

The Pocahontas County Board of Education met in Local School Improvement Council/Faculty Senate/Regular Session at 1:00 PM on Monday, November 16, 2015 at Marlinton Middle School, with the following members present:

Emery G. Grimes, President
Cheryl Beverage)
Jessica Hefner) Members
Steven C. Tritapoe)
Norman E. "Joe" Walker)

AGENDA

On recommendation of the superintendent and motion of Mr. Tritapoe, seconded by Mrs. Beverage, the Board unanimously approved the agenda.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION/SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT...

Superintendent Beam informed the Board that he will be passing along the Office of Educational Performance Audits results to the principals so they can make the appropriate changes to their strategic plans.

He said that there was a West Virginia Board of Education meeting on Friday where Dr. Martirano, state superintendent of schools, repealed Common Core Standards.

Mr. Grimes added that no federal funding will be cut.

Mr. Beam then told the Board that Mrs. Bland and Mrs. Christina Smith will present the test scores at the November 30th Board of Education meeting.

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS/CENTRAL OFFICE UPDATES...

LOCAL SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL/FACULTY SENATE

Joanna Burt-Kinderman began her presentation by stating that Pocahontas County students were enormously successful on the mathematics portion of the smarter balance exam! Overall the county was 4th in the state and the 8th and 11th graders were 1st in the state – Mrs. Burt-Kinderman pointed out that this ranking was considering every school in the state, not just similar schools.

She went on to provide the Board with an in-depth look at the Making Mathematical Modeling Meaningful: M⁴.

She explained the STEM Innovation Zone Grant and what projects at Pocahontas County High School would be funded.

Mr. Riley welcomed the Board to Marlinton Middle School, he gave them a high light of the test scores and pointed out the big turnaround. He noted that the Office of Educational Performance Audits suggested placing more technology in the hands of the kids and also making more long-term plans; aside from these two things the OEPA's audit was very positive. He then said that he feels the next big step in improving scores in his school would be implementing the co-teaching model, similar to the math department, in the English/language arts classrooms.

After Mr. Riley's presentation, Ms. Teresa Rhea – teacher of mathematics, Ms. Cindy Shreve – teacher of science and social studies, Ms. Sharla Sherman – librarian/media specialist, Ms. Stephanie Burns – English/language arts teacher, Ms. Jean Srodes - interventionist, and Ms. Jessica Hays – teacher of health/physical education all updated the Board on their respective departments.

As Local School Improvement Council representatives, Mr. Lynn Jordan and Ms. Donna Price updated the Board on the needs of the Marlinton Middle School facility.

APPROVAL TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF VENDOR LISTING OF CLAIMS...

On recommendation of the superintendent and motion of Mr. Tritapoe, seconded by Mrs. Hefner, the Board unanimously approved to authorize payment of vendor listing of claims in the amount of \$24,412.39.

GRANT AWARDS...

On recommendation of the superintendent and motion of Mr. Tritapoe, seconded by Mrs. Beverage, the Board unanimously approved grant awards.

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS...

On recommendation of the superintendent and motion of Mr. Tritapoe, seconded by Mrs. Beverage, the Board unanimously approved Budget Adjustments.

APPROVAL TO SUPPORT “MAKING MATHEMATICAL MODELING MEANINGFUL: M⁴”...

On recommendation of the superintendent and motion of Mrs. Hefner, seconded by Mrs. Beverage, the Board unanimously Approval for the Pocahontas County Board of Education to support the Making Mathematical Modeling Meaningful: M⁴ project and grant.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN PCBOE AND THE GREENBRIER VALLEY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION...

On recommendation of the superintendent and motion of Mr. Tritapoe, seconded by Mrs. Hefner, the Board unanimously voted against the Memorandum of Understanding between the Pocahontas County Board of Education and The Greenbrier Valley Economic Development Corporation, per the term of the Memorandum of Understanding.

PERSONNEL

On recommendation of the superintendent and motion of Mrs. Hefner, seconded by Mr. Tritapoe, the Board unanimously approved the Professional and Service Personnel.

Green Bank Elementary-Middle School:

EMPLOYMENT: ANNE M. SMITH, as Project Math Tutor/STEM Instructor (Project SPLASH), at Green Bank Elementary – Middle School, effective November 17, 2015 for up to 25 weeks, at \$20 per hour, 7 hours per week (1 hour planning, 2 hours of instruction daily, 3 days per week) plus additional planning meetings before

program begins. (NOTE: Hours contingent upon adequate student enrollment.)

EMPLOYMENT: ANNE M. SMITH, as Homework Help Tutor (Project SPLASH), at Green Bank Elementary – Middle School, effective November 17, 2015 for up to 25 weeks, at \$20 per hour, 9 hours per week (1 hour planning, 2 hours of instruction daily, 4 days per week) plus additional planning meetings before program begins. (NOTE: Hours contingent upon adequate student enrollment.) (This position will be divided equally between two individuals: Amanda Nottingham (hired previously) and Anne Smith).

EMPLOYMENT: ANNE M. SMITH, as Positive Youth Behaviors/Healthy Lifestyles Instructor (Project SPLASH), at Green Bank Elementary – Middle School, effective November 17, 2015 for up to 25 weeks, at \$20 per hour, 7 hours per week (1 hour planning, 2 hours of instruction daily, 3 days per week) plus additional planning meetings before program begins. (NOTE: Hours contingent upon adequate student enrollment.)

Hillsboro Elementary School:

EMPLOYMENT: Of the following as After School Tutor at Hillsboro Elementary School, effective November 17, 2015 – June 1, 2016 (additional planning meetings before program begins), at \$20 per hour, 2 hours per day, 2 days per week, not to exceed 23 weeks. (Position to be divided equally between two individuals.)

Maria L. McCoy
Devan E. Simmons

Marlinton Elementary School:

EMPLOYMENT: STACY C. LANDIS, as After School Tutor at Marlinton Elementary School, effective November 17, 2015 – June 1, 2016 (additional planning meetings before program begins), at \$20 per hour, 2 hours per day, 2 days per week, not to exceed 23 weeks.

Marlinton Middle School:

EMPLOYMENT: Of the following as After School Tutor at Marlinton Middle School, effective November 17, 2015 – June 1, 2016 (additional planning meetings before program begins), at \$20 per hour, 2 hours per day, 2 days per week, not to exceed 23 weeks. (Position to be divided equally between three individuals.)

Louisa C. Kiner
Teresa E. Rhea
Denise C. Sharp

Pocahontas County Schools:

EMPLOYMENT: SILAS L. SATTLER, as Substitute School Bus Operator for Pocahontas County Schools, at state basic pay, effective November 18, 2015, as needed, for the remainder of the 2015-2016 school year.

REQUESTED TRANSFER: JEROLD L. RAMOS, from School Bus Operator for Pocahontas County Schools, current run, to School Bus Operator for Pocahontas County Schools,

effective November 17, 2015, for the remainder of the 2015-2016 school year, run as follows:

Morning Run: Pocahontas County High School to the Route 92/39 intersection at Minnehaha Springs and traveling Route 92 N to Frost. Above Frost turning left on to Hill Country Road going through to Route 28 by Pocahontas County High School and on to Route 39 below Huntersville to Marlinton Elementary School, Marlinton Middle School and back to Pocahontas County High School.

Evening Run: Reverse of morning run.

SNOW ROUTE: The bus will only travel Route 92, Hill Country Road, and Route 28. If Hill Country is impassable, then the bus will travel to Dunmore, turn left on Route 28 and travel to Pocahontas County High School, then proceed back to Route 28 onto to Marlinton Elementary School and back to Pocahontas County High School.

MATTERS FROM THE BOARD...

Mr. Tritapoe, Mrs. Hefner, Mrs. Beverage and Mr. Grimes thanked the staff and students at Marlinton Middle School for hosting the meeting.

Mr. Walker also thanked the staff for hosting and then asked if there was any way to provide an interventionist or reading coach for Marlinton Middle School

Mr. Beam stated that Jean Srodes was hired to be an academic interventionist at Marlinton Middle School; Mr. Riley could use Ms. Srodes' services in this area if he chose to do so.

NEXT BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Next Regular Board of Education Meeting, Monday, November 30, 2015 at 7:00 PM, at the Board of Education Conference Room.

NEXT LSIC/FACULTY SENATE/BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Next Local School Improvement Council/Faculty Senate/Board of Education Meeting, Monday, December 7, 2015 at 1:00 PM at Pocahontas County High School.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. Tritapoe, seconded by Mrs. Beverage, the Board unanimously agreed to adjourn.

President

Secretary