



Regular Meeting Agenda #13–1/11/18

Regular Meeting Minutes

The Pleasants County Board of Education met in regular session on Thursday, January 11, 2018 in the Board Meeting Room at 1009 Maple Street, St. Marys, WV, 26170 at 5:37 p.m. with President Heather Straight presiding.

Present: Dr. Heather Straight, President
 Mr. Danny DeMoss, Vice President
 Mrs. Sharon Gainer
 Mr. Marty Lawhon
 Mr. David Meeks

Administrative staff present: G. Michael Wells, superintendent; Jennifer Hupp, treasurer/chief school business official; Jim Brown, director of curriculum and instruction; and Gary Bills, director of technology.

The Board opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Board of Education held its annual meeting with the St. Marys Elementary School LSIC for the purpose of enabling the Pleasants County Board of Education to receive information, comments and suggestions from the LSIC. Written reports were provided to the Board of Education describing progress made on annual performance measures for accountability and annual performance measure goals. Presenting for the LSIC was Mrs. Tammy Haught, principal, St. Marys Elementary School.

Also discussed were:

- The school's Five-Year Strategic Plan;
- Activities the school is undertaking to increase student achievement;
- Discussion/suggestions on how the Board of Education can assist the school in meeting its goals in providing quality education for its students; and
- Discussion on the school's progress and accomplishments/successes that it is proud of

Mr. Wells thanked the St. Marys Elementary School staff for their work and commitment to what they are doing.

A short recess was taken and the Board reconvened at 6:10 p.m.

Mr. Wells requested to move Agenda Items 11 a-Executive Session to discuss a legal matter & - Agreement with Rummel, Klepper & Kahl, LLP to the top of the agenda. On motion of Danny DeMoss, seconded by Sharon Gainer, and approved 5-0, the items were moved as requested.

Mr. Wells announced that Agenda Item 9b-Employment of Elementary Counselor was being pulled from the agenda.

On motion of Danny DeMoss, seconded by David Meeks, and approved 5-0, the Board entered into Executive Session at 6:13 p.m. pursuant to WVSL §6-9a-4 for discussion of legal matter. Also included in the Executive Session was Attorney Jacob Manning of

Dinsmore & Shohl. The Board returned to open session at 6:48 p.m. with President Straight announcing that no action had been taken.

On motion of Sharon Gainer, seconded by David Meeks, and as recommended by the Superintendent, the agreement with Rummel, Klepper & Kahl, LLP (RK & K) was approved 5-0.

On motion of David Meeks, seconded by Sharon Gainer, and as recommended by the Superintendent, the minutes of the December 14, 2017 regular meeting were approved 5-0.

On motion of Danny DeMoss, seconded by David Meeks, and as recommended by the Superintendent, the transportation request for Glenda Cottrill, Richard Conaway, and Lynn Johnson to attend Track and Field Coaches Clinic-Columbus, OH-January 25-27, 2018 was approved 5-0.

Mr. Wells that the Item under Finance 8c for WV Board of Treasury Investments be a discussion item rather than an action item in order to give the Board members time to consider information being given. On motion of David Meeks, seconded by Danny DeMoss, and as recommended by the Superintendent, the following finance items were approved 5-0 by consent:

**Invoices in the amount of \$594,349.54
December Financial Report
Budget Transfers and Supplements**

Discussion was held on the WV Board of Treasury Investments information.

On motion of Danny DeMoss, seconded by David Meeks, and as recommended by the Superintendent, the following **personnel items** were approved 5-0 by consent, pending meeting all necessary requirements:

9a-Termination of Substitute Cook Contract, Removal from Substitute Cook List

MICHELLE GORDON

9b- EMPLOYMENT, 2017-2018

Substitute Teachers-ALYSON JANES, ADDIE LEWIS, LOGANN LONG, BLAKE WALLS

Vacancy #18-30, TEMPORARY Cook II, St. Marys High School, to bill a leave of absence until the return of the regular employee-WANDA WEHMEYER

EXTRACURRICULAR ASSIGNMENT AGREEMENTS

Vacancy #18-31, All Season Sports Clock Operator, St. Marys High School, 2017-2018-JIM RUBENSTEIN

9c-NON-PAID, CERTIFIED AUTHORIZED ASSISTANT COACHES, PCMS, 2017-2018

Non-Paid Assistant Boys' Basketball Coach, St. Marys High School, 2017-2018-BRANDON MATHEWS

9d-VOLUNTEER COMMITMENT/AGREEMENTS, 2017-2018

BES - Carleen Dennis
Chris Eddy

SMES - Carleen Dennis
Julia Henegar

PCMS - Carleen Dennis

On motion of David Meeks, seconded by Sharon Gainer, and as recommended by the Superintendent, the volunteer commitment/agreement for SMHS for 2017-2018 for Jamie Mooney was approved 4-0. Danny DeMoss abstained.

On motion of David Meeks, seconded by Danny DeMoss, and as recommended by the Superintendent, the **miscellaneous item** renewal of Agreement with Suddenlink for WAN Services was approved 5-0.

DIRECTOR REPORTS:

Jim Brown, director of curriculum and instruction:

Director of Curriculum & Instruction Update

Presented by Jim Brown

PLEASANTS COUNTY SCHOOLS

January 11, 2018

1. ESSA Approval Status

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — The U.S. Education Department is sending West Virginia back to the drawing board on some aspects of its submission for compliance with the Every Student Succeeds Act. Some questions deal with how much weight West Virginia gives to different areas of its academic accountability system, whether West Virginia is holding its counties accountable for English-language proficiency and the viability of locally-selected tests in lower grades. The Every Student Succeeds Act, shortened to ESSA by academics who talk about it, was passed in 2015 to replace No Child Left Behind as federal education policy. The new standards give significantly more latitude to states. States must submit goals and standards and how they plan to achieve them to the US Department of Education, which provides oversight. Over the past couple of weeks, many states have received additional direction from the U.S. Department of Education about their ESSA proposals. The letter from the U.S. Department of Education to state Superintendent of Schools Steve Paine, dated Dec. 18, goes over several areas of proposed tweaking.

The U.S. Department of Education is asking for clarifications or additional material about meeting the requirements. Federal officials are asking for a resubmission by Jan. 3, although West Virginia is allowed to ask for more time.

“We encourage you to continue to engage in consultation with stakeholders, including representatives from the Governor’s office, as you develop and implement your State plan,” wrote Jason Botel, principal deputy assistant secretary for the U.S. Department of Education.

West Virginia is being asked to take another look at several areas:

- The federal education department takes West Virginia to task for not identifying the most common language spoken in the state, other than English.
- The U.S. Education Department also asks about goals to ensure English language proficiency. It says the state’s long-term goal for English learners is based on the percentage of students achieving proficiency within six years, not the percentage of students making progress. “As a result, it is unclear whether WVDE meets the statutory requirement,” the federal agency wrote.
- The U.S. education department asks for clarification about West Virginia’s plans to measure progress using Lexile and Quantile scales, rather than the percent of students attaining grade-level proficiency. Lexile refers to measurement of reading skills, and Quantile refers to mathematics skills. “Because WVDE has not explained the clear relationship of Lexile and Quantile scales to the State’s academic achievement standards, which are used to measure proficiency, it does not appear that WVDE’s long-term goals constitute goals that are measured by grade-level proficiency on the State’s annual assessments in reading/language arts and mathematics,” the federal agency commented.**
- The U.S. Department of Education also said that although West Virginia describes efforts to consult with people around the state about its plan, it does not include all required stakeholder groups. Those include teachers, principals, other school leaders, paraprofessionals, specialized instructional support personnel, charter school leaders, parents and community partners.

2. Curriculum & Instruction

- Math Text Book Adoption
- o District Level Presentations

Tuesday, January 16th McGraw Hill
Thursday, January 18th iReady

- o Instructional Materials Caravan

Thursday, January 25th Secondary Math
Friday, January 26th Elementary Math

3. Assessment

St. Marys High School administered the PSAT to all 10th and 11th grade students at St. Marys High School on October 11th. The leadership team as well as all teachers have completed the data analysis of the PSAT results. Participation was strong with 91% of sophomores and 82% of juniors taking the assessment. The purpose of the data review was to determine which skills need strengthening prior to the junior class taking the SAT this Fall. The ELA and Math teams analyzed each student's results to determine if there were common skills gaps across each grade level that could be targeted. The results were very informative and ultimately our teachers were encouraged by the results. Teachers were able to determine specific skills that needed taught and equally important as a result of the work they have a better understanding of the PSAT/SAT. Each student who took the PSAT will begin working in prescriptive tutorial in KHAN Academy during their LINKS period to help increase their SAT scores.

The faculty felt that the sophomore class did great as a collective group. The mean score for sophomores was 870, which is below benchmark, but the entire State's mean score in 10th grade was 995. Most sophomores that take the PSAT during their sophomore year are high flyers that are working towards earning the National Merit Scholarship. Collectively, the impression was that students tried their very best and will only score higher next year as part of the state accountability process.

4. Upcoming Submissions

- January 12, 2018 Mid-Year Observation & Evaluation Logs for Professional & Service Personnel
- January 10, 2018 2nd Nine Weeks Report Card Disseminated

Honor Roll & Principal List Submitted to Local Newspaper (PCMS / SMHS)

- January 19, 2018 Friday Data Collection Report Due
- January 26, 2018 Schools' Mid-Year Summary Data Collection Report Due
- January 29-31, 2018 School & District Leadership Team Collaborative Call II

(Focus - Strategic Plan Goals/Action Steps & Data Analysis Submission)

Gary Bills, director of technology:

E-rate application period for Category 2 funding, which includes internal connections is upcoming. We will apply and if we are approved, our plan is to revamp electronics at all schools.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: PCDA-Mr. Lawhon stated that meeting was held this morning with general business. Mr. Wells announced a Skype call will be next week to garner information regarding transition to ESC. Mrs. Gainer announced that MOVTI Council meets next week. Mr. Meeks said the Fair Board meeting was cancelled and will be rescheduled.

BOARD MEMBER AND ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS, QUESTIONS, AND/OR CONCERNS:

Mr. Wells presented the following comments:

- Advertisement for Architects and Engineering for the SBA Project will be forthcoming. There is a meeting next week with Thrasher regarding the PCMS Phase 2 and 3 project.
- Mr. Sole and Mr. Wells will be in Charleston tomorrow for the 90% Graduation Rate recognition.

The next regular meeting will be on Tuesday, January 23, 2018 at Belmont elementary School at 512 Riverview Drive, Belmont, WV, 26134 with a reception at 5:00 p.m., meeting at 5:30 p.m. with LSIC, following by the regular meeting at 6:00 p.m.

On motion of Danny DeMoss, seconded by Marty Lawhon, and approved 5-0, the meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

President

Secretary