The Board of Education of the County of Berkeley met in Regular Session on Monday, June 17, 2019 beginning at 6:00 PM, at Administrative Offices in the Board Room, 1453 Winchester Avenue with the following persons present:

Dr. William F. Queen, President  
Dr. Darin Gilpin, Vice-President  
Mr. Todd M. Beckwith, Member  
Ms. Michelle Barnes-Russell, Member  
Mr. Patrick Murphy, Member  
Mr. Harold L. Hatfield, Interim Superintendent  
Mr. Donnie Dellinger, Deputy Superintendent  
Dr. Justin Schooley, Assistant Superintendent  
Mr. Ron Stephens, Assistant Superintendent  
Dr. Veronique Walker, Associate Superintendent  
Mr. Bradley Sponaugle, Assistant Treasurer  
Mrs. Elaine Bobo, Director of Communications / Recruitment

I. CALL TO ORDER  
President Queen called the meeting to order at 6:07 PM. The following business was transacted:

II. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS  
President Queen welcomed guests and asked that they sign the attendance register.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA  
The agenda item for Employee Matter 2018-19-04 has been postponed. Dr. Gilpin moved and Mr. Beckwith seconded to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Attachment 1

IV. CHAMPION FOR EDUCATION  
Ms. Bobo introduced Mr. John Miller as the recipient of the Champion for Education award. Since 2009, Mr. Miller has represented Berkeley County Schools’ on the M-BC Library Board. In appreciation for his service, Mr. Miller was presented a gold apple of appreciation.

Karen Greenfield, Library Media Specialist at Spring Mills Middle was introduced and will replace Mr. Miller in this role.
V. WEST VIRGINIA AUDITOR PRESENTATION

Mr. Bradley Sponaugle introduced John B. McCuskey, State Auditor and Gary Cogle, Legislative Administrator. Mr. McCuskey presented information on the State Auditor’s transparency website.

VI. CITIZENS’ FORUM

No requests to address the Board.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

a) Minutes of June 3, 2019 Regular – Attachment 2
b) Student Transfer Requests – Attachment 3
c) Use of School Property Requests – Attachment 4
d) 2019-2020 Pre-K Calendar – Attachment 5
e) Budget Supplements / Transfers – Attachment 6
f) Payment of Bills / Approve Invoices – Attachment 7
g) Financial Report – Attachment 8
h) Treasurer’s Report – Attachment 9

The Consent Agenda was presented. Ms. Barnes-Russell moved and Mr. Beckwith seconded to approve the Agenda as presented. Discussion followed. Motion carried unanimously.

VIII. BERKELEY COUNTY POLICY FILE GBF – RETURN TO WORK

Dr. Justin Schooley presented information on the GBF - Return to Work Policy. Discussion followed. Mr. Murphy moved and Dr. Gilpin seconded to approve the Policy as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Attachment 10

IX. BERKELEY COUNTY FILE BC – GOVERNANCE AND OPERATIONS COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS

Dr. Justin Schooley presented the BC – Governance and Operations County Board of Education Meetings Policy. Dr. Gilpin moved and Mr. Beckwith seconded to approve the policy as presented. Discussion followed. Motion carried 4 to 1. Dr. Queen, yes, Dr. Gilpin yes; Mr. Beckwith yes; Ms. Barnes-Russell, yes, Mr. Murphy, no. Attachment 11

X. BID – WORKERS’ COMPENSATION

Mr. Brad Sponaugle presented information on the bid for the Workers’ Compensation. Mr. Murphy moved and Mr. Beckwith seconded to approve the Bid as presented. Discussion followed. Motion carried unanimously. Attachment 12

XI. BID – TRANSPORTATION SUPPLIES

Mr. Brad Sponaugle presented FY ‘20 transportation supplies bids. Mr. Murphy moved and Dr. Gilpin seconded to approve the bids as presented. Discussion followed. Motion carried unanimously. Attachment 13
XII. BID TRANSPORTATION PHYSICALS

Mr. Brad Sponaugle presented the bid for Transportation Physicals FY’20. Mr. Beckwith moved and Dr. Gilpin seconded to approve the bid as presented. Discussion followed. Motion carried unanimously. Attachment 14

XIII. PERSONNEL ACTIONS

At the request of Ms. Barnes-Russell, President Queen called for a motion to discuss Personnel Actions in Executive Session. Ms. Barnes-Russell moved and Mr. Murphy seconded to enter into Executive Session as authorized under West Virginia Code §6-9A-4 for this purpose. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board entered into Executive Session at 6:51 P.M.

The Board returned to Open Session at 7:46 P.M.

Dr. Schooley presented Professional and Service Personnel Actions dated, Monday, June 17, 2019 informing the board of the following:

Page 11, Line 98, Ratification of Suspension, insert the name of Kristie Bingham, Pre-School Special Needs Teacher, Pikeside Learning Ctr., 200 days, June 4 and June 5, 2019;


Upon Interim Superintendent Hatfield’s recommendation, Mr. Beckwith moved and Dr. Gilpin seconded to approve Professional, Service and Substitute Personnel Actions, dated Monday, June 17, 2019 as presented. Mr. Murphy moved to amend the motion by removing 2 personnel actions for individual consideration; line 87, Nancy Melonas and line 122, David Banks. Ms. Barnes-Russell seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Vote on personnel action, Nancy Melonas, page 10, line 87, Change of Service, from Principal, Spring Mills Middle, 240 days; To: Academic Instructor Mentor (AIM) Berkeley County Schools, 210 days, effective August 5, 2019.

Motion passed by show of hand, 3 to 2; Dr. Queen, yes, Dr. Gilpin, yes, Mr. Beckwith, yes, Mr. Murphy no; Ms. Barnes Russell, no.

Vote on personnel action, David Banks, page 13, line 122, Transfer, from Asst. Superintendent, Special Ed Dept., 261 days; To: Assist. Superintendent of Instruction, Central Office, 261 days, effective July 1, 2019.

Motion passed by show of hand, 3 to 2; Dr. Queen, yes, Dr. Gilpin, yes, Mr. Beckwith, yes, Mr. Murphy no; Ms. Barnes Russell, no.

A vote on the remaining personnel actions was called; motion carried 5 to 0. Attachment 15
XIV. BOARD UPDATE
   Mr. Murphy requested future conversation on the nepotism information recently provided to board members.

XV. SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE
   While Berkeley County Schools’ MIP application with the School Building Authority was within the top 10 projects considered for funding, only 8 were awarded, which did not include Berkeley County’s Winchester Avenue project.

XVI. SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH
   President Queen called for a motion to enter into Executive Session for discussion of the superintendent search. Mr. Beckwith moved and Ms. Barnes-Russell seconded to enter into Executive Session as authorized under West Virginia Code § 6-9A-4 for this discussion. No action will be taken during the executive session but activity will follow the executive session. Motion carried unanimously.

   The Board entered into Executive Session at 7:57 P.M.

   The Board returned to Open Session at 8:22 P.M.

   Mr. Beckwith moved and Dr. Gilpin seconded that the Board appoint Dr. Patrick K. Murphy of Arlington, Virginia, as Superintendent of Schools as authorized by West Virginia Code §18-4-1, and approve a 4 year contract, for a term beginning July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2023, that shall commence on September 1, 2019, at a salary of $198,000 for year 1 prorated to 10 months, $202,950 year 2; $208,025 year 3; and $213, 225 year 4. Motion carried by show of hands, 5 to 0.

   Discussion followed with Mr. Murphy addressing the board and the community followed by President Queen’s remarks on the Board’s diligent effort to find the right person for the superintendent position.

XVII. ADJOURNMENT
   With no further business, Mr. Beckwith moved and Ms. Barnes-Russell seconded to adjourn at 8:31 P.M. Motion carried unanimously.