Mercer County Board of Education
June 8, 2026
Regular Session (5:00 P.M.)
MCTEC Seminar Center

The Mercer County Board of Education met in regular session at 6:00 P.M. on Monday, June 8, 2026, in the Seminar Center at Mercer County Technical Education Center, Princeton, WV.

Members present were Greg Prudich, Jacinda Santon-Smith, Paul Hodges, and Jim Bailey, and Mark Godfrey.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Dr. Ernie Adkins, Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Education, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

RECOGNITIONS

- 110% Club
  - Jennifer Perdue – Special Education Supervisor
  - Shannon Noble – Special Education Supervisor
  - Dr. Stephanie Teixeira – Office of Special Education Psychologist
  - Kim Rotenberry – MCTEC, Recruitment and Technical Center Facilitator
  - Lori Thompson – Timberwood, 3rd Grade Teacher
  - Ann Looney – Bluefield Primary, Counselor
- Certificate of Achievement
  - 2026 WV Association of School Nurses, School Nurse of the Year
    - Jenny Lilly
  - Elementary Battle of the Books Champions
    - Montcalm Elementary School
      - Raven Krondin
      - Charlotte Bondi
      - Alayna Duncan
      - Aubrie O'Donnell
      - Raegan Hodges
      - Coaches: Kathy Goins & Karen Lattie
  - WV AAA State Track Champion
    - Princeton Senior High School
      - Jacob Hall

- West Virginia Arbor Day Poster Contest Winner
  - Glenwood School
    - Ayathi Kanjerla

PRESENTATIONS

SUPERINTENDENT'S OPENING REMARKS

- Letter from Lacey Manello, Coordinator of School Finance WVDE 2025-Audit File is Closed.
- All Mercer County Public High School Graduation's and Project Graduations were held on May 29, 2026.
- Central Office "End of Year" Cookout
  - June 11, 2026 at 4:30 PM at Glenwood Park Shelter #9
- West Virginia School Board Association Orientation '26 is June 12-13, 2026 at Canaan Valley Resort & Conference Center. Agenda and copy of book "How NOT to be a Terrible School Board Member," Lessons for School Administrators and Board Members, by Richard E. Mayer.
- Last Instructional Day is June 15th and last day for Teachers and Staff is June 18th
- West Virginia Association of School Administrator Summer Conference is June 15 – 18, 2026 at Stonewall Jackson Resort.
- West Virginia Day – June 19th – All offices are closed.
- Mercer County JASON Argonaut's Houston Expedition is June 21 – June 27.
- JASON National Conference June 29 – July 1
  - We hope to become an AASA/JASON "Empowering Stem" District.

CITIZENS INPUT

- None

POLICY 2322 WEST VIRGINIA SUPPORT & ACCOUNTABILITY: SCHOOL PERFORMANCE, STUDENT OUTCOMES, STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

- Dr. Ernie Adkins shared the i-Ready BOY, MOY, EOY charts, one for reading and one for math. This showed the growth of the students on Grade Level from the beginning of the school year to the end of the school year.
- Ms. Mitchell shared the Grow Your Own students had 5 grads and 29 total from MCTEC in Grow your Own, Cyber, Health Care, and Engineering. Dr. Miear has filled 7 of the 13 open positions at Bluefield Middle. Chronic Attendance is going to be well above our goal for the year. The number of Dual Credits earned is a major improvement from last year.
- Amanda Aliff shared that 5 students earned bi-literacy while 3 of those earned Global bi-literacy.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Hodges made a motion to approve the minutes for May 26, 2026 with the correction of the time on page 3, seconded by Mr. Bailey and by 5-0 vote, the Board approved the minutes.

PRESENTATION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA
NEW BUSINESS

Approval of Consent Agenda

On the motion of Mr. Hodges and seconded by Ms. Santon-Smith by a 5-0 vote, the board approved the items on the consent agenda.

Listing of Student Teachers for Yearlong Residency I and II, students from Bluefield State University
Board Memo # 445

The board approved Bluefield State University request for placement for Yearlong Residency I and II students in Mercer County Schools for the fall 2026 and spring 2027 semesters. Placements are contingent upon completion and submission of required West Virginia Department of Education (WVDE) forms, receipt of an acceptable background check, and the university naming a site supervisor.

Student	School	Teacher
Sara Conley	Mountain Valley	Principal will make placement
Cage Miller	Mountain Valley	Principal will make placement
Marlee Farmer	Timberwood	Principal will make placement
Cassy Bailey	Mercer	Principal will make placement
Ariel Bailey	Lashmeet/Matoka	Principal will make placement
Jason Hajenga	PikeView Middle	Principal will make placement
Madison O'Dell	Sun Valley	Principal will make placement
Simonye Robinson	Timberwood	Principal will make placement
Adrianne Jarrell	Timberwood	Principal will make placement
Amir Powell	Bluefield Intermediate	Principal will make placement
Kacey McPeak	Melrose	Principal will make placement
Kalie Thomason	Mountain Valley	Principal will make placement
Montana Mann	Oakvale	Principal will make placement

Listing of Student Placements from Bluefield State University for Various Courses for Fall 2026

Board Memo # 446

The board approved Bluefield State University request for placement for students for the fall 2026 semester, including PE 334 Health and PE in School, EDUC 280 Educational Psychology and Classroom Instruction, and SPED 310 Introduction to Special Education. Placements are contingent upon completion and submission of required West Virginia Department of Education (WVDE) forms, receipt of an acceptable background check, and the university naming a site supervisor.

Student	School	Teacher
EDUC 280		
Brianna Bowman	Timberwood	Principal will make placement
Keterra Burkett		
Emma Flanagan		
Peyton Hale		
Kobe Halstead		
Sophie Woody		
PE 334		
Emily Booth	Mountain Valley	Principal will make placement
Teja Robinson	Bluefield Primary	
Taylor Hollins	Princeton Primary	
SPED 310		
Emily Booth	Mountain Valley	Principal will make placement
Hunter Powell	Mercer	
Montana Mann	Oakvale	
Jordyn Lambert	Bluefield Primary	
Glen Keene		
Teja Robinson		
Heidi Crist	Bluefield Intermediate	
Riley Dempsey	Mountain Valley	
Lilly Gray	Bluefield Primary	
Malia Powell	Bluefield Intermediate	
Breanna Bowman	Bluefield Primary	
Sophie Woody	Timberwood	

RFP 355 – Telephone Repair Services

Board Memo # 447

The board approved RFP 355 which was issued to secure proposals for telephone repair services for all Mercer County Schools' telephones, faxes, and phone lines. The cost per hour of repair service is $80.00. Communication Consultants, Bluefield, WV.

RFP 356 – Drug Testing
Board Memo # 448

The board approved RFP 356 which was issued to obtain individual drug testing. This testing covers all employees and students for Mercer County Schools. Expenditures for FY 24/25 was $20,635. The RFP was awarded to Mercer Day Report Center and is $20.00 a test and will be funded by the excess levy.

RFP 329 – Renewal 2 Local and/or Long Distance
Board Memo # 449

The board approved RFP 329 Renewal 2 pricing requested from Frontier Communications. Frontier's renewal pricing on the business lines is $49.99. Expenses for FY 24/25 were $220,884.07. Frontier increased the cost of the business lines from $29.99 to $49.99. The increase in the cost per line is due to the tariff increases on copper, an increase in operating expenses and the cost of fuel, etc.

Savvas D'Nealian Handwriting Consumable Workbooks
Board Memo # 450

The board approved the quote from Savvas Learning Company for D'Nealian Handwriting Workbooks to purchase 2,688 in the amount of $49,580.18 for the 2026/2027. This purchase utilizes the 791 Cooperative Contract # 791202303007.

Bid 988 Demolition of Bluewell, Brushfork, and Ceres Schools
Board Memo # 451

The Board approved Bid 988, demolition of Bluewell, Brushfork, and Ceres Schools, to be awarded to Empire Salvage & Recycling in the amount of $450,773.10. The bid was advertised in two local newspapers, and a mandatory pre-bid meeting was held on May 14, 2026. The pre-bid meeting was attended by six venders. Bids were received from three of the venders, shown below. Excess Levy funds will be utilized for this project.

Vendor	Total
Empire Salvage & Recycling	$450,773.10
Reclaim Company	$580,680.00
CAT Trucking	$592,796.00

Auction of Surplus Items
Board Memo # 452

The Board approved the following list of 12 pallets of items that are no longer needed by the Transportation department. These items will be placed for sale at public auction.

Pallet	Items
#1	Strobe Lights, Wiper Blades and Slack adjustors
#2	Repair kits, loading lights, dip stick tubes, ABS rings, and air tank straps
#3	Defrost hoses, injector kits, air governors, and left/right mirrors
#4	S-Cam Drum brakes, horns and valves
#5	Left and Right-side mirrors, exhaust tubes, and sun visors
#6	Wheel Seals, air disc brake chambers, slack adjusters,
#7	Loading lights, red tail light lenses, and hood mirror lenses
#8	Battery alternators, exhaust hangers and brake chambers
#9	Coolant hoses, washer fluid tanks, and coolant tanks
#10	Oil filter housings, serpentine belts, washer fluid reservoirs, fuel sending unit, and back-up alarms
#11	Front & Rear shocks (60 series)(70 series), and tie rod
#12	Radiator hoses, copper tubing, plastic airline tubing

RFP 334 Standards Based Online Assessment Program – Renewal #2
Board Memo # 453

The Board approved the renewal 2 pricing for RFP 334 Standards Based Online Assessment Program which was requested from Curriculum Associates, LLC. The amount is $301,043.27 which is a decrease of $8,444.81 from the 25/26 renewal. Blended funding from Title 1, Early Literacy, Third Grade Skills Act, and local finds will be used.

2026 Verkada License Renewals
Board Memo # 454

The Board approved the Director of Technology's request to renew the Verkada license for one year. The total cost is $104,438.72. This license includes 546 cameras, 88 restroom environmental sensors, 4 horns for vape sensors, and 1 door control system. The term of the license renewal is 7/1/26 to 6/30/26. Procurement provided by Advantage Technology using the Mountain State ESC 24.004 contract. Excess levy funds will be used.

Student Laptop Clamshell Cases
Board Memo # 455

The Board approved the Director of Technology's request to purchase 1780 Lenovo Clamshell cases for Student laptops. The cost is $44,998.40. The cost per case is $25.28 using the OMNIA NCPA REG14 01-152 contract. Excess levy funds will be used to purchase the cases.

Service Contract for Towable Electric Boom – Maintenance
Board Memo # 456

The Board approved the purchase of the full warranty services for the towable electric boom that was approved for purchase on May 11, 2026. The additional cost for the full warranty is $2,660. Excess Levy funds will be used for this purchase.

Funding Request- Alternative Education/Expelled Student Program
Board Memo #457

The board approved the f retroactive funding in the amount of $220,000 for Mercer County Schools' Alternative Education and Expelled Student Program for the 2025/2026 school year. Due to an administrative oversight, program services commenced prior to obtaining a formal quote and issuance of a purchase order. Board approval is requested to authorize payment and funding for services rendered. This funding has supported the continued provision of educational services for students assigned to alternative education settings and those who have been expelled from the regular school environment. The program utilizes the Proximity Learning platform, which is available through the Southern Educational Services Cooperative, to provide certified instruction and ensure students maintain access to core academic coursework. The program allows students to continue earning credits toward graduation while receiving needed academic and behavioral supports in a structured environment. Funding supports: * Proximity Learning instructional services * Special education and 504 compliance and support services * Technology and instructional resources * Graduation support opportunities A combination of excess levy funds and county funds will be used to support this expenditure.

2026/2027 Alternative Education/Expelled Student Program Funding Request

Board Memo # 458

The Board approved the quote that was obtained from Southern Educational Services Cooperative for Alternative-Virtual School in the amount of approximately $220,000 for the 2026/2027 school year. There is no price increases from the 25/26 school year. Costs are based on a per-student enrollment model. The total cost for the 25/26 school year was approximately $220,000; however actual expenditures for the 2026/2027 school year will be dependent upon student enrollment.

RFP 357 Walk-in Cooler-Freezer Montcalm Elementary

Board Memo # 459

The Board approved RFP 357 which was issued for providing a Walk-in Cooler-Freezer at Montcalm Elementary. The total cost for the cooler-freezer is $64,598.85. This purchase will be made from Hooten Equipment, Charleston, WV and Child Nutrition funds will be used for this project. This was advertised in two newspapers, and a mandatory pre-bid meeting was held on May 21, 2026 at 2:00 PM. Responses were received from Hooten Equipment and Southern Air.

RFP 354 – HVAC AC/Boiler Repair and Mainenance-Service

Board Memo # 460

The board approved RFP 354 which was issued to obtain bids for HVAC AC/Boiler Repair and Maintenance. Bids were requested for three (3) service types, with the potential for each category to be awarded to a separate bidder. Bidders were not required to bid on all services. HVAC Maintenance is performed by Mercer County Schools. Two (2) bids were received for Chiller Maintenance & Repair Services and Boiler Maintenance and Repair Services. Three (3) bids were received for HVAC Repair Services. The vendors were scored on the following criteria set forth by the selection committee:

Total Cost	40 Points
Service Capability	20 Points
Vendor Experience	20 Points
Prior Experience with the Board	10 Points
Proposal Compliance	10 points
Total Possible Points	**100 Points**

The selection committee had the following evaluation rankings:

- Chiller Maintenance & Repair Services:
  - Nitro Construction Services – 92
  - Alpha Mechanical Service LLC – 87
- Boiler Maintenance & Repair Services:
  - Nitro Construction Services – 91
  - Alpha Mechanical Service LLC – 85
- HVAC Repair Services
  - Nitro Construction Services – 95
  - Alpha Mechanical Service LLC – 82
  - TruTech Mechanical – 78

All services are awarded to Nitro Construction Services and excess levy funds will be used.

Bid 992 -Hunnicutt Restroom Renovations

Board Memo # 461

The Board approved Bid 992 which was issued to solicit bids for the renovations of the home-side restroom facilities at Anne S. Hunnicutt Stadium. The bid was issued by The Thrasher Group, Inc. and was advertised in local newspaper. A pre-bid meeting was held on May 26, 2026. The pre-bid was attended by three vendors. The June 5, 2026 bid opening results are as follows:

Danhill Construction	$280,000.00
Main Street Buildings	$289,990.00
Wixco Group, Inc.	Bid Withdrawn

The HP and Anne S. Hunnicutt Foundation has contributed $70,000 to fund the project and the remainder will be paid with Capital Project, Fund 51. Danhill Construction for $280,000.00 was awarded.

MOU between MCS and the SESC for Bus Operator Training Services 2026/2027

Board Memo # 462

The board approved the MOU dated July 1, 2026 between the Southern Educational Services Cooperative (SESC), and Mercer County Schools. This MOU covers Bus Operator Training services provided by the SESC to Mercer County Schools for the 2026/2027 fiscal year. This will be paid for out of General Funds.

Payment of Invoices
Board Memo # 463

The board approved the listing of invoices for the month of June. A list of vendors and amounts is available for review at the Central Office. The actual checks have been written, and are being held in the Office of Treasury, pending consideration by the school board. Checks will be issued to vendors upon approval.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Superintendent Travel Request
Board Memo # 464

On the motion of Mr. Godfrey, seconded by Ms. Santon-Smith, and by 5-0 vote, the board approved the Superintendent's requests to travel to the 2026 JASON National Conference in Leesburg, VA, June 29 – July 1, 2026. This year's conference will center us as we learn about tools to navigate times of transition. Liminality is about the space in the midst of transformation when something is changing and has not yet settled into its new form. When technology, education, and our very planet are being restructured, the only way to thrive is to decide to dwell within the process of emerging.

MOA with Concord University for Leadership Academy Cohort
Board Memo # 465

On the motion of Mr. Hodges seconded by Ms. Santon-Smith, and by 5-0 vote, the Board approved the MOA between Mercer County Schools and Concord University to establish a Leadership Academy Cohort for selected employees pursuing Educational Leadership & Supervision Certification. The agreement will be effective through June 30, 2028. Through this partnership, Concord University will provide graduate-level coursework, mentorship, and internship experiences for participating employees enrolled in the Educational Leadership Certification Only Program. Coursework will begin in Fall 2026 and continue through Spring 2028. The program is designed to support the development of future school leaders within Mercer County Schools by providing participants with administrative preparation through Education Leadership coursework in collaboration with a district Leadership Academy. Under the agreement, Mercer County Schools will collaborate with Concord University on participant selection,

program coordination, and payment for coursework as outlined in the agreement. Participants will also contribute a reduced per-course fee while meeting all university admission and program requirements. Approval of this agreement will support leadership development opportunities for current employees and strengthen the district's future administrative pipeline. This will be funded using Teacher Leadership.

2026 JASON National Conference
Board Memo # 466

On the motion of Mr. Hodges, seconded by Mr. Godfrey and by 5-0 vote, the Board approved the funding of the eleven rooms for Mercer County School employees who are attending the JASON National Conference in Leesburg, VA from June 29, 2026 to July 1, 2026. The cost of these hotel accommodations (which include the room, meals, and hotel amenities) is $15,478.98. Excess Levy Funds will be used.

Employee Disciplinary Hearing and Action
Board Memo # 467

On the motion of Ms. Santon-Smith, seconded by Mr. Bailey, and by 5-0 vote, the Board approved the superintendent's recommendation to suspend Mr. Joseph Pennington, Teacher from Bluefield Middle School for 3 days without pay.

Superintendent's Evaluation
Board Memo # 468

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On the motion of Mr. Bailey, seconded by Mr. Godfrey, and by 5-0 vote, the Board withdrew into Executive Session from 7:27 PM to 8:02 PM according to WV Code 18-4-6(d), superintendent's evaluation.

Mr. Prudich advised the final statement and evaluation will be presented at the June 22, 2026 meeting.

Personnel

Board Memo # 469

On the motion of Mr. Bailey, seconded by Ms. Santon-Smith and by 5-0 vote, the board approved the following personnel agenda.

Mercer County Schools
Personnel Agenda
June 8, 2026
Professional Personnel
Note: Employment is contingent upon acceptable background checks and drug testing.

Leave (LOA): Medical

Name	Position/Location	New Position/New Location	Effective/Ending	Notes	Fund	Days
Ballengee, Sara R.	Classroom Teacher, Middle/Junior High - PikeView Middle School		05/06/2026 - 06/18/2026		11	200
Kessler, Leigh H.	Classroom Teacher, Elementary - Lashmeet/Matoaka School		05/19/2026 - 06/17/2026		11	200

Leave (LOA): Medical - Adjustment

Name	Position/Location	New Position/New Location	Effective/Ending	Notes	Fund	Days
Burton, Janet Lee	Classroom Teacher, Elementary - Melrose Elementary School		04/25/2026 - 06/13/2026	Adjustment from 04/25/2026, through 05/31/2026	11	200

Resignation

Name	Position/Location	New Position/New Location	Effective/Ending	Notes	Fund	Days
Canterbury, Stacy D.	Classroom Teacher, Librarian/Social Studies - Montcalm High School		06/18/2026	Resignation	11	200
Boyles, Cordell C.	Math Teacher – Princeton Senior High School		06/30/2026	Resignation	11	200

Reed-Grimmett, Jennifer	Preferred Recall		06/23/2026	Resignation	11	200

Resignations Submitted After Publication of Agenda

Name	Position/Location	New Position/New Location	Effective/Ending	Notes	Fund	Days
Clary, Matasha S.	Spanish Teacher – Princeton Senior High School		06/30/2026	Resignation	11	200
Sheets, Stacy J.	Special Education Specialist - Itinerant		06/06/2026	Resignation	11	210

Transfer

Name	Position/Location	New Position/New Location	Effective/Ending	Notes	Fund	Days
Maldonado, Mariette B.	Classroom Teacher, Special Education (LD/BD/MI) - Bluefield High School	Classroom Teacher, Special Education (Multi-Cat) - Bluefield Middle School	08/17/2026		11	200
Poszich, Hayley M.	Classroom Teacher, Elementary - Bluefield Primary School	Title I Instructional Interventionist - Mountain Valley School	08/17/2026		61-Title I	200
Tanner, Nathan T.	Driver's Education Teacher – Princeton Senior High School	PE Teacher – Princeton Senior High School	08/17/2026		11	200
Riffe, Amber N.	Supervisor of Elementary Education/PreK (261 day) – Central Office	Principal – Sun Valley School	07/24/2026		11	220

Recission of Reduction in Force (RIF) Professional Adjustment

Name	Position/Location	New Position/New Location	Effective/Ending	Notes	Fund	Days
Meskinish, Kira Malene	Title I Social Worker (part-time) – Spanishburg School		08/17/2026	Adjustment from 07/24/2026	61	200

Employment

Name	Position/Location	New Position/New Location	Effective/Ending	Notes	Fund	Days
Rife, Abigail P	English Teacher – Bluefield High School		08/17/2026		11	200

Puckett, Tracy D.	Music Teacher – PikeView Middle School		08/17/2026		11	200
Gilbert, Kelli B.	English Teacher – Bluefield High School		08/17/2026		11	200
Hart, Craig	CTE Agriculture Teacher – PikeView High School		07/24/2026		11	220
Cooper, Amanda	Title I Assistant Principal/Take2 Academy – Mountain Valley School		07/30/2026		61	216

Reassignment of Classroom Teachers Without a Posting

Name	Position/Location	New Position/New Location	Effective/Ending	Notes	Fund	Days
Myers, Jessica	1st Grade Teacher – Spanishburg School	2nd Grade Teacher – Spanishburg School	08/17/2026		11	200
Bailey, Amanda	3rd Grade Teacher – Spanishburg School	4th Grade Teacher – Spanishburg School	08/17/2026		11	200

Coaching - Employment

Name	Position/Location	New Position/New Location	Effective/Ending	Notes	Fund	Days
Lokay, Roger W.	Assistant Football Coach - PikeView High School				12-Excess Levy	
Farmer, Cody A.	Assistant Football Coach (middle) - Montcalm High School				12-Excess Levy	
Hodges, Paige	Assistant Volleyball Coach – Princeton Senior High School				12-Excess Levy	

Coaching - Resignation

Name	Position/Location	New Position/New Location	Effective/Ending	Notes	Fund	Days
Browning, Todd A.	Head Baseball Coach - Glenwood School		05/21/2026			

Kessinger, Kaylin H.	Assistant Cross Country Coach - Princeton Middle School		06/01/2026			
Six, Tina R.	Head Volleyball Coach - PikeView Middle School		05/26/2026			
Payne, Micheal N.	Head Boys' Track Coach - Princeton Middle School		06/18/2026			
Browning, Todd A.	Assistant Boys' Basketball Coach – Glenwood School		05/21/2026			

Extra-Curricular Contracts

Name	Position/Location	New Position/New Location	Effective/Ending	Notes	Fund	Days
Anderson, Cathy S.	Teacher - Early Entrance Screener for Kindergarten		06/23/2026			
Austin, Richard A.	Head Robotics Coach - Montcalm Elementary School		2026-2027 School Year			
Austin, Tabitha D.	Head Robotics Coach - Montcalm High School		2026-2027 School Year			
Bailey, Randa S.	Teacher for Visually Impaired - ESY for Special Needs Program		Wednesdays and Thursdays (part-time), July 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, 23, 29, 30, 2026			
Barros, Ana G.	Resource Teacher, CSI Summer Learning Academy - Bluefield Intermediate School		07/20/2026-07/24/2026			
Billings, Katrina Lynn	Head Robotics Coach - Melrose School		2026-2027 School Year			
Blankenship, Erica	School Nurse - Summer Programs - Bluefield Primary School		July 13-July 17, 2026			

Blankenship, Stephanie Kay	Virtual Counselor - Itinerant		2026-2027 School Year			
Bouldin, Loressa M.	Teacher, K-3 Summer Learning Academy - Bluefield Primary School		July 13-17, July 20-24, 2026			
Cox, Chandra L.	ESY PreK Special Needs Teacher (part-time) - ESY for Special Needs Program-Itinerant		Wednesday and Thursdays (1/2 days), July 8,9,15,16,22,23,29,30, 2026			
Cox, Chandra L.	Teacher, K-3 Summer Learning Academy - Bluefield Primary School		July 13-17, July 20-24, 2026			
Dalton, Kristine M.	Occupational Therapist - ESY for Special Needs Program		Wednesdays and Thursdays (1/2 day), July 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, 23, 29, 30, 2026			
Ellison, Joshua M.	Virtual Homebound Teacher (Science) - Itinerant		2026-2027 School Year			
Fulp, Candy S.	School Nurse - Summer Programs – Bluefield Primary School		July 20-24, 2026			
Goff, Mallori R.	Teacher (4th grade), CSI Learning Academy - Bluefield Intermediate School		July 20-24, 2026			
Henry, Beth	School Counselor for Early Entrance Screener for Kindergarten		June 23, 2026			
Hollins, Alyson N.	Head Robotics Coach - Mountain Valley Elementary School		2026-2027 School Year			
Holt, Savanna Hope	EL Teacher - Summer					
Holt, Savanna Hope	Virtual Facilitator		2026-2027 School Year			

Johnston, William Jared	Head Robotics Coach - Straley Elementary School		2026-2027 School Year			
Kinser, Joy K.	Teacher, K-3 Summer Learning Academy - Princeton Primary School		July 13-17, July 20-24, 2026			
Kopp, Stefanie D.	Teacher, K-3 Summer Learning Academy - Princeton Primary School		July 13-17, July 20-24, 2026			
Lilly, Jennifer E.	School Nurse - Summer Programs – Princeton Primary School		July 8-9, 2026, July 13-14, 2026			
Meadows, Christopher D.	Teacher (5th grade), CSI Learning Academy - Bluefield Intermediate School		July 20-24, 2026			
Meadows, Jacob E.	Virtual Homebound Teacher (Social Studies) - Itinerant		2026-2027 School Year			
Mills, Katherine J.	Teacher, K-3 Summer Learning Academy - Princeton Primary School		July 13-17, July 20-24, 2026			
Mills, William L.	Teacher, K-3 Summer Learning Academy - Princeton Primary School		July 13-17, July 20-24, 2026			
Minnix, Donna A.	Virtual Facilitator		2026-2027 School Year			
Mitchem, Adrienne Danielle	Virtual Homebound Teacher (math) - Itinerant		2026-2027 School Year			
Mitchem, Adrienne Danielle	Virtual Facilitator		2026-2027 School Year			
Mullins, Kendra R.	Head Robotics Coach - Oakvale School		2026-2027 School Year			

Myers, Jessica Leigh	Head Robotics Coach - Spanishburg School		2026-2027 School Year			
Pairgin, Tara Nicole	Teacher, K-3 Summer Learning Academy - Princeton Primary School		July 13-17, July 20-24, 2026			
Persinger, Jennifer E.	Virtual Homebound Teacher (English) - Itinerant		2026-2027 School Year			
Six, Tina R.	School Nurse - Summer Programs – Princeton Primary School		July 15, 16, 17, 2026			
Sizemore, Donna M.	Head Robotics Coach - Mercer Elementary School		2026-2027 School Year			
Smith, Ashley R.	Robotics League Coordinator		2026-2027 School Year			
Smith, Sarah E.	Teacher (3rd grade), CSI Learning Academy - Bluefield Intermediate School		July 20-24, 2026			
Stanley, Kelli B.	Principal, K-3 Summer Learning Academy - Princeton Primary School		July 13-17, 2026			
Stanley, Kelli B.	Robotics League Coordinator		2026-2027 School Year			
Steele, Heather D.	Teacher-K-3 Summer Learning Academy - Princeton Primary School		July 13-17, July 20-24, 2026			
Taylor, Ashley L.	Teacher, K-3 Summer Learning Academy - Bluefield Primary School		July 13-17, July 20-24, 2026			
Tedder, Casey Leeann	Head Robotics Coach - Lashmeet/Matoaka School		2026-2027 School Year			

Tieman, Jillian L.	Principal, K-3 Summer Learning Academy - Bluefield Primary School		July 13 through 17, and July 20 through 24, 2026			
Tolliver, Courtney Cheyenne	Teacher for Hearing Impaired - ESY for Special Needs Program		Wednesdays and Thursdays, July 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, 23, 29, 30, 2026			
Vest, Tammy L.	Virtual Homebound Teacher (Special Education) - Itinerant		2026-2027 School Year			
Webb, Jayne Anne	Head Robotics Coach - Glenwood School		2026-2027 School Year			
White, Heather T.	School Nurse - Summer Programs – Princeton Primary School		July 20-24, 2026, July 29-30, 2026			
Wilie, Sara Elizabeth	Virtual Facilitator		2026-2027 School Year			
Wright, Casey Alexandria	Virtual Facilitator		2026-2027 School Year			
Jenkins, Brenda	Teacher, K-3 Summer Learning Academy - Bluefield Primary School		July 13-17, July 20-24, 2026			
Richards, Jeffrey R.	Robotics League Coordinator		2026-2027 School Year			
Boyd, Michelle	Principal, CSI Summer Academy Principal – Bluefield Intermediate School		July 13-17, 2026			
Suroski, James	Principal, Summer Learning Academy – Princeton Primary School		July 20-24, 2026			
Paitsel, Staci	Secondary Music Department Chair		2026-2027 School Year			
Presley, Laura	National Board-Certified Teacher Mentor		2026-2027 School Year			

Henkes, Halie	National Board-Certified Teacher Mentor		2026-2027 School Year			
Sowder, Jeseca	National Board-Certified Teacher Mentor		2026-2027 School Year			
Paitsel, Staci	Bells/Chimes Music Department Chair		2026-2027 School Year			
Hinkle, Nicholas C.	Band Department Chair		2026-2027 School Year			
Bailey, Matthew T.	PE Department Chair		2026-2027 School Year			
Paitsel, Staci	Elementary Music Department Chair					

Professional Contracts 2026-2027 School Year

Randolph, Haley	#2 Contract
Willard, Emily	#2 Contract

Volunteers

Brock Neely	Bluefield Intermediate School
Candice Jarrell	Bluefield Intermediate School
Corey Miller	Bluefield Intermediate School
Candace Knoblock	Bluefield Intermediate School
Gregory Camden	Bluefield Intermediate School
Karistene Hudson	Bluefield Intermediate School
Audrianna Sparks	Mountain Valley School
Michael Farmer	Mountain Valley School

Service Personnel

Note: Employment is contingent upon acceptable background checks and drug testing.

Leave (LOA): Medical

Name	Position/Location	New Position/New Location	Effective/Ending	Notes	Fund	Days
Williams, Bobby Joe	Bus Operator, Bus #648 - Transportation Department		05/18/2026 - 06/18/2026		11	200

Leave (LOA): Medical - Adjustment

Name	Position/Location	New Position/New Location	Effective/Ending	Notes	Fund	Days
Mullins, Linda Kaye	Custodian III - PikeView Middle School		03/24/2026 - 06/18/2026	Adjustment from 03/24/2026-04/24/2026	11	200

Resignations Submitted After Publication of Agenda

Name	Position/Location	New Position/New Location	Effective/Ending	Notes	Fund	Days
Brewster, Joyce I.	Custodian III (part-time), Shift 3:00 p.m.-6:29 p.m. – Mercer School		06/18/2026	Resignation	11	200

Preferred Recall - Recission

Name	Position/Location	New Position/New Location	Effective/Ending	Notes	Fund	Days
Gibson, Katie A.	Cook II - Princeton Primary School		08/17/2026		11	200

Transfer

Name	Position/Location	New Position/New Location	Effective/Ending	Notes	Fund	Days
Blankenship, Eden F.	Special Education Aide w/Transportation Duties (as needed) - Bluefield Middle	Special Education Aide w/Transportation Duties (as needed) - PikeView Middle	08/17/2026		11	200
Canterbury, David D.	Custodian IV (261 day), Shift 6:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. - Bluefield Primary School	Custodian IV (261 day), Shift 6:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. - Montcalm Elementary School	07/01/2026		11	261
Shrewsbury, David E.	Custodian III (210 day), Shift 2:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m. - Princeton Middle School	Custodian III (200 day), Shift 3:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m. - PikeView Middle School	08/17/2026		11	200
Paitsel, Melissa Jean	Special Education Aide w/Transportation Duties (as needed) - Bluefield Middle School	Special Education Aide w/Transportation Duties (as needed) – Mountain Valley School	08/17/2026		11	200

Transfer - Adjustment

Name	Position/Location	New Position/New Location	Effective/Ending	Notes	Fund	Days
Blankenship, Eden F.	Special Education Aide w/Transportation Duties (as needed) - Bluefield Middle School		08/17/2026	Adjustment from Special Education Aide w/Transportation Duties (as needed) - Timberwood Elementary School	11	200

Administrative Transfer

Name	Position/Location	New Position/New Location	Effective/Ending	Notes	Fund	Days
Key, Heather	ECCAT/Aide (Instructional) w/Transportation Duties (as needed) – Timberwood Elementary School		08/17/2026		11	200
Boyles, Shelli	ECCAT/Aide (Instructional) w/Transportation Duties (as needed) – Bluefield Primary School		08/17/2026		11	200
Hurt, Rita A.	Special Education Aide w/Transportation Duties (as needed) – Princeton Senior High School		08/17/2026		11	200
Crabtree, Amber R.	ECCAT/Aide (Instructional) w/Transportation Duties (as needed) – Timberwood Elementary School		08/17/2026		11	200
Shrewsbury, Audra M.	ECCAT/Aide (Instructional) w/Transportation Duties (as needed) – Timberwood Elementary School		08/17/2026		11	200
Thompson, Chad R.	ECCAT/Aide (Instructional) w/Transportation Duties (as needed) – Bluefield Primary School		08/17/2026		11	200
Smith, Debra K.	ECCAT/Aide (Instructional) w/Transportation Duties (as needed) – Mercer School		08/17/2026		11	200

Extra-Curricular Contracts

Name	Position/Location	New Position/New Location	Effective/Ending	Notes	Fund	Days
Buchanan, Kelly Marie	Community Outreach Summer Food Truck Cook - Itinerant		June 22-July 2, 2026			
Coburn, Michelle Leigh	Secretary, K-3 Summer Learning Academy - Bluefield Primary School		July 13-17, July 20-24, 2026			
Collins, Lisa Shawn	Custodian, K-3 Summer Learning Academy - Princeton Primary School		July 13-17, July 20-24, 2026			
Duncan, Janet E.	ECCAT/Aide, K-3 Summer Learning Academy - Bluefield Primary School		July 13-17, July 20-24, 2026			
Johnson, Susan Garman	K-3 Summer Learning Academy Cook - Princeton Primary School		July 13-17, July 20-24, 2026			
Mays, Jennie Celeste	Secretary, K-3 Summer Learning Academy - Princeton Primary School		July 13-17, July 20-24, 2026			
Rhudy, Donna Lynn	K-3 Summer Learning Academy Cook - Bluefield Primary School		July 13-17, July 20-24, 2026			
Smith, Tonna M.	ECCAT/Aide, K-3 Summer Learning Academy - Princeton Primary School		July 13-17, July 20-24, 2026			
Syres, Donna L.	Regional Bus Operator - K-3 Summer Learning Academy		July 13-17, July 20-24, 2026			
Thompson, Chad R.	Custodian, K-3 Summer Learning Academy - Bluefield Primary School		July 13-17, July 20-24, 2026			

Thornton, Ronda S.	ECCAT/Aide w/Transportation Duties (as needed) - ESY for Special Needs Program		Wednesdays and Thursdays (1/2 day) PSHS, July 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, 23, 29, 30, 2026			
Turner, James W.	Bus Operator – ESY Special Needs Program (part-time)		Wednesdays and Thursdays (1/2 day) PSHS, July 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, 23, 29, 30, 2026			
Eller, Dianna L.	Community Outreach Food Truck Bus Operator- Itinerant		June 22-July 2, 2026			
Gibson, Anna	Community Outreach Summer Food Truck Cook – Itinerant		June 22-July 2, 2026			

Extra Work for Extra Pay

Name	Position/Location	New Position/New Location	Effective/Ending	Notes	Fund	Days
Barker, Kathy Darlene	Extra Work for Extra Pay (Custodian)		05/22/2026	Remove		

Substitutes Service - Employment

Name	Position/Location	New Position/New Location	Effective/Ending	Notes	Fund	Days
Collins, Haley E.	Aide					

DISCUSSION

- Administrative Updates:
    - Mr. Tom Adkins shared that the work at Princeton Middle School is moving well. Sun Valley will be looking into the next options for the sewage.

Board Member Requests and Updates
Adjournment

On the motion of Mr. Hodges and seconded by Ms. Santon-Smith, the board adjourned the meeting at 8:03 p.m.

Edward T. Toman, Secretary

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