

MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Session – December 18, 2012
Seminar Center

The Mercer County Board of Education met in regular session at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, December 18, 2012, in the Mercer County Technical Education Seminar Center.

Members present were Gregory Prudich, Gilbert Bailey, Edward Gillespie, Mary Alice Kaufman, Paul Hodges, and Deborah S. Akers, Secretary.

Mr. Prudich had a moment of silence in memory of the students and staff who were killed in the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Joe Turner, Assistant Superintendent, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

RECOGNITIONS

Dr. Kristal Filipek, Director of Human Resources, recognized the following 110% Club Honorees:

Daniel McKowen, Teacher, Princeton Primary School
James Lee Davis, Custodian, Bluefield Middle School

Kellan Sarles, Data Information Specialist, presented a slide show of the basketball court installation at the Bluefield Armory.

CITIZENS INPUT/PRESENTATION

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Mr. Bailey, seconded by Mr. Gillespie, and by a 5-0 vote, the Board approved the Minutes of December 11, 2012, as submitted.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

RFP #217 Broadband Service

Board Memo #113

RFP #217 was issued for the purpose of providing the Board of Education with broadband services at all locations.

Proposals were sent to nine vendors, and responses were received from three vendors. A selection committee evaluated the vendor responses, and ranked them as follows:

Suddenlink.....	91.17
Frontier.....	76.14
Lumos Networks.....	59.51

The selection committee ranked Suddenlink highest.

On motion of Mrs. Kaufman, seconded by Mr. Bailey, and by a 5-0 vote, the Board awarded RFP #217 to Suddenlink.

Bid #813 Princeton High School Softball Field Lights

Board Memo #114

Bid #813 was issued for providing and installing four lights with needed electrical service at Princeton Senior High School softball field. A mandatory pre-bid meeting was held on November 19 with seven vendors attending. Bid responses are as follows:

Appalachian Power Co., Inc.	\$ 80,330
DCI Shires, Inc.	\$115,000
Lowe Bros, Inc.	\$142,108

On motion of Mr. Gillespie, seconded by Mr. Hodges, and by a 5-0 vote, the Board awarded Bid #813 to Appalachian Power Co., Inc. for \$80,330. Substantial completion date is February 16, 2013.

Payment of Invoices (December)

Board Memo #115

On motion of Mr. Bailey, seconded by Mr. Gillespie, and by a 5-0 vote, the Board approved the payment of invoices for the month of December.

Payment of Invoices (pre-approved January)

Board Memo #116

On motion of Mr. Gillespie, seconded by Mrs. Kaufman, and by a 5-0 vote, the Board pre-approved payment for such reoccurring operating costs as public utilities, cash advances for travel in accordance with policy, and contractual obligations. The superintendent or her designee (the Treasurer) is directed to issue, and release for payment, invoices as presented for public utilities, and contractual obligations in accordance with budgetary, purchasing, and school board policy for the month of December.

Budget Supplements and Transfers (December)

Board Memo #117

On motion of Mr. Bailey, seconded by Mrs. Kaufman, and by a 5-0 vote, the Board approved the following budget supplements and transfers for the month of December:

Fund 11	
Student Body Activity	\$47,932.15
MCBOE	402.54
Miscellaneous Billings	7,768.00
Total Supplements	\$56,102.69
Fund 51	
SBA Oakvale Award	\$4,931,224.31
Total Supplements	\$4,931,224.31
Fund 61	
Tech Centers That Work	\$11,000.00
PVHS Athletic Improvements	20,000.00
PVHS Softball Fence	7,000.00
Glenwood – Improvements	1,500.00
PSHS Band	1,500.00
State Vocational Education-Negative Supplement	(78,803.00)
WV Grant for Princeton Primary	400.00
State ABE Grant-Negative Supplement	(188,317.00)
Safe & Supportive S3 Grant	67,300.00
Title Dance Grant for Bluefield Intermediate	15,000.00
Title I Dance Grant for Straley	15,000.00
Community Education	3,258.00
Adult Vocational Day Program	87,070.00
Adult Vocational Evening Program	1,660.00
Total Supplements	(\$33,432.00)
Budget Transfers	
Fund 11	\$7,975,002.00
General Fund	\$7,975,002.00
Total Transfers	

Policy Revision I-10, High School Grading Policy (First Reading)

Board Memo #118

Policy Revision I-10, High School Grading Policy, was submitted for first reading. Changes proposed are the addition of section 6.8 on page 5. No action is required at this time.

Career Connections Business Partner

Board Memo #119

On motion of Mr. Gillespie, seconded by Mr. Hodges, and by a 5-0, the Board approved the following business partners for the Career Connections Program:

Dr. Cynthia Branson
Laurie
313 Courthouse Road
Princeton, WV 24740
304-425-3050

Foley Orthodontics
Cindy
203 Brookshire Lane
Beckley, WV 25801
304-255-0549
304-255-2788 FAX

RFP #215 Rapid Notification Service Renewal

Board Memo #120

Reliance Communications submitted second year pricing of \$14,383.50 for SchoolMessenger services. The price decreased based upon 2012-2013 student enrollment.

On motion of Mr. Bailey, seconded by Mr. Hodges, and by a 5-0 vote, the Board approved renewal of RFP #215, Rapid Notification Service (SchoolMessenger) to Reliance Communications in the amount of \$14,383.50.

Personnel

Board Memo #121

On motion of Mr. Gillespie, seconded by Mr. Bailey, and by a 5-0 vote, the Board approved the following personnel agenda. All new employment recommendations are contingent upon the return of a clean background check.

Professional

TRANSFERS:

BETH STONE, from Special Education Teacher, Bluefield High School, to Dean of Students, Princeton Senior High School, effective January 17, 2013

EMPLOYMENT:

CAROLYN MILLER STEPHENS, School Psychologist, Itinerant (part-time), effective With the 2013-2014 school year

CONTRACTED SERVICES:

21ST CENTURY AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM TEACHERS

Montcalm Elementary School

Kathy Goins
Loressa Bouldin
Jennifer Parsons
Evonne Davidson
Tonya Elliot

HOME/HOSPITAL INSTRUCTORS

Stephen Gibbs

COACHING

Princeton Senior High School

Volunteer: Chris Presley, Assistant Baseball Coach

PROFESSIONAL SUBSTITUTES

Remove:

Brenda Jesse
Leslie Gillespie

Add:

Lauren Buckner
Speech

Kristie Stevenson
Speech

Cassandra “Lynn” Carr
English 7-12

Cassidi Hall
Pre-K Early Childhood
K-6 Elem. Ed.

EXTRA DUTY ASSIGNMENTS

PikeView Middle School

Virginia Jeffries

Glenwood School

Ronda Stafford

VOLUNTEERS

60 Hours Volunteer Work through WVU: Anthony Veneri
Benendum Collaborative Five-Year Teacher Education Program

Glenwood School

Paula Akers Laura Clay Carla Cole Amber Lewis-Gillespie Beth Mallory Makesha Myers Martha Reed Jamie Suttle	Tresa Beavers Cristy Clendenin Rebecca Harris Sara Surface Felecia Mills Hillary Pedigo Sarah Riggs
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Spanishburg Elementary School

Brandy Matney
Josephine Lester

Service Personnel

RESIGNATIONS:

JUDITH CROTTY, Aide, Athens Elementary School, effective January 11, 2013
Reason: Retirement

PATRICIA SIX, Bus Operator, effective December 31, 2012
Reason: Retirement

LEAVES:

MARK SHRADER, Bus Operator, requests Medical Leave beginning December 10, 2012,
Through April 26, 2013

TRANSFERS:

TRESSA BROOKMAN, from Cook II, Glenwood School, to Secretary II, Mercer County
Early Learning Center, Bluefield Site, effective January 2, 2013

SERVICE SUBSTITUTES

Remove:

Greg Pennington (Sub Bus Operator)

Add: (Aides)

Karen Bailey Tony Bullins Melinda Conner Katelynn Gilpin Della Graham Aaron Isbell	Rhonda Mitchem Stephanie Scott Emily Sisk Amy Miller Daphne McKinney Rita Brewer Lane
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DISCUSSION

Attendance Zones

REPORTS

Financial Statement (October)

INFORMATION

Update – Priority Projects

Update – Oakvale Elementary School

Superintendent's Report

UPCOMING EVENTS/BOARD MEETINGS

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION
December 18	7:00 PM	Seminar Center	Board Meeting
December 21		County-wide	IS Day (no students)
Dec. 22-Jan. 1		County-wide	Winter Break
January 8	6:00 PM	Seminar Center	Board Meeting – LSIC presentations schools K-2 & ELC
January 15	7:00 PM	Seminar Center	Meeting with Legislators
January 22	7:00 PM	Seminar Center	Board Meeting
February 12	6:00 PM	Seminar Center	Board Meeting – LSIC presentations: schools 3-5
February 26	7:00 PM	Seminar Center	Board Meeting

ADJOURNMENT

No further business, Mr. Gillespie moved to adjourn, seconded by Mrs. Kaufman, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Deborah S. Akers, Secretary