

The Pocahontas County Board of Education met on Tuesday, September 01, 2020, for a presentation of the Re-Entry Plan followed by a Regular Board Meeting at the Board of Education Conference Room, Buckeye, WV, with the following members present:

Sue E. Hollandsworth, President

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| John Burns         | ) |         |
| H. Samuel Gibson   | ) | Members |
| Jarrett McLaughlin | ) |         |
| Morgan McComb      | ) |         |

Call to Order.

IN ORDER TO COMPLY WITH THE COVID-19 SOCIAL DISTANCING GUIDELINES, AND THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT, PLEASE LISTEN TO THE BOE MEETING BY JOINING THE SCHEDULED ZOOM MEETING SEPTEMBER 01, 2020, AT 6:00 PM. IN-PERSON PUBLIC ATTENDANCE WILL NOT BE PERMITTED.

(the audio link will also be provided on County Website at <http://pocahontas-k12.wvnet.edu/boef/>)  
Audio link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84720500524?pwd=L3NDZmQ3MjdIK0dtenVHQlkyLIYwQT09>  
Meeting ID: 847 2050 0524      Password: 7u287s

Open with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MINUTES...**

On the motion of Mr. Burns, seconded by Mr. McLaughlin, the Board unanimously approved the Minutes from the Board of Education meeting held on August 11, 2020.

**AGENDA...**

On the motion of Mr. McLaughlin and seconded by Mr. Burns, the Board unanimously approved the agenda. Mr. Gibson requested an Executive Session to be held after Matters of the Board on personnel issues and property issue, no action taken.

**DELEGATIONS...**

Through Zoom participation, David Moore, Jr., the volunteer Golf Coach at Pocahontas County High School, addressed the Board. He expressed concern over the necessary fees associated with the Coach Authorization being required for volunteer coaches. Mr. Moore, Jr. requested consideration for unpaid coaches, assessable transportation, and general funding. He would like to stop leaning so much on parents. Mr. McLaughlin asked if sponsorship could help fund the Golf Team. Sherry Radcliff confirmed that sponsorship and fundraisers are to fund athletics. Mr. McLaughlin was given Mr. Moore's contact information.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT & SPECIAL RECOGNITION...**

Mr. Beam recognized the generous donation of \$333.00 by Carl Haush, a visitor to our county in March 2020. Mr. Haush skied his 100<sup>th</sup> mountain in Pocahontas County April 2<sup>nd</sup>. The story, penned by Ms. Stewart, was featured in the Pocahontas Times. When asked where he could make a donation, Ms. Stewart quickly replied, Pocahontas County Schools. Later, Ms. Stewart requested the donation be presented to the PCHS Golf Team.

No Chaperone Training or Open Houses will be conducted at the schools at the present time. We are limiting visitors to our schools.

Mr. Beam updated the 2020-2021 Board of Education Meeting Schedule. The Local School Improvement Council (LSIC) Meeting at Pocahontas County High School will be held first in order to discuss implementing the Jr. ROTC program.

Mr. Beam requested that the "Review of Re-Entry Plan" will be included on future agendas to allow Board discussion with possible recommendations and/or revisions.

Mr. Beam, along with Mrs. Bland, Mrs. Bostic and the principals, have been interviewing County Virtual Instructors and County Virtual Facilitators. Virtual School affects all aspects of our educational platform. Successful candidates will be hired September 8<sup>th</sup> and listed on the September 22<sup>nd</sup> agenda.

Mr. Beam must make a presentation about the MIP funding for the sprinkler system at Marlinton Elementary School at the State Board of Education Meeting next Wednesday. An amendment was made on the 2010-2020 CEFP to allow Marlinton Elementary School to remain operational. Hopefully, SBA will approve the sprinkler funding.

On September 11<sup>th</sup>, the School Board Association will host a 4-hour webinar. All Board members are invited to attend. This will count toward the necessary continuing education hours. Mr. Beam will be in attendance. Sherry Radcliff facilitate the registration.

#### **INFORMATIONAL REPORTS/CENTRAL OFFICE UPDATES...**

No further informational reports and updates warranted.

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

On the recommendation of the superintendent and motion of Mr. Burns, seconded by Mr. McLaughlin, the Board unanimously approved to authorize payment of vendor listing of claims in the amount of \$58,253.04.

#### **APPROVAL TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF VENDOR LISTING OF CLAIMS (LOCAL GOVERNMENT PURCHASING CARD)...**

On the recommendation of the superintendent and motion of Mr. McLaughlin, seconded by Mr. Burns, the Board unanimously approved to authorize payment of vendor listing of claims (Local Government Purchasing Card) in the amount of \$1,318.00.

#### **APPROVAL OF GRANTS...**

On the recommendation of the superintendent and motion of Mr. Burns, seconded by Mr. McLaughlin, the Board unanimously approved the grant awards.

#### **APPROVAL OF PAYROLL...**

On the recommendation of the superintendent and motion of Mr. Burns, seconded by Mr. McLaughlin, the Board unanimously approved the following employee payroll:

August 22, 2020 – 225,694.79

#### **APPROVAL OF EXTRA DUTY PAY...**

On the recommendation of the superintendent and motion of Mr. Burns, seconded by Mr. McLaughlin, the Board unanimously approved the Extra Duty Pay for the month of August 2020, in the amount of \$7,399.85.

**APPROVAL OF BANK RECONCILIATION...**

On the recommendation of the superintendent and motion of Mr. McLaughlin, seconded by Mr. Burns, the Board unanimously approved the Bank Reconciliation for the month of July 2020.

**APPROVAL OF BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS...**

On the recommendation of the superintendent and motion of Mr. McLaughlin, seconded by Mr. Burns, the Board unanimously approved the Budget Adjustments.

**APPROVAL TO PAY LEE REGER BUILDS...**

On the recommendation of the superintendent and motion of Mr. McLaughlin, seconded by Mr. Burns, the Board unanimously approved to pay Lee Reger Builds for the completion of Green Bank Roof Project prior to next Board Meeting.

**REVIEW OF RE-ENTRY PLAN...**

The Board reviewed the Re-Entry Plan with possible recommendations and/or revisions. No action necessary.

**APPROVAL OF MITEL CONNECT IP PHONE SYSTEM-PROMISE-160 HONES...**

On the recommendation of the superintendent and motion of Mr. McLaughlin, seconded by Mr. Burns, the Board unanimously approved to accept the Mitel Connect IP Phone System-Premise-160 Phones from Advantage Technology, Quote No. 14663, effective August 19, 2020.

**APPROVAL VECTOR SOLUTIONS CONTRACT...**

On the recommendation of the superintendent and motion of Mr. McLaughlin, seconded by Mr. Burns, the Board unanimously approved Approval of contract between the Board and Vector Solutions to provide continuing education as SafeSchools Online Staff Training, annual subscription, at \$11.00 per employee, paid by Professional Development Funds.

**APPROVAL OF RAINELLE MECICAL CENTER'S SCHOOL-BASED MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM...**

On the recommendation of the superintendent and motion of Mr. McLaughlin, seconded by Mr. Burns, the Board unanimously the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Hillsboro Elementary School and Rainelle Medical Center's School-Based Mental Health Program for the 2020-2021 school year.

**APPROVAL OF SCHOOL SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS FOR FUNDRAISERS...**

On the recommendation of the superintendent and motion of Mr. Burns, seconded by Mr. McComb, the Board unanimously approved the School Support Organizations for Fundraisers and School Based Fundraisers for 2020-2021.

**PERSONNEL...**

On the recommendation of the superintendent and motion of Mr. Burns, seconded by Mr. McLaughlin, the Board unanimously approved Approval of Service and Professional Personnel.

Mr. Gibson recused himself while the Board voted on the employment of Sarah J. Hedrick, as Evening Custodian III, extracurricular, Pocahontas County High School, which passed 4-0.

**Marlinton Elementary School:**

**EMPLOYMENT:**

CAILEY D. MOORE, as Itinerant Teacher of Special Education (Multi-categorical)/Autism (Assignment – Marlinton Elementary School), at state minimum salary based on degree and experience plus equity, effective August 25, 2020 for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year, term of

employment is 194 days. Note: Term of employment shall be 200 days each year thereafter, contingent upon obtaining proper certification.

Pocahontas County High School:

EMPLOYMENT: MICHELLE D. WILFONG, as Graduation Coach (one-half time) at Pocahontas County High School, at state basic salary based on degree and experience. effective August 25, 2020 for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year, term of employment is 194 one-half (1/2) days. Note: Term of employment shall be 200 one-half (1/2) days each year thereafter.

Pocahontas County Schools:

EMPLOYMENT: DIANE L. DELFINO, as mentor for Cailey D. Moore, effective for the 2020-2021 school year, at 22.00 per hour, not to exceed 50 hours or \$1,100.00, contingent upon hiring Cailey D. Moore.

EMPLOYMENT: Of the following individuals as Evening Custodian III, extracurricular, at \$14.00 per hour, one day per week (Friday), 3.5 hours per day (3:30 PM – 7:00 PM), effective September 11, 2020. Note—This is an as needed, extracurricular position and contingent upon continued COVID-19 restrictions. Should all virtual or remote learning be enforced, this position will be delayed until students are present inside the school environment with face-to-face instruction. Paid Holidays are not part of this contract. Wages are contingent upon actually working the Evening Custodian III, extracurricular shift.

Dottie L. Chestnut—Green Bank Elementary-Middle School  
Caleb J. Barkley—Marlinton Elementary School  
Ollie C. Barkley—Marlinton Middle School

EMPLOYMENT: SARAH J. HEDRICK, as Evening Custodian III, extracurricular, Pocahontas County High School, at \$14.00 per hour, one day per week (Friday), 3.5 hours per day (6:00 PM – 9:30 PM), effective September 11, 2020. Note—This is an as needed, extracurricular position and contingent upon continued COVID-19 restrictions. Should all virtual or remote learning be enforced, this position will be delayed until students are present inside the school environment with face-to-face instruction. Paid Holidays are not part of this contract. Wages are contingent upon actually working the Evening Custodian III, extracurricular shift.

EMPLOYMENT: KEVIN A. THOMPSON, as Evening Custodian III, extracurricular, at Hillsboro Elementary School, at \$14.00 per hour, one day per week (Friday), 3.5 hours per day (5:00 PM – 8:30 PM), effective September 11, 2020. Note—This is an as needed, extracurricular position and contingent upon continued COVID-19 restrictions. Should all virtual or remote learning be enforced, this position will be delayed until students are present inside the school environment with face-to-face instruction. Paid Holidays are not part of this contract. Wages are contingent upon actually working the Evening Custodian III, extracurricular shift.

EMPLOYMENT: Of the following as Substitute Teachers for Pocahontas County Schools, at state basic pay, based on degree and experience, for the 2020-2021 school year, as needed.

Bennett, Shelby (Snead)  
Huddle, Darla  
Solliday, Laura

**RESIGNATION:** TERESA W. BARB, as Academic Interventionist for Pocahontas County Schools at Marlinton Elementary School, retroactive to August 19, 2020.

**PERMISSION:** For the superintendent to post and fill positions prior to Board approval until September 22, 2020.

**MATTERS OF THE BOARD...**

Mr. Gibson expressed, at public request, that the font size be increased on the Board notices in the Pocahontas Times. Unfortunately, the font size cannot be increased but notices are always included in the newspaper calendar and county website. Board meeting schedules will be provided to the public upon request.

Mr. Burns acknowledged dedication of all employees. Educators are faced with extreme challenges today. He graciously honored the staff of Pocahontas County Schools, wishing them the best for the 2020-2021 school year.

Mr. McLaughlin and Mr. McComb wholeheartedly agreed with Mr. Burns.

Dr. Hollandsworth noted the exceptional artwork from the talented Marlinton Middle School art teacher, Mrs. Peggy Owens and MMS staff. The painted vases were quite a surprise. Thank you. Dr. Hollandsworth hopes the parents realize how hard everyone has worked and continues to work to keep the schools safe. May parents be cooperative and do what they can to make their children safe. This will be a year to go down in history.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION...**

On the motion of Mr. Gibson, the Board unanimously approved a call for Executive Session to discuss personnel issues and a property issue, no action taken. The Board went into Executive Session at 7:54 PM, and at the conclusion of the Executive Session, the Board unanimously agreed to return to the Agenda at 8:30 PM.

**NEXT BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING...**

Next Board of Education Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 22, 2020 beginning at 6:00 PM at the Board of Education Conference Room, Buckeye, WV.

**ADJOURN...**

On the motion of Mr. McLaughlin, seconded by Mr. Burns, the Board unanimously approved o adjourn the meeting.



Secretary



President