MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MCDOWELL COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2026

The Board of Education of the County of McDowell met in special session Tuesday, September 1, 2026, at 4:00 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, James Copolo, Georgia West and Linda Lester White. Superintendent Ingrida Barker served as secretary.

BOARD ACTION

President Ed Evans called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm, then led 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.

Board Work Session

1. BOE Member Training for HB2499 (Navigating Special Education Regulations) – Dr. Kristy East, Director of Exceptional Learners

Dr. East provided the Board Members with a copy of HB 2499 (Navigating Special Education Regulations) presentation and explained that this training would be more in generalities, not specific to McDowell County students. This training session is to give them a general understanding of the law, policies and regulations of WVBE Policy 2419 and IDEA.

Announcement of Future Meetings

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 4:59 pm.

Edward Evans, President Date

Ingrida Barker, Superintendent Date