Cavender moved: The Board approve the Personnel Agenda as included in Enclosure 52. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Becky J. Jordon and unanimously carried.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Out of State Travel Requests (Enclosure 53)

Mr. Ric Cavender moved: The Board approve the Out of State Travel Requests as included in Enclosure 53. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Becky J. Jordon and unanimously carried.

B. Kanawha County Public Library Board of Directors

Mr. Ric Cavender moved: The Board approve the appointment of Ms. Susan Chilton Shumate as a Director of the Kanawha County Public Library for a six-year term, with such six-year term to end June 30, 2025. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Becky J. Jordon and unanimously carried.

DELEGATIONS

None

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS

None

ESTABLISHMENT OF MEETING DATES

- A. Monday, November 4, 2019, 4:00 p.m.-Special Session
- B. Thursday, November 21, 2019, 6:00 p.m.-Regular Session
- C. Monday, December 2, 2019, 4:00 p.m.-Special Session at Mary C. Snow West Side Elementary
- D. Thursday, December 19, 2019, 6:00 p.m.-Regular Session
- E. Monday, January 6, 2020, 4:00 p.m.-Special Session at Piedmont Elementary

ESTABLISHMENT OF MEETING DATES (continued)

F. Thursday, January 16, 2020, 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. Ric Cavender moved: That the Special Session of the Board be adjourned. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Becky J. Jordon and unanimously carried. The Special Session was declared adjourned by Board President Ryan White at 4:33 p.m.

President

Secretary

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11/18/2019