The Board of Education of the County of Berkeley met in Regular Session on Monday, July 1, 2019 beginning at 6:00 PM, at the Administrative Offices, 1453 Winchester Avenue, Martinsburg West Virginia in the Board Room with the following persons present:

Dr. William F. Queen, President
Dr. Darin Gilpin, Vice-President
Mr. Todd M. Beckwith, Member – via telephone
Ms. Michelle Barnes-Russell, Member
Mr. Patrick Murphy, Member

Mr. Harold L. Hatfield, Interim Superintendent
Dr. Justin Schooley, Assistant Superintendent
Mr. David Banks, Assistant Superintendent
Dr. Veronique Walker, Associate Superintendent
Mr. Jim Butts, Treasurer
Mrs. Elaine Bobo, Director of Communications / Recruitment
Mrs. Sharon Kisner, Executive Secretary

I. CALL TO ORDER
   President Queen called the meeting to order at 6:00 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
     Mr. Barnes-Russell moved and Dr. Gilpin seconded to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Attachment 1

IV. OATH OF OFFICE
    The Honorable Judge Michael Lorenson of the Twenty-Third Judicial Circuit, State of West Virginia administered the Oath of Office to Dr. Patrick K. Murphy, Berkeley County Schools’ incoming superintendent.

V. CITIZENS’ FORUM
    The Board received comments from Debra Sloat and Justin Mauck.
VI. CONSENT AGENDA
   a) Minutes of June 17, 2019 Regular – Attachment 2
   b) Student Transfer Requests – Attachment 3
   c) Talk-to-Me Volunteers – Attachment 4
   d) Abolish Berkeley County File: BC County Board of Education Meetings
   e) Abolish BCB School Board Meeting Procedures – Attachment 5
   f) Abolish Berkeley BCBI Public Participation in School Board Meetings – Attachment 6
   g) Abolish KCA Public Participation in Board Meetings – Attachment 7
   h) Budget Supplements / Transfers – Attachment 8
   i) Payment of Bills / Approve Invoices – Attachment 9

   The Consent Agenda was presented. Dr. Gilpin moved and Ms. Barnes-Russell seconded to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

   Discussion followed. Mr. Murphy moved to table the following consent agenda items until a later meeting for further discussion: e) Abolish BCB-School Board Meeting Procedures, f) Abolish BCBI-Public Participation in School Board Meetings and g) Abolish KCA-Public Participation in Board Meetings. Ms. Barnes-Russell seconded.

   Voting in favor of tabling items e, f and g: Mr. Murphy, yes and Mrs. Barnes-Russell, yes. Voting against tabling items e, f, and g: President Queen, no, Dr. Gilpin, no, and Mr. Beckwith, no. The motion failed 2 to 3.

   A vote was called on the first motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. President Queen, yes; Dr. Gilpin, yes; Mr. Beckwith, yes; Mr. Murphy, no and Ms. Barnes-Russell, no. Motion carried 3 to 2.

VII. CHILD NUTRITION – COMMUNITY ELIGIBILITY PROVISION (CEP) APPROVAL

   Mrs. Tracy Heck presented information for the 2019-20 USDA Community Eligibility Program recommending the addition of Back Creek Valley, Bunker Hill and Gerrardstown Elementary Schools to the current 13 participating schools. The program will benefit 9,838 students. Discussion followed.

   Mr. Murphy moved and Ms. Barnes-Russell seconded to approve the Community Eligibility Provision as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Attachment 8

VIII. PERSONNEL ACTIONS

   Dr. Justin Schooley presented Professional and Service Personnel Actions dated Monday, July 1, 2019 with the following corrections; Page, 3, Line 26, Tammy Moseley, correct the assignment location to reflect Burke Street Elementary in place of Tuscarora Elementary; and Page 4, Line 36, Dylan Tryon correct the action to Unpaid Military Leave of Action in place of Unpaid Medical Leave of Absence.

   Upon Interim Superintendent Hatfield’s recommendation, Dr. Gilpin moved and Mr. Beckwith seconded to approve the professional and service personnel actions as corrected. Discussion followed. Mr. Murphy requested to be recognized for the purpose of making a motion.
Mr. Murphy moved and Ms. Barnes-Russell seconded to table the following Personnel Actions for consideration at a later date; Page 4, Line 37, Annual Reclassification of Elaine Bobo from Director of Communications & Recruitment to Executive Director of Communications & Recruitment remaining in Central Office for 261 days; Page 4, Line, 38, Annual Reclassification of Elice Gregory, Assistant Director of Student Services to Director of Student Services remaining in Central Office and Page 4, Line 39, Annual Reclassification of Christi Heaton, Assistant Director Academic Counseling to Director Academic Counseling remaining in Central Office, Department of Instruction, 261 days.

In favor of tabling actions, Mr. Murphy, yes and Ms. Barnes-Russell, yes. Those opposing tabling the actions, President Queen, no; Dr. Gilpin, no, and Mr. Beckwith, no. The motion to table the listed personnel actions failed 2 to 3.

Further discussion followed.

A vote was called on the first motion to approve the professional and service personnel actions as corrected. President Queen, yes, Dr. Gilpin, yes, Mr. Beckwith, yes, Mr. Murphy, no, Ms. Barnes-Russell, no. Motion carried 3 to 2.

IX. BOARD UPDATE
Mr. Murphy is interested in discussing a nepotism policy.

President Queen recognized Mrs. Tracy Heck, Child Nutrition Executive Director, for being selected as the 2019 Director of the Year by the West Virginia School Nutrition Association, wishing her well as she competes at nationals.

X. SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE
Interim Superintendent Hatfield and senior staff are looking at the changes from the legislative sessions with the intent of sharing possible proposals at the July 15th meeting.

XI. PENDING LITIGATION
President Queen called for a motion to enter into Executive Session under West Virginia Code 6-9A-4 to discuss consideration and development in pending litigation.

Dr. Gilpin moved and Ms. Barnes-Russell seconded to enter into Executive Session under West Virginia Code §6-9A-4 to discuss pending litigation. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board entered into Executive Session at 6:37 P.M. President Queen stated that no action or vote would be taken upon return to open session. Mr. Beckwith’s audio was interrupted and will be re-established once the Board relocates to an area for the Executive Session.

The Board returned to Open Session at 8:40 P.M.
XII. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Mr. Murphy moved and Dr. Gilpin seconded to adjourn at 8:41 P.M. Motion carried unanimously.

PRESIDENT: ______________________________

SECRETARY: ______________________________

DATE: ______________________________