MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MCDOWELL COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2026

The Board of Education of the County of McDowell met in regular session Tuesday, October 20, 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: Vice-President Jennifer Justice, Georgia West, Linda Lester White and President Ed Evans. Superintendent Dr. Ingrida Barker served as secretary.

BOARD ACTION

President Ed Evans called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm, and then led the group in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Introduction of Board Members was made at this time, all members, with the exception of James Copolo, are present. Superintendent Dr. Ingrida Barker served as Secretary.

Approval of the Minutes of the October 6, 2026 Special Session

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

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

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

Delegations and Speakers

There were none.

Personnel

1. Personnel Agenda

October 20, 2026

Personnel Agenda

Professional Personnel

Employment of Professional Personnel						
	Action	**Last Name**	**First Name**	**Location**	**Position**	**Effective Date**
1.	Employment	Walker	Morgan	County-wide	Short-Term Restricted Substitute Teacher	October 26, 2026

Resignation/Retirement/Other of Professional Personnel						
	Action	**Last Name**	**First Name**	**Location**	**Position**	**Effective Date**
1.	Termination	Rowe	Christine	County-wide	Substitute Teacher	October 20, 2026

Transfer of Professional Personnel

	Last Name	First Name	From Position	To Position	Effective Date
1.	Hyatt	Denise	Southside K-8, Multi-Cat 6-8 (P-SS-68)	Southside K-8, Multi-Cat 6-8 (P-SS-38)	October 26, 2026

Employment of Extra-Curricular Professional Personnel					
	Last Name	**First Name**	**Location**	**Position**	**Effective Date**
1.	Goforth	Laura	County-wide	Home Bound Teacher	October 12, 2026

Coaching

Employment of Coaching Personnel					
	Last Name	**First Name**	**Location**	**Position**	**Effective Date**
1.	Pendry	Aaron	Mount View High	Assistant Girls' Basketball Coach 6-8	October 26, 2026

Service Personnel

Employment of Service Personnel					
	Last Name	**First Name**	**Location**	**Position**	**Effective Date**
1.	Dunford	Jennifer	County-wide	Substitute Secretary	Change Effective Date to October 8, 2026
2.	Muncy	Rebecca	County-wide	Substitute Secretary	October 26, 2026
3.	Blankenship	Katrina	County-wide	Substitute Secretary	October 26, 2026

Transfer of Service Personnel					
	Last Name	**First Name**	**From Position**	**To Position**	**Effective Date**
1.	~~Harvey-Goins~~	~~Tae'rone~~	~~County-Itinerant Bus/Program Aide (S-CI-02)~~	~~County Itinerant, Bus/Program Aide (S-CI-50)~~	~~October 26, 2026~~
2.	Owens	Alicia	Preferred Recall	~~Coalfield Elementary, Temporary Aide/ECCAT (S-CF-7)~~ County Itinerant, Bus/ Program Aide (S-CI-50)	October 26, 2026
3.	Myers	Michael	County-wide, Substitute Bus Operator	Mount View Attendance Area, Bus	October 26, 2026

				Operator #161 (S-BM-16)	
4.	Myers	Michael	Mount View Attendance Area, Bus Operator #161 (S-BM-16)	River View Attendance Area, Temporary Bus Operator (S-BR-03)	October 27, 2026
5.	Mallette	Roberta	Preferred Recall	Coalfield Elementary, Temporary Aide/ECCAT (S-CF-7)	October 26, 2026

Employment of Extra-Curricular Service Personnel					
	Last Name	**First Name**	**Location**	**Position**	**Effective Date**
1.	Bailey	Cindy	Coalfield Elementary	After School Cook II	October 26, 2026

Specialized Health Care				
	Last Name	**First Name**	**Location**	**Effective Date**
1.	Russell	Sandra	Southside K-8	October 15, 2026
2.	Underwood	Amanda	Southside K-8	October 15, 2026

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

On a motion of Georgia West, seconded by Jennifer Justice and a total of "four" votes cast: "four" Yes / "zero" No / "zero" Abstain vote, Board Members voted to approve the personnel agenda.

2. Volunteer List

Volunteer	SCHOOL(S)	REASON
Harold Mitchell	SRMS	Volunteer Coach
Christopher Hardy	CFES	School Activities/Concession Stands/Non-Coaching
Jamie Sturgell	MVHS	School Activities/Concession Stands/Non-Coaching
Kara Moore	MVHS	School Activities/Concession Stands/Non-Coaching
Summer Garlic	SRMS	School Activities/Concession Stands/Volunteer Coach
Paul Dick	SRMS	School Activities/Concession Stands/Non-Coaching
Valerie Blankenship	SS K-8	School Activities/Concession Stands/Non-Coaching
Sheena Kennedy	SRMS	School Activities/Concession Stands/Non-Coaching
Faith Dick	SRMS	School Activities/Concession Stands/Non-Coaching
Faith Dick	IES	School Activities/Concession Stands/Non-Coaching

Paul Dick	IES	School Activities/Concession Stands/Non-Coaching

On a motion of Linda Lester White, seconded by Georgia West, and a total of "four" votes cast: "four" 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 Linda Lester White, and a total of "four" votes cast: "four" Yes/ "zero" No/"zero" Abstain, the Board voted to approve the allowed and authorized payment of bills/budget revisions. Mrs. Justice asked for clarification on several line items, which were answered by Dr. Barker, Superintendent.

2. Approval To Authorize School Fundraiser Events

River View High School, RVHS Softball Team – Little Caesars Pizza Kit Sales (October 26, 2026 – November 6, 2026)

On a motion of Georgia West, seconded by Jennifer Justice, and a total of "four" votes cast: "four" Yes/ "zero" No/"zero" Abstain, the Board voted to Approve Fundraiser Event, River View High School, RVHS Softball Team – Little Caesars Pizza Kit Sales (October 26, 2026 – November 6, 2026).

Presentation/Reports

1. Transportation Updates – Adam Grygiel, Director of Transportation

Mr. Grygiel gave a Power Point Presentation highlighting the activities of the Transportation Department, including the sprucing up project of the offices, which is an ongoing project. He also talked about the Mission in Motion, gave an update on the Vans and shared that we currently have four potential substitute operators in training. He also shared Transportation Efficiency Indicators Report, and that we scored a 95/110.

2. Camera & Technology Updates – Walter Newcomb

Mr. Newcomb updated the Board on the camera upgrades at the two high schools. He demonstrated how the camera system works at Mount View, showing how the camera can locate subjects throughout the school. He also gave a live demonstration of the system at Mount View High School.

Board Reports/Comments

There were none.

Action Items

1. Approval of Student Trip Request – Historic Crab Orchard Museum – McDowell County Career & Technical Center, Grades 3-7 – Gifted Students Science, Reading, Math and Technology Activity Incentive/Reward (October 21, 2026)

2. Approval of Student Trip Request – Mount View Football Field – Bradshaw Elementary School, Grade PreK – Trunk or Treat (October 27, 2026)

3. Approval of Student Trip Request – Mount View Football Field – Iaeger Elementary School, Grade PreK – Trunk or Treat (October 27, 2026)

4. Approval of Student Trip Request – Mount View Football Field – Southside K-8 School, Grade PreK – Trunk or Treat (October 27, 2026)

5. Approval of Student Trip Request – Charleston Civic Center – Iaeger Elementary School, Grades 4-5 – Beta Convention (November 4, 2026)

6. Approval of Student Trip Request – Camp Caesar, Cowen, WV – River View High School, Grades 9-12 – Young Life Fall Weekend Trip (November 6, 2026)

7. Approval of Student Trip Request – Camp Caesar, Cowen, WV – River View High School, Grades 9-12 – Young Life Fall Weekend (Return) Trip (November 8, 2026)

On a motion of Jennifer Justice, seconded by Linda Lester White, and a total of "four" votes cast: "four" Yes/ "zero" No/"zero" Abstain, the Board voted to Approve Action Items 1--7 together: Approval of Student Trip Request – Historic Crab Orchard Museum – McDowell County Career & Technical Center, Grades 3-7 – Gifted Students Science, Reading, Math and Technology Activity Incentive/Reward (October 21, 2026); Approval of Student Trip Request – Mount View Football Field – Bradshaw Elementary School, Grade PreK – Trunk or Treat (October 27, 2026); Approval of Student Trip Request – Mount View Football Field – Iaeger Elementary School, Grade PreK – Trunk or Treat (October 27, 2026); Approval of Student Trip Request – Mount View Football Field – Southside K-8 School, Grade PreK – Trunk or Treat (October 27, 2026); Approval of Student Trip Request – Charleston Civic Center – Iaeger Elementary School, Grades 4-5 – Beta Convention (November 4, 2026); Approval of Student Trip Request – Camp Caesar, Cowen, WV – River View High School, Grades 9-12 – Young Life Fall Weekend Trip (November 6, 2026); Approval of Student Trip Request – Camp Caesar, Cowen, WV – River View High School, Grades 9-12 – Young Life Fall Weekend (Return) Trip (November 8, 2026).

8. Approval to Place Revised Policy 12-001, Transportation of Students by Privat Vehicle, Up For Final Approval

On a motion of Jennifer Justice, seconded by Linda Lester White, and a total of "four" votes cast: "four" Yes/ "zero" No/"zero" Abstain, the Board voted to Approve the Placement of Revised Policy 12-001, Transportation of Students by Private Vehicle, Up For Final Approval.

9. Approval to Place Policy 12-001, Student Transportation For School-Sponsored Activities, Events and Athletic Competitions, Up For Final Approval

On a motion of Georgia West, seconded by Linda Lester White, and a total of "four" votes cast: "four" Yes/ "zero" No/"zero" Abstain, the Board voted for the Approval to Place Policy 12-001, Student Transportation For School-Sponsored Activities, Events and Athletic Competitions, Up For Final Approval.

10. Approval to Place Revised Policy 8-064, Salary Supplement for Service Personnel Advance Certification, Up for Comment

On a motion of Georgia West, seconded by Jenifer Justice, and a total of "four" votes cast: "four" Yes/ "zero" No/"zero" Abstain, the Board voted for the Approval to Place Policy 8-064, Salary Supplement for Service Personnel Advance Certification, Up For Comment. Dr. Barker explained that this was approved in July this year, but there were some technical issues with the language, and has been revised so that it would be clear across the board. This is a yearly supplement based on obtaining advanced certifications.

Superintendent's Updates

Dr. Barker went over with the Board the CTE Efficiency Indicator for 2025-2026. Our Career and Technology Center scored 92 points out of a possible 100 overall. They are required to score at least 75.

Dr. Barker shared that the State Board proposed school aid formula revisions, proposing weighing Special Ed students more and looking at small district support. Board members agreed to support this proposal and have it as an agenda item for the next board meeting.

The Child Nutrition Department has a scheduled review coming up by the State Department November 20 – November 26.

There are some Promise Scholarship Updates, with the requirements being simplified for the Class of 2027. Students must earn a 21 ACT composite or 1080 SAT total score to meet test score requirements and maintain an overall 3.0 overall high school GPA.

Announcement of Future Meetings

Date:	Monday, November 2, 2026
Time:	5:00 PM
Type:	Regular Meeting
Location:	Central Office, 900 Mount View Road, Welch, WV

Adjournment

On a motion Linda Lester White, seconded by Georgia West, and a total of "four" votes cast: "four" Yes/ "zero" No/"zero" Abstain the Board moved to adjourn at 6:06 pm.

Edward Evans, President Date

Dr. Ingrida Barker, Superintendent Date