

BERKELEY COUNTY SCHOOLS
Martinsburg, West Virginia

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Monday, December 5, 2016
7:00 PM

The Board of Education of the County of Berkeley met in Regular Session on Monday, December 5, 2016 beginning at 7:00 PM, at the Central Office, 401 South Queen Street, Martinsburg, WV in the Dr. N. Blaine Grove Board Room with the following persons present:

Dr. Darin L. Gilpin, Vice President
Mr. Todd M. Beckwith, Member
Ms. Michelle Barnes-Russell
Mr. Pat Murphy, Member

Mr. Manny Arvon, Superintendent
Mr. Donnie Dellinger, Deputy Superintendent
Mrs. Margaret Kursey, Deputy Superintendent
Mrs. Laura Sutton, Assistant Superintendent/General Counsel
Mr. Jim Butts, Treasurer
Mr. Ron Stephens, Assistant Superintendent
Mrs. Elaine Bobo, Director of Communications and Recruitment
Mrs. Sharon Kisner, Communications Coordinator/Graphic Artist/Secretary III

I. CALL TO ORDER

Vice President Gilpin called the meeting to order at 7:00PM. President Queen was not in attendance. The following business was transacted:

II. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Guests were welcomed by Vice President Gilpin and asked to sign the attendance register.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Murphy moved and Mrs. Barnes-Russell seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Att. #1

IV. NATIONAL MERIT SEMI-FINALISTS

Deputy Superintendent Dellinger introduced Sam Dove, National Merit Finalist from Musselman High School. Superintendent Arvon presented him a certificate and lapel pin for his accomplishment.

V. A CARING EDUCATOR

Ms. Beverly Hoffmaster introduced Ms. Kati Baker, Kindergarten Teacher at Bedington Elementary as the A Caring Educator for December 2016. Vice President Gilpin congratulated her and presented her a plaque of appreciation.

VI. CITIZENS' FORUM

- 1) Mr. Charles Wilson signed the Citizens' Forum Register in error and did not address the board.
- 2) Ms. Tabitha Dayley addressed the board regarding her child's dyslexia and presented each member with a handout on the topic from Yale University.

VII. TRANSPORTATION PRESENTATION

Mr. Eric Keesecker and Mr. JR Hollen, Directors, gave a report on the accomplishments and goals of the Transportation Department.

- 16,000 students are transported daily, represented by 10,000 stops.
- Bus accidents have decreased 71% since 2013 (accidents are defined as anything that touches the bus).
- The Transportation Department strives to make bus transportation safer by public awareness.
- Web query is now available on the County website. Parents can enter a home address to locate the schools serving that location.
- Mr. Hollen is working with Pupil Services to implement a school bus bullying program that mirrors Berkeley County Schools' Olweus program. The program will be piloted in a couple of schools this year. Discussion followed.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Minutes of November 21, 2016 Regular –Att. #2
- b) Minutes of November 30, 2016 Call Employee Hearing – Att. #3
- c) Student Transfer Requests – Att. #4
- d) Chaperone Requests – Att. #5
- e) PASS Volunteer Requests – Att. #6
- f) Curricular & Extra Curricular Trip Requests – Att. #7
- g) Use of School Property – Att. #8
- h) Budget Supplements / Transfers – Att. #9
- i) Payment of Bills / Approve Invoices–Includes Board Member's Travel Reimbursement–Att. #10

The Consent Agenda was presented. Mr. Beckwith moved and Ms. Barnes-Russell seconded to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Mr. Murphy recused from the vote on (i) Payment of Bills / Approve Invoices which included his travel reimbursement. The Payment of Bills / Approve Invoices was approved 2-1, Ms. Barnes-Russell, yes; Mr. Todd M. Beckwith, yes; and Mr. Murphy, recused. Motion carried unanimously on all remaining Consent Agenda items 3-0.

IX. BERKELEY COUNTY FILE: GAB – CRITICAL NEEDS POLICY

Mrs. Laura Sutton presented the Critical Needs Policy. Discussion followed.

Mr. Murphy moved and Mr. Beckwith seconded to approve the policy as presented. Motion carried unanimously. – Att. #11

X. BERKELEY COUNTY FILE: IDF – MULTICULTURAL EDUCATION AND GLOBAL COMPETENCY POLICY

Dr. Veronique Walker presented the Multicultural Education and Global Competency Policy. Discussion followed. Superintendent Arvon thanked Dr. Walker for her work on the policy.

Ms. Barnes-Russell moved and Mr. Beckwith seconded to approve the policy as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Att. #12

XI. PERSONNEL ACTIONS

Upon Superintendent Arvon's recommendation, Personnel Actions dated, December 5, 2016 were presented by Mrs. Laura Sutton. Discussion followed.

Mr. Beckwith moved and Ms. Barnes-Russell seconded to approve the Personnel Actions as presented. Motion carried 3-0 on all personnel actions with the exception of Mr. Murphy voting No for the professional appointment of Tabitha Porterfield, Digital Communications and Web Management Coordinator, Page 1, Line 14. Att. #13

XII. BOARD UPDATE 0

None given.

XIII. SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE

- Congratulations to Martinsburg High School for winning the State AAA State Football Championship.
- Tuesday, December 13, 2016 is an AIT Day. Students will have a 2-hour delay.
- Student holiday music performances are listed on the county website. We hope you be able to enjoy one or more.
- The Student Advisory Committee met on Monday, December 5 and the Teacher Advisory Committee will meet on December 7th. Both groups are excellent.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Mr. Murphy moved and Mr. Beckwith seconded to adjourn at 8:05PM. Motion carried unanimously.