

MINUTES

Board of Education for the County of Mingo

110 Cinderella Road, Williamson, WV 25661

Regular Meeting

March 18, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.

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I. Call to order

President Slone called the meeting to order. The time was 5:00 p.m.

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

Both Members of the Press were in attendance: Bruce Justice of the Mingo Messenger; Josh Brown of the Williamson Daily News

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

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Mrs. Wellman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Delegations

Mr. Jewell read the declaration.

Hillary Hall spoke regarding concerns of losing Federal Funding to Education. Her question was how we planned to move forward if these cuts were made. Would it just be levy and taxes?

IV. Superintendent Updates

1. Learning Loss - Dr. Branch had a handout for Board Members. There was a plan for the instructional time that was lost in recent weeks. We are required by law to have 180 days of instruction. We would be able to meet 177 days with a waiver of three (3) days. He explained the plan. There would be two (2) weeks of after school and six (6) weeks of teachers using planning periods for instructional loss. It would cost about \$50,000. We had applied for a grant to cover the cost.

2. Calendar Updates – Dr. Branch had a handout for Board Members. He explained that a waiver for (3) three days had been requested. We should be able to meet 177 days.

V. Action Items Submitted to the State Superintendent for Approval

a. Out of State Field Trips

1. Gilbert PK8, Junior Beta – Wilderness at the Smokies, (June 3,4, 2025)
2. Gilbert PK8, G 3rd/4th – Dollywood End of Year trip (June 6, 2025)
3. Mingo Central G 9-12 - PBS, Kings Island (May 12, 2025)

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4. Matewan Pre K-8, G 8, - Dollywood (May 29, 2025)

Mr. Slone announced that all field trips had been approved by State Superintendent Blatt.

b. CEFPP Priority List – Dr. Branch read the items on the list and their cost.

c. Major Improvement Project to the School Building Authority for Gilbert P K-8 – Mr. Hensley gave the report. He explained improvements that would be made to our buildings.

VI. Consent Agenda Items Submitted to the State Superintendent for Approval
The following items were approved by State Superintendent Blatt and her designees.

a. Approval of Minutes

1. Minutes of February 4, 2025
2. Minutes of February 24, 2025

b. Bills, Transfers, Supplements

1. Payment of Bills

Bills presented for approval through 3-11-25. The invoice list is available for review during public hours two business days prior to the meeting.

Fund	Amount
Fund 11	\$ 770,331.73
Fund 41	\$ 51,137.96
Fund 51	\$ -
Fund 61	\$ 171,579.02
Fund 71	\$ -

2. Budget Transfers

Budget Transfers presented for approval

Transfers	
1	\$ 500.00
2	\$ 1,444,651.10
3	\$ 33,198.00
4	\$ 87,485.00
5	\$ 145,239.00
	\$ 1,711,073.10

3. Budget Supplements

Budget Supplements presented for approval

Supplements	
1	\$ 19,468.25
Total	\$ 19,468.25

All approved personnel items are on a separate, attached document.

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81 **VII. Adjournment**

82 Mr. Jewell made the motion to adjourn. Mr. Goff seconded that motion. The motion carried with a vote
83 of 5/0.

84 The time was 5:30 p.m.

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86 **Next Regular Meeting**

87 April 15, 2025



Superintendent, Dr. Johnrly Branch Date

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AGENDA

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1. PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL

a. NEW EMPLOYMENT INTO EXISTING POSITION

- i. Donise Sheppard Substitute Teacher Mingo County Schools (effective March 19, 2025) (Pending Certification)
- ii. Chelsey Sturgell Substitute Teacher Mingo County Schools (effective March 19, 2025)
- iii. Brittany Moore Substitute Teacher Mingo County Schools (RESTRICTED) (Pending Certification)
- iv. Kyle Runyon Substitute Teacher Mingo County Schools (RESTRICTED) (effective March 19, 2025)
- v. Carrie Browning Substitute Teacher Mingo County Schools (RESTRICTED) (effective March 19, 2025)
- vi. Cheyanne Graybeal Substitute Teacher Mingo County Schools (RESTRICTED) (effective March 19, 2025)
- vii. Deborah Stiltner Teacher / Social Studies Burch PK8 (effective March 19, 2025)
- viii. Kimberly Sheppard Teacher / Grade 6 Williamson PK8 (effective March 19, 2025)

b. TRANSFER INTO EXISTING POSITION

- i. Katrina Brewer Counselor Kermit PK8 to teacher / Math Kermit PK8 (effective March 19, 2025)
- ii. Shirley Mounts teacher / Special Education Williamson PK8 to teacher / Special Education (effective July 1, 2025)

c. REQUEST FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

- i. Tabitha Hitchcock Communities in Schools Burch PK8 (March 10, 11,12,13,14,2025) (MEDICAL)
- ii. Nancy Kline teacher / English Lenore PK8 (March 8, 2025-June 30, 2025) (MEDICAL)
- iii. Gabriel Varney teacher / PE & Health Tug Valley High School (March 3, 2025-April 1, 2025) (MEDICAL)
- iv. Kirsten Moore teacher / Science Mingo Central High School (March 19, 2025 -April 2, 2025) (Educational Leave Request)

2. PROFESSIONAL EXTRACURRICULAR ASSIGNMENTS

a. New Employment for School year 2024-2025

- i. Allison Dotson Siggers Assistant Coach, Softball Kermit PK8 (paid) (effective March 19, 2025)
- ii. Jonathan Duke Jewell Assistant Coach / Baseball Williamson PK8 (paid) (effective March 19, 2025)
- iii. Niles McCoy Coach / Soccer Williamson PK8 (effective March 19, 2025)

b. Resignations

- i. Adam Adams coach / Soccer Williamson PK8 (effective February 2, 2025)
- ii. Leanna Baisden Assistant Coach / Volleyball Williamson PK8 (effective March 13, 2025)

3. SERVICE PERSONNEL

a. New Employment into Existing Position

- i. Peggy Runyon Substitute Aide Mingo County Schools (effective March 19, 2025)
- ii. Jerry Clark Custodian III Matewan PK8 (effective March 19, 2025)
- iii. Derek Hensley Bus Operator Tug Valley Area (effective March 19, 2025)

b. Transfer into Existing Position

- i. Annete Michelle Toler Cook III Gilbert PK8 to Cook II Gilbert PK8 (effective March 19, 2025)
- ii. Natalie Manuel Custodian IV Mingo Central High School to Custodian III Mingo Central High School (effective March 19, 2025)
- iii. Charlotte Williams aide / ECCAT Williamson PK8 to aide / ECCAT Matewan PK8 (effective July 1, 2025)
- iv. Amy Baisden from Bus Operator Tug Valley Area to Bus Operator Gilbert Area (effective March 19, 2025)

c. Request for Leave of Absence

- i. Michael Dempsey Custodian III Williamson PK8 (March 1, 2025- May 1, 2025) (Medical)
- ii. Ashley Maynard Townsend aide / ECCAT Burch PK8 (February 12,13,14 2025) (Medical)
- iii. Tonya Jones aide / ECCAT Matewan PK8 (February 28, 2025 -April 28, 2025) (Medical)
- iv. Jonia Stumbo aide / ECCAT Dingess Elementary (January 31, February 7, 10, March 3,4,5, 2025) (Medical)

d. Retirement

- i. Carol Kirk aide / ECCAT Lenore PK8 (effective February 10, 2025)
- ii. Carol Jean Webb Cook III Kermit PK8 (effective June 30, 2025)

e. Employee Discipline (Awaiting recommendations for blank item)

- i. Jessica Aldridge aide / autism mentor at Williamson PK8 Suspend 10 days without pay (February 14,17,18,19,20,21,24,25,26,27 2025)

4. Mingo County Volunteers

a. Volunteers

- i. Ryan Huff
- ii. Charles Balsden

End Consent Agenda

Probationary Contract renewals and offer contracts for the 2025-2026 school year

a. Professional Personnel-Renew probationary contracts and offer contracts for the 2025-2026 school year as indicated (current assignment listed for reference)

- i. Whittani Kirk teacher / Special Education Gilbert PK8, continuing
- ii. Christy McCoy teacher / Kindergarten MK8 , continuing
- iii. Ashley Willis teacher / Math Williamson PK8, continuing
- iv. Brandon Jace Hall teacher / Social Studies Tug Valley High School, continuing
- v. Angel Jude teacher / Health Occupations Mingo Central High School, continuing
- vi. Norma Sammons teacher / grade 3 Lenore PK8, continuing
- vii. Stacey Floyd teacher / Math Burch PK8, continuing
- viii. Lakyn Dearnell Williamson teacher / grade 3 Kermit PK8, 3rd probationary
- ix. Mariassa Brock teacher / Art Kermit PK8, 3rd probationary
- x. Chelsea Sammons teacher / eLearning Facilitator Mingo Central High School, 3rd probationary
- xi. Dakota Jessie teacher / 50%eLearning Facilitator / 50% Social Studies Mingo Central High School, 3rd probationary
- xii. Tabitha Hitchcock Communities in Schools Burch PK8 / Matewan PK8, 3rd probationary
- xiii. Andrea Evans Communities in Schools Dingess Elementary School, 3rd probationary
- xiv. Kara Plummer Communities in Schools Gilbert PK8 / Williamson PK8, 3rd probationary
- xv. Alicia Annie Justice teacher / eLearning Facilitator Williamson PK8 26%, Burch PK8 24%, Gilbert PK8 24%, Matewan PK8 24% 2nd probationary
- xvi. Sara Brewer teacher / grade Kindergarten Kermit PK8 2nd probationary
- xvii. Brianna Stratton teacher / special education Burch PK8, 2nd probationary

xviii. Kayla Ellis teacher / eLearning Facilitator Mingo Central High School, 2nd probationary

b. Service personnel renew probationary contracts and offer contracts for the 2025-2026 school year as indicated (current assignment listed for reference)

- i. John Turner custodian III / groundsman Mingo Central High , continuing
- ii. Holly Hoffman secretary Dingess Elementary, continuing
- iii. Susan Jude bus operator Mingo County Schools, continuing
- iv. Bobby Runyon Custodian IV Williamson PK8 , continuing
- v. Gavin Farley Custodian III Kermit PK8 , continuing
- vi. Angela Fleming secretary Burch PK8, continuing
- vii. Melissa Turner custodian III Gilbert PK8, continuing
- viii. Vivian Carter secretary Gilbert PK8, continuing
- ix. Chris Evans custodian III Williamson PK8, continuing
- x. Brian Ford bus operator Mingo County Schools, continuing
- xi. James David Sloan bus operator Mingo County Schools, continuing
- xii. Lesa Compton aide / ECCAT Gilbert PK8, continuing
- xiii. Dwight Stepp bus operator , Mingo County Schools, continuing
- xiv. Ashley Church custodian III Gilbert PK8, continuing
- xv. Danny West bus operator Mingo County Schools, continuing
- xvi. Amy Balsden bus operator Mingo County Schools, 3rd probationary
- xvii. Teddy Graham custodian III Williamson PK8, 3rd probationary
- xviii. Kim Cline aide / ECCAT Gilbert PK8, 3rd probationary
- xix. Megan Sullivan aide / ECCAT Kermit PK8, 3rd probationary
- xx. Nathan Brewer custodian III Matewan PK8, 3rd probationary
- xxi. Ryan Haugen custodian IV Dingess Elementary, 3rd probationary
- xxii. Michelle Brewer aide / ECCAT Kermit PK8, 3rd probationary
- xxiii. Kristin Harvey aide / Autism Mentor Williamson PK8, 3rd probationary
- xxiv. Tyler Paige Balsden aide / Autism Mentor Tug Valley High School 3rd pro
- xxv. Sharon Layne aide / ECCAT Matewan PK8, 3rd probationary
- xxvi. Charlotte Williams aide / ECCAT Williamson PK8, 3rd probationary
- xxvii. Mary Mullins aide / ECCAT Williamson PK8, 3rd probationary
- xxviii. Kiara Dempsey aide / ECCAT Burch PK8, 3rd probationary
- xxix. Erma Justice Aide / Autism Mentor Dingess Elementary, 3rd probationary
- xxx. Jennifer Totten Cook II Mingo Central High School 3rd probationary
- xxxi. Tammy Green Cook III Mingo Central High School, 3rd probationary
- xxxii. Ashley Edmiston aide / ECCAT Gilbert PK8 2nd probationary
- xxxiii. Tammy Taylor aide / ECCAT Williamson PK8 2nd probationary
- xxxiv. Mara Maynard aide / Autism Mentor Williamson PK8 2nd probationary
- xxxv. Ellen Newsome aide / Autism Mentor Lenore PK8 2nd probationary
- xxxvi. Vanessa Lucas aide / Autism Mentor Lenore PK8 2nd probationary
- xxxvii. Lillie Rollyson aide / Autism Mentor Matewan PK8 2nd probationary
- xxxviii. Jessica Aldridge aide / Autism Mentor Williamson PK8 2nd probationary
- xxxix. Felicity Runyon aide / Autism Mentor Lenore PK8, 2nd probationary
- xl. Brandi Steele LPN / AIDE Williamson PK8, 2nd probationary
- xli. Annette Toler Cook III Gilbert PK8 2nd probationary

VIII. Workforce realignment for the 2025-2026 School Year

a. Create positions (professional) effective July 1, 2025

- i. Teacher / Grade 3 Burch PK8
- ii. Teacher / Grade 4 Kermit PK8
- iii. Teacher / Grade3 Williamson PK8
- iv. Teacher / Grade 1 Lenore PK8

- v. Teacher / Grade 1 Williamson PK8
- b. **Abolish positions (professional) (vacant or to become vacant) (effective July 1, 2025)**
 - i. Teacher / Grade 2 Burch PK8
 - ii. Teacher / Grade Kindergarten Kermit PK8
 - iii. Teacher / Grade 4 Lenore PK8
 - iv. Teacher / Grade 2 Lenore PK8
 - v. Teacher / Grade 2 Williamson PK8
 - vi. Teacher / Grade 5 Kermit PK8
 - vii. Teacher / Physical Education & Health Mingo Central High School
 - viii. Communities in Schools Mingo Central High School 50% / Kermit PK8 50%
 - ix. Counselor Mingo Central High School
- c. **Reassign or Transfer as appropriate (professional) effective July 1, 2025**
 - i. Vanessa Dotson teacher / grade 2 Williamson PK8 to a position to be determined
 - ii. Koneta Starr Collins Teacher / grade 2 Burch PK8 to a position to be determined
 - iii. Sara Brewer teacher / Kindergarten Kermit PK8 to a position to be determined
 - iv. Jamie Meddings teacher / Grade 5 Kermit PK8 to a position to be determined
 - v. Deidra Adkins teacher / grade 2 Lenore PK8 to a position to be determined
 - vi. Felicia Messer teacher / grade 4 Lenore PK8 to a position to be determined
- d. **Appointment of Treasurer for the 2025-2026 school year (effective July 1, 2025)**
 - i. Mary E. Daniels Treasurer /Chief School Business Officer


Superintendent, Dr. Johnny Branch 4-15-25
Date

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