MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MCDOWELL COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION TUESDAY, AUGUST 18, 2026

The Board of Education of the County of McDowell met in regular session Tuesday, August 18, 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, James Copolo ,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, followed by Georgia West leading the group in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Introduction of Board Members was made at this time, all members are present. Superintendent Dr. Ingrida Barker served as Secretary.

Approval of the Minutes of the August 4, 2026 Regular Session

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 Members voted to approve the Minutes of the August 4, 2026 Regular Session.

Delegations and Speakers

Gehrig Justice, a teacher and coach from River View High School addressed the board about concerns he has regarding using the Apptegy program to communicate with student athletes. He stated that the easiest way to connect with his team after hours and on the road is through social media. He further stated that he understands the need for this type of program for communicating school or educational topics, but he feels that this could present problems when reaching out to athletes en route to games.

Personnel

1. Personnel Agenda

August 18, 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 Substitute Permit & CIB/FBI fingerprint clearance	Johnson	Tammy	County-wide	Long-term Substitute Teacher	August 19, 2026
2.	Employment – Pending issuance of initial WV Substitute Permit & CIB/FBI fingerprint clearance	Jones	Caitlyn	County-wide	Long-term Substitute Teacher	August 19, 2026
3.	Employment – Pending issuance of initial WV Substitute Permit & CIB/FBI fingerprint clearance	Robertson	Tamika	County-wide	Long-term Substitute Teacher	August 20, 2026

Transfer of Professional Personnel					
	Last Name	**First Name**	**From Position**	**To Position**	**Effective Date**
1.	Corner	Rileigh	Bradshaw Elementary, Grade 3/4 (P-B-33)	Southside K-8, Grade K/1 (P-SS-70)	August 19, 2026
2.	Scott	Elizabeth	Coalfield Elementary, Grade 1/2 (P-CF-07)	Coalfield Elementary, Grade 3 (P-CF-11)	August 19, 2026
3.	Ponce	Hannah	Southside K-8, Science K-8 (P-SS-32)	Mount View High, General Science 6-12 (P-MV-74)	August 19, 2026
4.	Polston	Laura	Sandy River Middle, English 6-9 (P-SR-06)	Sandy River Middle/River View High, English 6-12 (P-RV-13)	August 19, 2026
5.	Browning	Jessica	Bradshaw Elementary, Intellectually Disabled (P-B-32)	Iaeger Elementary, Multi-Categorical (P-I-41)	August 19, 2026
6.	Justice	Wanda	Bradshaw Elementary, Grade 5 (P-B-25)	Iaeger Elementary, Grade 5 (P-B-25)	August 19, 2026
7.	Cook	Stephanie	Coalfield Elementary School, Grade Kindergarten (P-CF-04)	Iaeger Elementary, Grade K/1(P-I-31)	August 19, 2026
8.	Pendry	Aaron	Mount View High, PE/Health – Wellness 6-12 (P-MV-94)	County-wide, Long-term Substitute Teacher	August 17, 2026

Resignation/Retirement/Other of Professional Personnel						
	Action	**Last Name**	**First Name**	**Location**	**Position**	**Effective Date**
1.	Resignation	Miller	Chelsea	County-wide	Substitute Teacher	August 17, 2026
2.	Termination	Perdue	Jason	County-wide	Substitute Teacher	August 17, 2026
3.	Resignation	Finley	Destany	Southside K-8	Grade 3/4 (P-SS-21)	August 17, 2026
4.	Resignation	Thompson	Austin	Bradshaw Elementary	Resource (P-B-27)	August 17, 2026
5.	Resignation	King	William	Mount View High	Virtual Schools Facilitator/PE 6-12 (P-MV-90)	August 17, 2026
6.	Termination	Linkous	Helen	County-wide	Substitute Teacher	August 17, 2026

7.	Resignation	Roberts	Kelli	County-wide	Substitute Teacher	August 17, 2026
8.	Resignation	Chambers	Carol	County-wide	Substitute Teacher	August 17, 2026

Employment of Extra-Curricular Professional Personnel					
	Last Name	**First Name**	**Location**	**Position**	**Effective Date**
1.	Hale	Paula	County-wide	Home Bound Teacher	August 19, 2026
2.	Hughes	Mark	Career & Technology Center	Technology System Operator	August 19, 2026
3.	Shirley	Amber	Coalfield Elementary	MTS/SAT Coordinator	August 19, 2026
4.	Hamilton	Eric	Iaeger Elementary	MTS/SAT Coordinator	August 19, 2026
5.	Johnson	Austin	Coalfield Elementary	Special Ed. Team Trainer & Compliance Monitor	August 19, 2026

Resignation of Extra-Curricular Professional Personnel					
	Last Name	**First Name**	**Location**	**Position**	**Effective Date**
1.	Hankins	Shasta	Mount View High	Special Education Team Trainer and Compliance Monitor	August 19, 2026

Coaching

Employment of Coaching Personnel					
	Last Name	**First Name**	**Location**	**Position**	**Effective Date**
1.	Burkett	Haileigh	Mount View High	Assistant Volleyball Coach 6-8	August 24, 2026
2.	Richardson	Chris	Mount View High	Head Golf Coach	August 19, 2026

Resignation of Coaching Personnel					
	Last Name	**First Name**	**Location**	**Position**	**Effective Date**
1.	Dobbs	Kaitlyn	Bradshaw Elementary	Basketball Coach	August 17, 2026

Service Personnel

Employment of Service Personnel					
	Last Name	**First Name**	**Location**	**Position**	**Effective Date**
1.	Bolden	Brittany	County-wide	Substitute Secretary	August 24, 2026
2.	Helton	Jennifer	County-wide	Substitute Secretary, Substitute Custodian	August 24, 2026
3.	Muncy	Betty	County-wide	Substitute Custodian	August 24, 2026

Transfer of Service Personnel					
	Last Name	**First Name**	**From Position**	**To Position**	**Effective Date**
1.	Lester	Chelsia	County-wide, Substitute Custodian	Iaeger Elementary, Custodian, 3.5 hours (S-I-15)	August 24, 2026
2.	Lester	Amanda	Preferred Recall	Sandy River Middle/River View High, Secretary, 203 days (S-SR-01)	August 24, 2026
~~3.~~	~~Lockhart~~	~~Sarah~~	~~Mount View Attendance Area, Bus Operator, #163 (S-BM-06)~~	~~Mount View Attendance Area, Bus Operator, #161 (S-BM-16)~~	~~August 19, 2026~~
4.	Sparks	Harold	Southside K-8, Custodian, 220 days, 8 hrs. (S-SS-11)	Sandy River Middle/River View High, Custodian, 220 days, 8 hrs. (S-RV-9)	August 24, 2026
5.	Stacy	Aleisha	County Itinerant (Currently at Mount View), Bus/Program Aide (S-CI-06)	Southside K-8, Aide/ECCAT (S-SS-23)	August 19, 2026
6.	Blankenship	Sandra	Bradshaw Elementary, Aide/ECCAT (S-B-02)	Coalfield Elementary, Aide/ECCAT (S-CF-4)	August 19, 2026
7.	Steele	Samantha	County-wide, Substitute Bus Operator	Mount View Attendance Area, Bus Operator, #161 (S-BM-16)	August 24, 2026

Resignation/Retirement/Other of Service Personnel						
	Action	**Last Name**	**First Name**	**Location**	**Position**	**Effective Date**
1.	Termination	Roberts	Wendy	County-wide	Substitute Aide	August 17, 2026
2.	Resignation	Lockhart	Sarah	Mount View Attendance Area,	Bus Operator, #163 (S-BM-06)	August 17, 2026

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

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

2. Volunteer List

Volunteer	SCHOOL(S)	REASON
Shelia Muncy	BES	School Activities/Concession Stands/non-coaching
Shelia Muncy	SRMS	School Activities/Concession Stands/non-coaching
Shelia Muncy	RVHS	School Activities/Concession Stands/non-coaching
Jasmine Ros	MVHS	School Activities/Concession Stands/non-coaching
Alicia Owens	RVHS	School Activities/Concession Stands/Volunteer Coach
Laci Justice	MVHS	School Activities/Concession Stands/non-coaching
Roberta Mallette	MVHS	School Activities/Concession Stands/non-coaching
Ashleigh Belfiore	MVHS	School Activities/Concession Stands/Volunteer Coach
Tiffany Gammon	MVHS	School Activities/Concession Stands/Volunteer Coach
Jamie Seabolt	RVHS/SRMS	School Activities/Concession Stands/non-coaching
Thomas Morsi	MVHS	School Activities/Concession Stands/Game Stats
Larissa Janney	MVHS	School Activities/Concession Stands/non-coaching
Gwendolyn Lacy	MVHS	School Activities/Concession Stands/non-coaching
Gwendolyn Lacy	CFES	School Activities/Concession Stands/non-coaching
Diana Hanshaw	MVHS	School Activities/Concession Stands/non-coaching
Jessica Pertee	MVHS	School Activities/Concession Stands/non-coaching
Kim Edwards	MVHS	School Activities/Concession Stands/non-coaching
Sarah Diaz	MVHS	School Activities/Concession Stands/non-coaching
Brittany Roupe	MVHS	School Activities/Concession Stands/non-coaching
Timothy Ranson Addair	RVHS	School Activities/Athletic Stats/NON-COACHING

Kimberly Edwards	MVHS	School Activities/Concession Stands/non-coaching
Rebecca Muncy	MVHS	School Activities/Concession Stands/non-coaching
Brenda Mullins	MVHS	School Activities/Concession Stands/non-coaching
Shamya Baker	MVHS	School Activities/Concession Stands/non-coaching

On a motion of Jennifer Justice, seconded by Georgia West, 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 Linda Lester White, 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. Mr. Evans and Mrs. Justice had several questions , which were answered by Janna Conn, Treasurer.

2. Request to Allow Payment of Food Service Bills as they are Received by McDowell County Board of Education (A listing of payment will be provided periodically to the Board for informational purposes)

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 the Payment of Food Service Bills as they re Received by McDowell County Board of Education (A listing of payment will be provided periodically to the Board for informational purposes). Janna Conn informed the Board that the reason for this change is because the Vendor changed their terms of payment, requiring payment within 10 days of billing, and they don't accept PCard.

3. Approval To Authorize School Fundraiser Events

Mount View High, Middle School Academic/Attendance Incentives, Grades 6-8 – Bottled Water Sales (August 24, 2026 – May 21, 2027)

River View High, Office and Project Graduation, Grades 9-12 – Student Parking ($15.00 per year each - Office/Painting Parking Spot ($15.00 per year each – Project Graduation) (August 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027)

River View High, Project Graduation/Senior Trip, Grades 9-12 – Bottled Water Sales (August 24, 2026 – June 30, 2027)

River View High, General Fund, Grades 9-12 – Ice Cream Sales (August 24, 2026 – June 30, 2027)

Iaeger Elementary School, General Fund, Grades PK-5 – Hershey Ice Cream Sales (August 24, 2026 – June 25, 2027)

Mount View High, Academic/Attendance Incentives, Grades 9-12 – Bottled Water Sales (August 24, 2026 – May 21, 2027)

River View High, Cheerleaders, Grades 9-12 – Homecoming Dance (September 19, 2026)

River View High, All Sports Boosters, Grades 9-12 – Christmas Formal (December 5, 2026)

River View High, Cheerleading/Softball, Grades 9-12 – Miss Raider Pageant (March 6, 2027)

On a motion of Georgia West, seconded by Linda Lester White, and a total of "five" votes cast: "five" Yes/ "zero" No/"zero" Abstain, the Board voted to Approve all School Fundraiser Events: Mount View High,

Middle School Academic/Attendance Incentives, Grades 6-8 – Bottled Water Sales (August 24, 2026 – May 21, 2027); River View High, Office and Project Graduation, Grades 9-12 – Student Parking ($15.00 per year each - Office/Painting Parking Spot ($15.00 per year each – Project Graduation) (August 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027); River View High, Project Graduation/Senior Trip, Grades 9-12 – Bottled Water Sales (August 24, 2026 – June 30, 2027); River View High, General Fund, Grades 9-12 – Ice Cream Sales (August 24, 2026 – June 30, 2027); Iaeger Elementary School, General Fund, Grades PK-5 – Hershey Ice Cream Sales (August 24, 2026 – June 25, 2027); Mount View High, Academic/Attendance Incentives, Grades 9-12 – Bottled Water Sales (August 24, 2026 – May 21, 2027); River View High, Cheerleaders, Grades 9-12 – Homecoming Dance (September 19, 2026); River View High, All Sports Boosters, Grades 9-12 – Christmas Formal (December 5, 2026); River View High, Cheerleading/Softball, Grades 9-12 – Miss Raider Pageant (March 6, 2027).

Presentation/Reports

1. Insurance Benefits Presentation – Rocky Seay, Colonial Life, District General Agent

Mr. Seay addressed the Board to inquire about Colonial Life becoming an optional Accidental Insurance carrier for employees of McDowell Count Schools. He went on to describe the differences in Colonial Life and American Fidelity. He asked that the Board empower the Superintendent's office to go over numbers and see if Colonial Life could work for the staff.

2. Summative Assessment Results – Dr. Ingrida Barker, Superintendent

Dr. Barker shared a Power Point going over the Summative Assessment Data. This is information that has been shared with the Principals and their staff. In September, she will have a more in depth presentation with a different methodology. This data focuses on ELA, Math and Science achievement for grades 4-11 used for accountability scorecard that will come out that month.

3. School Board Member LSIC Training – Dr. Ingrida Barker, Superintendent

At this time, Dr. Barker shared an LSIC training video provided by the WVDE. This is a mandatory training for Board members every year in order to be in compliance with SB 172 and Policy 2322 regarding LSIC meetings.

Board Reports/Comments

President Ed Evans commented about his attendance at the opening of schools today at Mount View High School that he and Vice-President Jennifer Justice attended. He stated that the event was very well thought out and planned, and well done overall.

Action Items

1. Approval of Universal PreK 2026-2027 Calendar

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 Universal PreK 2026-2027 Calendar.

2. Approval of 2026-2027 Collaborative Agreement Between McDowell County Board of Education Pre-K Program and Coalfield Community Action Partnership Serving McDowell County Head Start

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 voted to Approve to the 2026-2027 Collaborative Agreement Between McDowell County Board of Education Pre-K Program and Coalfield Community Action Partnership Serving McDowell County Head Start.

3. Approval of 2026-2027 River View High Golf Schedule

4. Approval of 2026-2027 River View High Football 9-12 Schedule

5. Approval of 2026-2027 River View High Football 6-8 Schedule

6. Approval of 2026-2027 River View High Volleyball 6-8 Schedule

7. Approval of 2026-2027 River View High Cross Country 9-12 Schedule

8. Approval of 2026-2027 Sandy River Middle Cross Country 6-8 Schedule

9. Approval of 2026-2027 River View High Volleyball 9-12 Schedule

10. Approval of 2026-2027 Mount View High Football 9-12 Schedule

11. Approval of 2026-2027 Mount View Middle Football 6-8 Schedule

12. Approval of 2026-2027 Mount View High/Middle Cross Country Schedule

13. Approval of 2026-2027 Mount View Middle Volleyball 6-8 Schedule

14. Approval of 2026-2027 Mount View High Volleyball 9-12 Schedule

15. Approval of 2026-2027 Mount View High Golf 9-12 Schedule

16. Approval of 2026-2027 Mount View High Boys' Basketball 9-12 Schedule

17. Approval of 2026-2027 Mount View High Girls' Basketball 9-12 Schedule

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 voted to Approve Action Items 3-17, McDowell County Sports Schedules: Approval of 2026-2027 River View High Golf Schedule; Approval of 2026-2027 River View High Football 9-12 Schedule; Approval of 2026-2027 River View High Football 6-8 Schedule; Approval of 2026-2027 River View High Volleyball 6-8 Schedule; Approval of 2026-2027 River View High Cross Country 9-12 Schedule; Approval of 2026-2027 Sandy River Middle Cross Country 6-8 Schedule; Approval of 2026-2027 River View High Volleyball 9-12 Schedule; Approval of 2026-2027 Mount View High Football 9-12 Schedule; Approval of 2026-2027 Mount View Middle Football 6-8 Schedule; Approval of 2026-2027 Mount View High/Middle Cross Country Schedule; Approval of 2026-2027 Mount View Middle Volleyball 6-8 Schedule; Approval of 2026-2027 Mount View High Volleyball 9-12 Schedule; Approval of 2026-2027 Mount View High Golf 9-12 Schedule; Approval of 2026-2027 Mount View High Boys' Basketball 9-12 Schedule; Approval of 2026-2027 Mount View High Girls' Basketball 9-12 Schedule.

18. Approval of Student Trip Request – Concord University – River View High School, Grades 9-12 – Upward Bound, Saturday Session (August 29, 2026)

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 the Student Trip Request – Concord University – River View High School, Grades 9-12 – Upward Bound, Saturday Session (August 29, 2026).

19. Approval to Purchase Health & Wellness Textbooks and Online Resources – Goodheart-Wilcox Publisher for Grades 6-12 for SY 26-30 ($100,000.00)

On a motion of Georgia West, seconded by James Copolo, and a total of "five" votes cast: "five" Yes/ "zero" No/"zero" Abstain, the Board voted to Approve the Purchase of Health & Wellness Textbooks and Online Resources – Goodheart-Wilcox Publisher for Grades 6-12 for SY 26-30 ($100,000.00).

20. Conveyance of Kimball Elementary School Property

On a motion of Georgia West, seconded by James Copolo, and a total of "five" votes cast: "five" Yes/ "zero" No/"zero" Abstain, the Board voted to Approve the Conveyance of Kimball Elementary School

Property to the Town of Kimball. This vote comes after hearing that The Council of Southern Mountains withdrew from consideration, stating that they will work with the Town of Kimball.

Superintendent's Updates

This is the first week back for teachers in the County. Today all of the staff in the County came together at Mount View for the Opening of Schools with our theme this year being "Make Bold Moves".

Wednesday there will be professional development offered across the county for different department in several locations. Thursday will be a professional development day where staff can work in their own schools.

Thanks to an anonymous donor, all staff in McDowell County will receive an "I Love McDowell County Public Schools" t-shirt. If any board member would like to have one, please advise your shirt size, and that information will be passed along.

The Battle of the Views between Mount View Golden Knights and River View Raiders Football teams will be held at River View this year on Friday night, August 28. The Board is invited to come out and support both teams.

We have purchased 4 vans for sport and extra-curricular trips. Two will be housed at River View and two at Mount View. Mr. Lester and Mr. Grygiel will meet and train those individuals who may be driving these vehicles next week. Principals will identify potential personnel that will be driving. Only paid staff members will be permitted to drive these vehicles, no volunteer coaches will have access. The Athletic Director on each side of the county will make a calendar for use in scheduling the vans. Larger groups will continue to use buses when available. Both Middle and High School sports teams can use the vans, as well as academic teams.

Announcement of Future Meetings

Date:	Tuesday, September 1, 2026
Time:	4:00 PM
Type:	Special Meeting, BOE Member Training for HB2499
Location:	Central Office, 900 Mount View Road, Welch, WV

Date:	Tuesday, September 1, 2026
Time:	5:00 PM
Type:	Regular Meeting
Location:	Central Office, 900 Mount View Road, Welch, WV

Adjournment

On a motion Jennifer Justice, seconded by Linda Lester White, and a total of "five" votes cast: "five" Yes/ "zero" No/"zero" Abstain the Board moved to adjourn at 6:35 pm.

Edward Evans, President Date

Dr. Ingrida Barker, Superintendent Date