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**STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA**

**COUNTY OF WETZEL, to-wit:**

**The Wetzel County Board of Education met in Regular Session on Monday, September 21, 2015, at Long Drain School, in Metz, WV, at 6:30 p.m. The following members were present:**

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| <b>Josh Balcerek</b>     | <b>Linda T. Kirk</b>              |
| <b>Michael D. Blair</b>  | <b>Robert E. Patterson</b>        |
| <b>Carolyn R. Gatian</b> | <b>Leatha Williams, Secretary</b> |

**OPENING, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, AND INVOCATION:**

This Regular Session of the Wetzel County Board of Education was called to order by the President of the Board, Mr. Michael D. Blair. Mr. Balcerek led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and Mr. Patterson gave the opening Invocation.

**REPORTS:**

**Annual Report of the Local School Improvement Council of Long Drain School - Paul C. Huston, Principal Long Drain School and LSIC Chairs:**

Mr. Huston began by recognizing the Local School Improvement Council members present. He also recognized Mrs. Janet Park, Third Grade Teacher, and Wetzel County Teacher of the Year. Mr. Huston then provided the Board with a handout and powerpoint presentation with a review of the 2014-15 LSIC goals, General Assessment update, and the LSIC goals for 2015-2016.

Mrs. Sharon Snider, Fourth Grade Teacher, continued with the presentation and highlighted several of the S.T.E.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) activities and involvement from the Summer School Program. Every daily activity focused on a Fairy Tale theme, and involved math, reading, art, science, and social studies.

Mr. Huston continued by reviewing the 2015 General Assessment data in Reading, Math, and Science. He noted that the school exceeded the state scores in three out of six of the grades in Reading, and five out of six of the grades in Math. The scores also exceeded the state average in Science.

Ms. Dawn West, Title I Reading Interventionist, discussed with the Board a new program she is instituting at Long Drain School. A Reading Academy will be held on Saturdays to promote literacy skills and fluency. Another program to promote literacy that she plans to begin is called ‘One Book One School’, which is a program where they will purchase a book for every family and every staff member. Various activities regarding the book will take place throughout the year, and will extend to the community.

The 2015-2016 LSIC goals are as follows:

- 1) Increase literacy (reading and math) across all grades by 20% to meet or exceed all measurable objectives.
- 2) Promote a culture of high expectations and shared mission for staff, students, parents, and the community in order to meet all measurable objectives.

Destiny Eastham and Logan Norris, LSIC Co-Presidents, thanked the Board for hiring the shared nurse and additional technology specialists. They also thanked them for paving the parking lots and basketball court, the new lockers and gym wall mats, for the full-time art teacher, upgraded phone system, gym lights, and the summer help. Ms. Eastham and Mr.



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Mr. Gottron reviewed the academic and facilities needs, which included updates to the auditorium, Cosgray Field project, connect the weight room to the gym, connect meat lab to the school building, and to share an assistant principal with Long Drain School.

Mr. Blair thanked Mr. Huston for the hospitality, and both schools for their presentations.

**SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**Approval of Minutes:** Regular Meeting - September 8, 2015

Acting on the Superintendent’s recommendation, Mr. Balcerek made the motion to approve the minutes for Regular Meeting, September 8, 2015. Second to the motion was made by Mrs. Kirk and the motion was approved unanimously by the members of the Board.

**Personnel Matters:**

**Employment and/or Changes in Employment:**

**Retirements and/or Resignations:**

**Resignations:**

- Anita M. Howell Acceptance of resignation from position as SAT coordinator at New Martinsville School, effective immediately.
- Janet H. Moore Acceptance of resignation from position as Winter Evening Events Coordinator at Hundred High School, effective September 15, 2015.
- Claudia S. Philp Acceptance of resignation from position as Countywide Substitute Teacher, effective immediately.

**Professional Personnel:**

- Crystal L. Copeland Approval for employment as Countywide Substitute Teacher, effective September 22, 2015. Non-certified.
- Jeremy D. Joy Approval for employment as Countywide Substitute Teacher, effective September 22, 2015. Non-certified.
- Lisa R. Yoho Approval for employment as Countywide Substitute Teacher, effective September 22, 2015. Non-certified.

**Service Personnel:**

- Guy F. Duke Approval for employment as Countywide Substitute Custodian II, effective September 22, 2015.
- Mark A. Huggins Approval for change in assignment from Countywide Substitute Bus Operator to Bus Operator, Bus #49, Sancho/Burton/Pogue Run, 655/D, effective September 22, 2015.
- Sarah J. Kinczel Approval for change in assignment from Countywide/Itinerant Supervisory Teacher Aide, Special Education (one-on-one), based at Short Line School, 504/E, to Supervisory Teacher Aide/Autism Mentor, Special Education at Short Line School, 504/E, effective the beginning of the 2016-2017 school year.



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Approval of request from Pam Christy and Billie Wildman, teachers, to take the 7<sup>th</sup> grade students from Short Line School for a field trip to the Pittsburgh Zoo and PPG Aquarium, to be scheduled at the end of the school year.

Approval of request from Annie Hall, teacher, to take the Pine Grove FFA Chapter at Valley High School to attend the Ohio Farm Science Review in London, OH on September 23, 2015. Funded through the Pine Grove FFA Chapter.

Approval of request from Annie Hall, teacher, to take the Pine Grove FFA Chapter at Valley High School to attend the National FFA Convention in Louisville, KY on October 27-31, 2015. Funded through the Pine Grove FFA Chapter.

**Request to Use School Facilities:**

Approval of request from Carol Roberts for the Hundred-Littleton Alumni Association to hold its annual reunion, banquet, and meeting at Hundred High School on Saturday, October 3, 2015, at 6:00 p.m.

Approval of request from Jennifer Kolat for the YoungLife Club for 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grades to use the ~~Long Drain School~~ Hundred High School commons area and cafeteria for club meetings beginning September 11, 2015 through the end of the 2015-2016 school year.

**Approval of the following Chaperones/Volunteers for the 2015-2016 School Year:**

**Paden City Elementary:**

Bryant Amos	Katrina Dabbs	Courtney Howard	Renee Pennell
Amanda Amos	Robert Dabbs	Qiu HuaPan	Susan Phillips
Angie Anderson	Lisa Dalrymple	Stephanie Hunsinger	Evelee Pittman
Amanda Anderson	David Dalrymple	Sheri Jackson	Laura Poole
Andrea Anderson	Melissa Dennis	Chelsie Kline	Cynthia Post
Sandy Bacorn	Tina Dennis	Tomala Knisely	Michelle Postlethwait
William E. Bacorn Jr.	Amanda Dennis	Tessa Quinn Kunkel	Violet Probst
Penny Baker	Kelly Dennis	LynAnn Kupfner	Whitney Racer
Amanda Barker	Ann Drake	Natacia Lallathin	Allison Raper
Brenda Barker	Wesley Eddy	Jennifer Latimer	Robbin Rector
Katy Bennett	Taryn Eddy	Kasha Leek	Sarah Reed
Lisa Bennett	Amber Ellenwood	Randy Leek	Emily Rodriquez
Malinda Beverlin	Seneca Ferreebee	Elizabeth Littell	Stephanie Satow
Barbara Bidwell	Jessica Ferreebee	Zoa Little	Patricia Scheuvront
Belinda Billiter	Gregory Fisher	Sharon Lively	Kevin Schupbach
Brittany Billiter	Brittany Flesher	John Long	Jennifer Shinn
Lindsey Billiter	Kylie Fox	Joshua Loy	DJ Smith
Anna Blum	Tiffany Gibson	Kendra Lydick	Brittany Smith
Don Blum	Aimee Giovannzo	Precious Mast	Jill Smith
Carol Blum	Josh Goddard	Jonathan Mast	Elizabeth Southerly
Jennifer Bolen	Brian Goddard	Julia Matheny	Roger Spragg
Mary Bordenkircher	Lisa Goddard	Heather McAbee	Chanda Spragg
Amie Bowser	Jennifer Gorney	Angi McDonald	Susan Stackpole
Aunnia Brady	Barbara Gray	Melissa McEldowney	Linda Stillwagner
Melinda Brooke Brumfield	Tad Greene	Mary McGinnis	Pat Stillwagner
Heather Caruth	Misty Hardman	Tiffany Michael	Amber Straight
Shawna Christner	Allan Henthorn	Stephany Miller	Erica Thomas
Stacey Christopher	Elizabeth Hicks	Taneauha Moore	Melissa Thorn
Harriet Clark	Chris Higgins	Katrina Neff	April Torres
Karen Clements	Angel Higgins	Shay Neff	Nichole Utt
Shanna Cox	Kimberly Hizer	Brooke Parrish	Danielle Wagner
	Jill Householder	Jessica Peck	Heidi Watterson

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Missy Wayt	Brittany Whittington	Jennifer Yeater	Kelly Young
Jodi Weckbacher	Marjorie Wilcox	Stacey Yoho	
Carrie Werner	Misty Willey	Lisa Young	
Robert Wetzel	Christeen Williams		

**Release from Wetzel County Schools:**

Approval of request from Jennifer Lantz for her child, Nathan Lantz, to be released from Wetzel County Schools (Paden City High School) to continue attending Tyler County Schools for the 2015-2016 school year.

Approval of request from Tonya Schupbach for her child, Dalton Schupbach, to be released from Wetzel County Schools (Paden City High School, to attend Tyler County Schools for the 2015-2016 school year.

Approval of request from Deloris Watson for her children, Alvin Byard and Lina Watson, to be released from Wetzel County Schools (Valley High School) to continue attending Marion County Schools for the 2015-2016 school year.

**MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATIONS AS OUTLINED UNDER ROUTINE MATTERS:**

Mr. Balcerek made the motion for approval of the Superintendent’s recommendations as outlined under Routine Matters. Second to the motion was made by Mrs. Gatian and the motion was approved unanimously by the members of the Board.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:**

**Approval for Payment of Bills for the Month of August 2015 (invoices approved at this meeting are available for review at the Wetzel County Schools’ Financial Office); Transfers and Increases in the Budget; and Approval for the Annual Financial Statements for Fiscal Year 2015.**

Mrs. Gatian made the motion for approval for Payment of Bills for the Month of August, 2015, and for the Annual Financial Statements for Fiscal Year 2015. Second to the motion was made by Mr. Balcerek and the motion was approved unanimously by the members of the Board. There were no Transfers and Increases in the Budget.

**OTHER ITEMS:**

There were no other items.

**ADDRESS THE BOARD:**

On behalf of the members of the WCEA, Mr. Josh Weekley, WCEA Co-President, addressed the Board regarding the concerns they have with the changes made to the mentorship program for new teachers. After briefly reviewing both the previous mentoring plan and the new plan, Mr. Weekley stated the organization opposes the changes.

Mr. Blair issued the following statement:

“To assist the public in understanding more about federal special education law and the very limited role that school boards play in that process, we are releasing this statement. Under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and State Board Policy 2419, a team of educators and a child’s parents meet at least annually to design a program of instruction for each child. This program is known as an Individualized Education Program (or plan), frequently referred to by its acronym IEP. An IEP Team reviews and considers information about the child provided by his or her teachers, service providers and parents in order to set annual goals, determine necessary services, and the school setting for the student. By law,

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school boards cannot interfere with that process. IEP decisions are made by IEP Teams alone. If parents are dissatisfied with a decision of the IEP Team, there are multiple legal avenues for parents to pursue. But in no case can a school board override or direct an IEP Team to do anything. We hope this statement helps to set the record straight about the role of school boards in the creation of educational programs for special needs students.”

Mrs. Karen Stevens signed the register to ask the Board to reconsider the centralized education program for students with special needs.

Mrs. Monica Morris also signed the register to speak. She stated that Roy Stevens gained roots at Hundred High School while attending there and asked the Board to reconsider their decision for his placement.

Ms. Kristie Wilson addressed the Board regarding the placement of Roy Stevens. She asked them to not only consider his educational needs, but to also consider his medical condition and physical needs.

Mr. Blair thanked the speakers for their input.

**POSSIBLE EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

An Executive Session was not needed.

**DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING:**

- October 5, 2015      - Regular Meeting      - Paden City Elementary School - 6:30 p.m.
- October 19, 2015    - Regular Meeting      - Short Line School - 6:30 p.m.
- November 2, 2015   - Regular Meeting      - New Martinsville School - 6:30 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Having set the time and date of the next meeting of the Wetzel County Board of Education, Mr. Blair made the motion to adjourn this Regular Meeting. Mrs. Gatian seconded the motion for unanimous approval to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

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President

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Secretary