

March 1, 2021

The Board of Education of the County of Kanawha met in Special Session on Monday, March 1, 2021 at the Board of Education Building, Charleston, West Virginia. The meeting was called to order by Board President Becky J. Jordon at 4:00 p.m.

PRESENT

Becky J. Jordon, President

Tracy White, President Pro Tem

Ric Cavender

Jim J. Crawford, Sr.

Ryan White

Thomas E. Williams, Secretary

Debra J. Lewis, Recording Secretary

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Paula Potter, Deputy Superintendent

Mellow Lee, Assistant Superintendent, Elementary

Amon Gilliam, Assistant Superintendent, Middle & Alternative Schools

George Aulenbacher, Assistant Superintendent, High Schools, Technical & Adult Education

Missy Ruddle, Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum & Instruction

Megan McCorkle, Assistant Superintendent, Special Education & Student Support Services

Alicia Warden, Health Services

Leah Sparks, Executive Director, Technology

Carol Hamric, Executive Director, Human Resources

Briana Warner, Communications Director

PERSONNEL

A. Personnel Agenda for March 1, 2021 (Enclosure 85)

Mrs. Tracy White moved: The Board approve the revised personnel agenda as included in Enclosure 85. Motion was seconded by Mr. Jim J. Crawford and unanimously carried.

Mrs. Jordon-I just want to say to Ms. Hamric that you will be missed. We thank you for all of your years of service.

REPORTS

A. Chandler Academy

Amon Gilliam-We have around 40 students at Chandler between the middle and the high school. Students are both a blend of eLearning and in-person. More students are choosing to come back in-person which will increase their chance of success. The school has worked hard on trying to get those students back in person. As far as social, emotional and mental health support, Chandler's counselors and psychologists continue to meet with in-person students on a regular basis to address the needs of students. We continue to hold our partnership with Pretera. They do have a presence in the building and rotate through the student population providing services as needed. They also meet with students for home visits especially for eLearning students. These students are at Chandler primarily for the Pretera support. Some other counseling methods include group and individual counseling which they can complete virtually and also via phone call if needed. In an effort to increase participation and attendance, Chandler uses a variety of methods to contact students and parents when they are not participating academically or attending school when they need to. In regards to the credit recovery program efforts, it has been a difficult year in general. These students are having the same struggles as others in their age group with the additional challenges they may be facing. Chandler has incorporated after-school tutoring, credit recovery tutoring and guidance for students who are failing classes. As those students successfully meet their goals they are exited from the program and more students are added.

Mrs. Jordon-I had a staff person reach out and say they have parents call and would like for their child to attend Chandler because of the rise with anxiety and depression and because of Pretera. Are the rules always going to be written in stone for that? Amon Gilliam-Right now students have to be placed there through the SAT county process or expulsion. That's the process.

REPORTS (continued)

Amon Gilliam-I've had parents call and ask and I explain the process and what is needed to be placed at Chandler and what the school that they are at currently can provide and that's where we help them out there.

Dr. Williams-We also have the Collaborative Program at WV State University which for some students may be an alternative as well. Mrs. Jordon-Are we still busting out the seams at the Collaborative? George Aulenbacher.-We have about 40 students there.

Mrs. White-Are the numbers down at Chandler this year? Amon Gilliam-Yes, right now they are.

Mrs. White-Our mother/child program is phenomenal. It's keeping girls in school that probably wouldn't be there. Dr. Williams-This program has been around at least 36 years. The stigma is not like it used to be used to be. It's a good program. It was at Shawnee and that was hard for kids to get to, so when Chandler was redone that's when it was moved.

Mr. Crawford-Two years ago when we visited St. Tammany Parish in New Orleans, they talked about their school that they have for discipline problems. If you don't reach out and find out what other people are doing you won't know. I'd like to see us do that with St. Tammany Parish and give us some new ideas on what we could do with the program at Chandler. It can't hurt our program at all to hear what they are doing. They kept their kids there until there was a change in attitude before they put them back in the general population of the school system.

DELEGATIONS

None

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS

Dr. Williams-I would just like to let people know that I realize some of the areas in the county were especially hard hit today and there are some concerns about school work. Our schools are being lenient, but the main thing they need to focus on right now is making sure they are safe and their homes are safe so school work will come when it can get there. Brett says we should be okay for tomorrow. We may have some route changes.

ESTABLISHMENT OF MEETING DATES

- A. Monday, March 1, 2021, 4:00 p.m.-Special Session
- B. Monday, March 15, 2021, 3:00 p.m. & 3:05 p.m. Budget Workshop-Statutory Session (Presentation of Schedule of Proposed Levy Rates) (Budget Workshop to Follow)
- C. Tuesday, March 16, 2021, 12:00 Noon-Statutory Session (Approval of the Schedule of Proposed Levy Rates)
- D. Tuesday, March 16, 2021, 6:00 p.m.-Special Session (Closure Hearing for Cedar Grove Middle School at Cedar Grove Middle School)
- E. Thursday, March 18, 2021, 6:00 p.m.-Regular Session
- F. Monday, April 5, 2021, 4:00 p.m.-Special Session
- G. Thursday, April 15, 2021, 6:00 p.m.-Regular Session
- H. Tuesday, April 20, 2021, 12:00 Noon-Statutory Session (Reconvening of March 16, 2021, Meeting to Enter all Levies)
- I. Monday, April 26, 2021, 6:00 p.m.-Statutory Session (Public Hearing on Proposed Budget)
- J. Monday, May 3, 2021, 4:00 p.m.-Special Session
- K. Thursday, May 13, 2021, 6:00 p.m.-Regular Session
- L. Tuesday, May 18, 2021, 12:00 Noon-Statutory Session (Approval of the Proposed Budget)

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. Tracy White moved: That the Special Session of the Board be adjourned. Motion was seconded by Mr. Jim J. Crawford and unanimously carried. The Special Session was declared adjourned by Board President Becky J. Jordon at 4:10 p.m.

President

Secretary

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