MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MCDOWELL COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION TUESDAY, JULY 21, 2026

The Board of Education of the County of McDowell met in regular session Tuesday, July 21, 2026, at 5:00 pm at the Central Office, 900 Mount View Road, Welch, West Virginia, with the following members being present and serving throughout: President Ed Evans, Vice-President Jennifer Justice, Georgia West, James Copolo and Linda Lester White. Superintendent Ingrida Barker served as secretary.

BOARD ACTION

President Evans called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm, followed by James Copolo leading the group in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Introduction of Board Members was made at this time, Jennifer Justice, Ed Evans, Georgia West, James Copolo, and Linda Lester White, with Dr. Barker serving as Secretary.

Approval of the Minutes of the June 25, 2026 Regular Session

On a motion of James Copolo, seconded by Jennifer Justice, and a total of "five" votes cast: "five" Yes/ "zero" No/ "zero" Abstain, the Board Members voted to approve the Minutes of the June 25, 2026 Regular Session.

Approval of the Minutes of the July 6, 2026 Regular Session

On a motion of Linda Lester White seconded by Jennifer Justice and a total of "five" votes cast: "five" Yes/ "zero" No/ "zero" Abstain, the Board Members voted to approve the Minutes of the July 6, 2026 Regular Session.

Delegations and Speakers

There were no Delegations or Speakers.

Personnel

1. Personnel Agenda

July 21, 2026

Personnel Agenda

Professional Personnel

Employment of Professional Personnel						
	Action	**Last Name**	**First Name**	**Location**	**Position**	**Effective Date**
1.	Employment – Pending issuance of initial WV Certification & CIB/FBI fingerprint clearance	Redmond	Amy	Career & Technology Center	LPN Instructor (P-CT-11)	August 3, 2026

Transfer of Professional Personnel					
	Last Name	**First Name**	**From Position**	**To Position**	**Effective Date**
1.	Wood	Christina	Preferred Recall	Iaeger Elementary, Grade 4 (P-I-38)	August 17, 2026

2.	Lester	Kathryn	Preferred Recall	Iaeger Elementary, Grade 2/3 (P-I-39)	August 17, 2026
3.	Freeman	Goldie	Coalfield Elementary, Grade 1/2 (P-CF-07)	Coalfield Elementary, Grade 3 (P-CF-12)	August 17, 2026
4.	Chambers	Heather	Bradshaw Elementary, Grade 3/4 (P-B-33)	Bradshaw Elementary, Grade 3 (P-B-13)	August 17, 2026
5.	Addair	Savannah	Southside K-8, Grade 4/5 (P-SS-64)	Bradshaw Elementary, Kindergarten (P-B-7)	August 17, 2026
6.	Miller	Amanda	Mount View High, General Science 6-8 (P-MV-74)	Southside K-8, Assistant Principal, 215 days (P-SS-60)	August 3, 2026

Rescind Personnel Action of Professional Personnel

	Action	Last Name	First Name	Location	Position	Effective Date
1.	Non-renewal	Ponce	Hannah	Southside K-8	General Science (P-SS-32)	July 21, 2026

Resignation/Retirement/Other of Professional Personnel

	Action	Last Name	First Name	Location	Position	Effective Date
1.	Termination	Matney	Melissa	County-wide	Substitute Teacher	July 21, 2026

Employment of Extra-Curricular Professional Personnel

	Last Name	First Name	Location	Position	Effective Date
1.	Dudgeon	Amanda	County-wide	Home Bound Teacher	August 17, 2026
2.	Sparks	Tamela	County-wide	Home Bound Teacher	August 17, 2026
3.	Brewster	Jason	County-wide	Home Bound Teacher	August 17, 2026
4.	Jack	Catherine	County-wide	Home Bound Teacher	August 17, 2026
5.	Thomas	Wanda	County-wide	Home Bound Teacher	August 17, 2026
6.	Miller	Amanda	County-wide	Home Bound Teacher	August 17, 2026
7.	Pruitt	Chasity	County-wide	Home Bound Teacher	August 17, 2026
8.	Jack	Catherine	Mount View High	Special Education Team Trainer & Compliance Monitor	August 17, 2026

Coaching

Employment Coaching Personnel					
	Last Name	**First Name**	**Location**	**Position**	**Effective Date**
1.	Altizer	Arvel	Mount View High	Assistant Football Coach 6-8	August 3, 2026
2.	Hale	McKinsie	Mount View High	Cheerleading Coach 6-8	August 3, 2026

Resignation of Coaching Personnel					
	Last Name	**First Name**	**Location**	**Position**	**Effective Date**
1.	Ferrell	Tammi	Mount View High	Assistant Volleyball Coach 6-8	July 8, 2026

Service Personnel

Transfer of Service Personnel					
	Last Name	**First Name**	**From Position**	**To Position**	**Effective Date**
1.	Dawson	Landon	Career & Technology Center, Custodian, 3.5 hrs. (S-CT-04)	Iaeger Elementary, Custodian, 3.5 hrs. (S-I-15)	August 3, 2026
2.	Duncan	Bruce	Preferred Recall	County Itinerant (Currently at CES), Bus/Program Aide (S-CI-50)	August 3, 2026
3.	Dyer	Virginia	Preferred Recall	County Itinerant (Currently at CES), Bus/Program Aide (S-CI-51)	August 3, 2026
4.	Hagerman	Kellie	River View Attendance Area, Bus Operator, Bus #180 (S-BR-13)	River View Attendance Area, Bus Operator, Bus #2601 (S-BR-13)	August 17, 2026

Resignation/Retirement/Other of Service Personnel						
	Action	**Last Name**	**First Name**	**Location**	**Position**	**Effective Date**
1.	Resignation	Dunman	Dillard	Bradshaw Elementary	Custodian, 8 hrs. (S-B-11)	July 16, 2026

Additions to the Personnel Agenda may be made at the scheduled Board of Education meeting.

On a motion of Georgia West, seconded by Linda Lester White and a total of "four" votes cast: "four" Yes / "zero" No / "one" Abstain vote, Board Members voted to approve the personnel agenda. Ed Evans recused himself from the vote.

2. Volunteer List

Volunteer	SCHOOL(S)	REASON
Shawn Spriggs	CTC	School Activities
Bill Garlic	RVHS	Volunteer Coach
Jeremy Matney	SRMS	School Activities/Volunteer Coach
Claude Payne	RVHS	School Activities/Game Stats
Teresa Redd	MVHS	School Activities/Concession Stands/non-coaching
Anthony Baker	MVHS	Athletic Activities/Concession Stands/Volunteer Coach

On a motion of Georgia West, seconded by Linda Lester White, and a total of "five" votes cast: "five" Yes / "zero" No / "zero" Abstain vote, Board Members voted to approve the volunteer agenda.

Finance

1. Allowed and Authorized Payment of Bills/Budget Revisions. Invoices presented for payment are available in the Finance Office during normal business hours.

On a motion of Jennifer Justice, seconded by Georgia West, and a total of "five" votes cast: "five" Yes/ "zero" No/"zero" Abstain, the Board voted to approve the allowed and authorized payment of bills/budget revisions.

2. Approval To Authorize School Fundraiser Events

Mount View High, Varsity Cheerleaders – Goodwill Trailer (August 11, 2026 – August 18, 2026)

Mount View High, Varsity Cheerleaders – Little Caesar's Pizza Kit Sales (August 5, 2026 – August 21, 2026)

Mount View High, Varsity Cheerleaders – Goodwill Trailer (October 2, 2026 – October 9, 2026)

On a motion of Jennifer Justice, seconded by Linda Lester White, and a total of "five" votes cast: "five" Yes/ "zero" No/"zero" Abstain, the Board voted to Approve all Three School Fundraiser Events: Mount View High, Varsity Cheerleaders – Goodwill Trailer (August 11, 2026 – August 18, 2026); Mount View High, Varsity Cheerleaders – Little Caesar's Pizza Kit Sales (August 5, 2026 – August 21, 2026); Mount View High, Varsity Cheerleaders – Goodwill Trailer (October 2, 2026 – October 9, 2026).

Presentation/Reports

1. Child Nutrition in MCS Schools, Overview – Aaron Lester, Director of Child Nutrition and Student Services

Mr. Lester shared a video explaining the Country Roads Co-Op. He also emphasized to the Board Members that all students in McDowell County receive free breakfast and lunch. A copy of the presentation will be attached to the Board Minutes.

2. Bright Futures Start with Great Leaders – Title I Funded Assistant Principals – Nicole Hall, Principal, Bradshaw Elementary and Amanda Roberts, Principal, Iaeger Elementary

Amanda Peyton introduced Mrs. Hall, together with Mrs. Roberts via telephone, and explained that Assistant Principal positions would be posted at both Bradshaw Elementary and Iaeger Elementary Schools. The principals at these schools shared documentation supporting the need for the Assistant Principal positions, with student enrollment at Southside currently 260 students with a Title I funded Assistant Principal; Coalfield, 430 students with two Assistant Principals due to the size, one of which is Title I funded; Bradshaw currently 205 students; and Iaeger with 191 students; Mr. Copolo asked about school funding budgets regarding split grades.

Board Reports/Comments

President Ed Evans and Vice-President Jennifer Justice went over information they received from the President's Retreat training that took place over the weekend.

Action Items

1. Approval to Provide $500 Attendance Bonus to All Employees Not Included in HB206

On a motion of Georgia West, seconded by Jennifer Justice, and a total of "five" votes cast: "five" Yes/ "zero" No/"zero" Abstain, the Board voted to Approve to Provide $500 Attendance Bonus to All Employees Not Included in HB206.

2. Approval to Contract with Art Cart for K-8 Visual Arts Instruction for the 2026-2027 School Year ($132,000.00)

On a motion of James Copolo, seconded by Georgia West, and a total of "five" votes cast: "five" Yes/ "zero" No/"zero" Abstain, the Board voted to Approve to Contract with Art Cart for K-8 Visual Arts Instruction for the 2026-2027 School Year.

3. Approval of Purchase Order for Bowles Rice, LLP, for Legal Services for the 2026-2027 School Year ($130,000.00)

On a motion of Jennifer Justice, seconded by James Copolo, and a total of "five" votes cast: "five" Yes/ "zero" No/"zero" Abstain, the Board voted to Approve the Purchase Order for Bowles Rice, LLP, for Legal Services for the 2026-2027 School Year ($130,000.00).

4. Approval to Purchase Produce August, 2026 – December, 2026, Crook Brothers ($150,000.00)

On a motion of Georgia West, seconded by Jennifer Justice, and a total of "five" votes cast: "five" Yes/ "zero" No/"zero" Abstain, the Board voted to Approve to Purchase Produce August, 2026 – December, 2026, Crook Brothers ($150,000.00).

5. Approval to Purchase Food Supplies, per Country Roads Co-Op Bid, August, 2026 – December, 2026, Gordon Food Services, Inc. ($750,000.00)

On a motion of James Copolo, seconded by Linda Lester White, and a total of "five" votes cast: "five" Yes/ "zero" No/"zero" Abstain, the Board voted to Approve the Purchase of Food Supplies, per Country Roads Co-Op Bid, August, 2026 – December, 2026, Gordon Food Services, Inc. ($750,000.00).

6. Approval of Student Trip Request – Barter Theatre – Bradshaw Elementary School Summer Camp – Theatrical Performance, Cinderella, Grades 1-3 (July 24, 2026)

7. Approval of Student Trip Request – Barter Theatre – Coalfield Elementary School Summer Camp – Theatrical Performance, Cinderella, Grades 1-3 (July 24, 2026)

8. Approval of Student Trip Request – Concord University – Bradshaw Elementary School Summer Camp – eSports Camp, Grades 6-8 (July 20, July 21, July 22 & July 23, 2026)

9. Approval of Student Trip Request – Concord University – Coalfield Elementary School Summer Camp – eSports Camp, Grades 6-8 (July 20, July 21, July 22 & July 23, 2026)

On a motion of Jennifer Justice, seconded by Linda Lester White, and a total of "five" votes cast: "five" Yes/ "zero" No/"zero" Abstain, the Board voted to Approve all Student Trip Requests: Approval of Student Trip Request – Barter Theatre – Bradshaw Elementary School Summer Camp – Theatrical Performance, Cinderella, Grades 1-3 (July 24, 2026); Approval of Student Trip Request – Barter Theatre – Coalfield Elementary School Summer Camp – Theatrical Performance, Cinderella, Grades 1-3 (July 24, 2026); Approval of Student Trip Request – Concord University – Bradshaw Elementary School Summer Camp – eSports Camp, Grades 6-8 (July 20, July 21, July 22 & July 23, 2026); Approval of Student Trip Request – Concord University – Coalfield Elementary School Summer Camp – eSports Camp, Grades 6-8 (July 20, July 21, July 22 & July 23, 2026).

Superintendent's Updates

Dr. Barker talked with the Board members about the Cal Ripken STEM Center at Coalfield Elementary School, centering on Robotics. There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony at Coalfield Elementary. Teachers will be trained.

On July 24, the LPN graduation will be held at Mount View High School at 6:30.

Dr. Barker provided a calendar to everyone, outlining the Board Meeting dates, the first and third Tuesday each month, with the exception of November. It will be the first Monday (November 2) since Tuesday is an Election day, and the third Tuesday.

The Council of Southern Mountains provided additional information regarding the Kimball Elementary School property. Dr. Barker will email the Board members this information. She shared that the deed conveyance would be subject to revert back to the Board after 5 years, unless it is conveyed to a government entity. We will make the Kimball Elementary School property a discussion item for the next meeting.

Following up with the President's retreat, Howard Suefer advised that BOE members need to know policies. In that effort, Dr. Barker handed out copies of Policy 1-003, Virtual Education Policy; Policy 1-004, Graduation Requirements; Policy 1-005, Regulations for the Education of Students with Exceptionalities; and Policy 1-006, Assuring the Quality of Education and Programs of Study, along with binders for the board members to use.

Announcement of Future Meetings

Date:	Tuesday, August 4, 2026
Time:	5:00 PM
Type:	Regular Meeting
Location:	Central Office, 900 Mount View Road, Welch, WV

Adjournment

On a motion Jenifer Justice, seconded by Georgia West, and a total of "five" votes cast: "five" Yes/ "zero" No/"zero" Abstain the Board moved to adjourn at 6:41 pm.

Edward Evans, President Date

Ingrida Barker, Superintendent Date