

# MINUTES

## Board of Education for the County of Mingo

110 Cinderella Road, Williamson, WV 25661

Special Re-Scheduled Regular Meeting

February 24, 2025, at 6:00 ~~(2-18-25)~~

### I. Call to order

President Slone called the meeting to order. The time was 6:41 p.m.

**Board Members present:** Tom Slone, President; David Jewell, Vice President; John W. Preece, Braydan Goff, and Deanna Wellman. Superintendent Dr. Johnny Branch was in attendance.

**Members of the Press in attendance:** Bruce Justice of the Mingo Messenger

**Central Office Staff in attendance:** Patrick Billips, Director of Technology; Beth Daniels, CSBO / Treasurer (Chief School Business Officer); William Hensley, Director of Maintenance; Kay Maynard, Director Child Nutrition & Wellness; Virginia Taylor-Mounts, Technology Integration Facilitator; Christie Tilley, Coordinator of Parent Involvement; Leah Wireman, Director of Human Resources

### II. Pledge of Allegiance

Mrs. Wellman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### III. Delegations

Jade Brumfield spoke regarding Kermit K-8 school.

### VIII. Superintendents' Update

The Superintendent's updates were moved here. He covered several items.

### IV. General Considerations

#### a. Discussion and possible action regarding increasing the county's investment in the WV Board of Treasury investment program

Mrs. Daniels spoke about the investment account we participated in. We had earned \$282,857.00 in interest since January of last year. She requested to increase the investment by two million dollars until we get the CEFPP revisions made and projects selected we planned to do.

Mr. Preece made the motion to do the investment with the West Virginia Treasury money markets. Mr. Jewell seconded that motion. The motion carried with a vote of 5/0.

### V. Departmental Updates

#### a. Curriculum and Instruction Update- school data for MOY

Dr. Branch reported the mid-year Benchmark Data. He compared the beginning and middle of the year assessments.

#### b. CTE/ Early College Update

Dr. Branch gave this update. The college will be providing SAT style questions to our ECA students. There were questions and answers.

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50 **c. Maintenance Report - William Hensley**

51 Mr. Hensley delivered the Maintenance report. There were questions and answers.  
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53 **d. Treasurer's Report - Beth Daniels**

54 Mrs. Daniels presented this report. Tax information was distributed in a timely manner. The audit was  
55 completed – the report would be given at the next meeting. Schools would be granted more time to use  
56 their allotted county funds. Questions were answered.  
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58 **VI. Consent Agenda**

59 **a. Approval of Minutes**

60 **1. Minutes of January 28, 2025 – Attachment M1-28**  
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62 **b. Bills, Transfers, Supplements**

63 **1. Payment of Bills**

64 Bills presented for approval through February 10, 2025. The invoice list is available for  
65 review during public hours two business days prior to the meeting.

Fund	Amount
Fund 11	\$496,883.74
Fund 41	\$ 2,897.00
Fund 51	-
Fund 61	\$175,244.41
Fund 71	-

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68 **2. Budget Supplements**

69 Budget Supplements presented for approval

Supplements	
1	\$ 4,600.00
2	\$ 38,973.00
3	\$ 5,000.00
Total	\$ 48,573.00

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72 **c. Personnel Actions**

73 **1. PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL**

74 **a. New Employment into Existing Position**

- 75 i. Christopher Faine Substitute Teacher MCS (effective February 19, 2025)  
76 ii. Ethan Wolford Substitute Teacher MCS (effective February 19, 2025)  
77 iii. Joshua May Substitute Teacher MCS (effective February 19, 2025)  
78 iv. Margaret Fletcher Substitute Teacher MCS (effective February 19, 2025)  
79 v. Mary May Substitute Teacher MCS (Based on Student Teaching Permit)  
80 (effective February 19 – June 30, 2025)  
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82 **b. Request for Leave of Absence**

- 83 i. Dreama Thornsby Teacher / Special Education MK8 (January 3 and January 16,  
84 2025)  
85 ii. Patricia Bartram Teacher / Grade 2 DES (January 24 and 27, 2025)  
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87 **c. Retirement**

- 88 i. M. Annetta Swafford Instructional Coach MK8 (effective June 30, 2025)

- ii. Deborah Hensley Teacher / Grade Kindergarten DES (effective June 30, 2025)
- iii. Debra Santer Teacher / Special Education WK8 (effective August 1, 2025)

## 2. PROFESSIONAL EXTRACURRICULAR ASSIGNMENTS

### a. New Employment for School year 2024-2025

- i. Daniel Smith Assistant Coach / Baseball BK8 (zero comp) (effective February 19, 2025)
- ii. Lance Lester Assistant Coach / Baseball MCHS (zero comp) (effective February 19, 2025)

### b. Resignations

- i. Randall Lackey Assistant Coach / Baseball TVHS (effective January 28, 2025)
- ii. Curtis Collins Assistant Coach / Baseball WK8 (effective February 12, 2025)

## 3. SERVICE PERSONNEL

### a. Resignation

- i. Tesla Gibson Aide / Autism Mentor BK8 (effective February 3, 2025)
- ii. Marvin Brandon Colegrove Custodian III LK8 (effective February 6, 2025)
- iii. Debbie White Substitute Secretary MCS (effective January 28, 2025)

### b. Request for Leave of Absence

- i. Jennifer Totten Cook MCHS (January 17, 2025)

### c. Abolish Position

- i. Coordinator of School Support Services (effective February 19, 2025)

### ~~d. Employee Discipline~~

- ~~i. \_\_\_\_\_ Suspend without pay on the following day  
(January 23, 2025)~~

## 4. Mingo County Schools Volunteers

### a. Volunteers 2024-2025

- i. Eric Sartin
- ii. Brandi Runyon

### *End Consent Agenda*

Mrs. Wireman struck item c. Personnel Actions, 1. PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL, 3. SERVICE PERSONNEL, d. Employee Discipline, i. \_\_\_\_\_ Suspend without pay on the following day (January 23, 2025)

Mr. Jewell made the motion to approve the Consent agenda with the stricken item. Mr. Goff seconded that motion. The motion carried with a vote of 5/0. The ayes had it, so ordered.

## VII. Board Member Comment Period

Mr. Jewell apologized for this tardiness. There were comments regarding the recent flooding - how proud to see our students working for our communities to help victims of the recent floods.

## VIII. Superintendent's Update

See lines 27-28.

139 **IX. Adjournment**

140 Mr. Jewell made the motion to adjourn. Mrs. Wellman seconded that motion.

141 The time was 8:17 p.m.

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143 **Next Regular Meeting**

144 March 18, 2025

 3-28-25  
Superintendent, Dr. Johnny Branch      Date

Minutes were State approved 3-18-25