

Minutes

Board of Education for the County of Mingo

110 Cinderella Road, Williamson, WV 25661

Regular Meeting

June 17, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.

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I. Call to order

President Slone called the meeting to order. The time was 5:03 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 also in attendance.

Both Members of the Press attended. Bruce Justice of the Mingo Messenger; Josh Brown of the Williamson Daily News

Members of the Central Office Staff in attendance were Patrick Billips, Director of Technology; Robert Channell, Director of Transportation; Mark Dean, Director of CTE/Secondary/Post-Secondary Learning; 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

Mr. Slone led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Delegations

There were no delegations.

IV. Department Reports/Updates (Information of interest to WVDE, BOE, Schools, and Public)

1. Curriculum

Dr. Branch gave a brief update on the new items regarding curriculum.

2. Student Services

Dr. Branch gave a brief update regarding attendance reports.

3. Maintenance

There was no report given.

4. Transportation

Mr. Channell gave a report regarding the number of bus routes in the county and the number of buses. He shared we were able to buy five new buses from another county and how we were able to purchase three used buses at very low cost. He thanked Dr. Branch for the years of leadership in our county.

47 **5. Treasurer's Updates**

48 There was no Treasurer's Updates this evening.

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50 **6. Other**

51 Dr. Branch shared appreciation for the Central Office Staff and staff in the county.

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53 **V. Action Items Submitted to the State Superintendent for Approval**

54 Mr. Slone announced each item below. He shared that each of the items had been approved by the
55 State Superintendent.

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57 **a. Approve Enovia Insurance as the Worker's Compensation carrier FY2026**

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59 **b. Textbook Adoption for Pre-K and Social Studies**

60 The Pre-K core team adopted Creative Curriculum. Teacher Created Grades K-4; Shaping a Nation, Gibbs
61 Smith Education, Grade 5; Building a Promise, Gibbs Smith Education for Grade 6; Beyond Borders, Bibbs
62 Smith Education, Grade 7; The West Virginia Journey, Gibbs Smith, Grade 8; World Studies, Imagine
63 Learning, High Schools; US Studies, Imagine Learning, High Schools; US Studies Comprehensive, Imagine
64 Learning, High Schools; Civics, Houghton, High Schools; Contemporary Studies, Imagine Learning, High
65 Schools; Economics, Imagine Learning, High Schools; Geography, Imagine Learning, High Schools;
66 Psychology, Pearson High Schools; Sociology, Cengage, High Schools The Pre K- core team adopted
67 creative curriculum.

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69 **c. Textbook Purchase – Purchase of FY26 Math textbook resources/digital licenses for K-**
70 **8 for a cost of \$109,110.78**

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72 **d. Approve purchase for security upgrades (CEFP #4)**

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74 **e. Approve the contract in the amount of \$155,500.00 with Prime Paving for sealing and**
75 **striping of parking lots county-wide (CEFP #5)**

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77 **f. Minutes**

78 **a. Minutes of May 20, 2025**

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80 **VI. Finances Submitted to State Superintendent Approval)**

81 *(Invoices are available for review at the Central Office, direct inquiries to Beth Daniels 304 235-3333 ext. 7130)*

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83 **1. Bills, Transfers, Supplements**

84 **a. Payment of Bills**

85 Bills presented for approval through June 3, 2025. The invoice list is available for review
86 during public hours two business days prior to the meeting.

Fund	Amount
Fund 11	\$550,544.73
Fund 41	\$40,614.30
Fund 51	\$-
Fund 61	\$315,292.82
Fund 71	\$-

b. Budget Transfers

Budget Transfers presented for approval

May Transfers	
1	\$ 431,885.83
Total	\$ 431,885.83

c. Budget Supplements

Budget Supplements presented for approval

May Supplements	
1	\$ 667,478.00
2	\$ 1,275.00
3	\$ 25,016.00
4	\$ 14,000.00
Total	\$ 707,769.00

VII. Personnel (Items for State Superintendent Approval have been sent)

Mr. Slone announced that this item had been approved by the State Superintendent.

VIII. Adjournment

Mr. Preece made the motion to adjourn. Mr. Jewell seconded that motion.

The time was 5:21 p.m.

Next Regular Meeting

July 15, 2025

Personnel Schedule

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1. PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL

a. New Employment Into Existing Position

- i. Alivia Sturgill Teacher / Kindergarten Dingess Elementary (effective July 1, 2025)

b. Transfer Into Existing Position

- i. Felicia Messer Teacher / Grade 4 Lenore PK8 to Teacher / Kindergarten Lenore PK8 (effective July 1, 2025)
- ii. Kimberly Sheppard Teacher / Grade 6 Williamson PK8 to Counselor Kermit PK8 (effective July 1, 2025)
- iii. Taylor Bailey Teacher / Science Tug Valley High School to Teacher / Math Tug Valley High School (effective July 1, 2025)

- iv. Asia Salmons Teacher / PK Dingess Elementary to Teacher / Physical Education Dingess Elementary (effective July 1, 2025)
- v. Chelsea Sammons Teacher / eLearning Facilitator Mingo Central High School to Teacher / English Mingo Central High School (effective July 1, 2025)

c. Request for Leave of Absence

- i. Dreama Thornsby Teacher / Special Education Matewan PK8 (May 12, 13,14,15, 2025) **(MECIAL)**
- ii. Peggy Woford Counselor Williamson PK8 (May 28- June 4, 2025)**(MEDICAL)**

d. Retirement

- i. Dreama Thornsby Teacher / Special Education Matewan PK8 (effective July 1, 2025)

2. PROFESSIONAL EXTRACURRICULAR ASSIGNMENTS

a. New Employment for School Year 2024-2025

- i. Benjamin Moore Coach / Boys Basketball Burch PK8 (effective June 18, 2025)
- ii. Eric Roberts Assistant Coach / Boys Basketball Burch PK8 (zero comp) (effective June 18, 2025)
- iii. Daniel Lee Smith Assistant Coach / Football Burch PK8 (effective June 18, 2025)
- iv. Bethany Hurley Coach / Soccer Matewan PK8 (effective June 18, 2025)
- v. Jared Lester Coach / Boys Soccer Mingo Central High School (effective June 18, 2025)
- vi. Robert Browning Coach / Boys Basketball Mingo Central High School (effective June 18, 2025)
- vii. William Josh Sammons Athletic Director Mingo Central High School (effective June 18, 2025)
- viii. Michael Baisden Coach / Volleyball Lenore PK8 (effective June 18, 2025)
- ix. Matthew Varney Assistant Coach / Boys Basketball Kermit PK8 (effective June 18, 2025)

b. Resignation

- i. Susan Nicole Clevenger Assistant Coach / Volleyball Lenore PK8 (zero comp) (effective June 2, 2025)
- ii. Ricky Bailey Assistant Coach / Football Burch PK8 (effective May 27, 2025)
- iii. Mark Zachary Curry Coach / Football Burch PK8 (effective May 16, 2025)
- iv. Cletus Sartin Jr Coach / Girls Basketball Kermit PK8 (effective May 23, 2025)

173 **3. SERVICE PERSONNEL**

174 **a. Transfer Into Existing Position**

- 175 i. Chris Evans Custodian III Williamson PK8 to Custodian IV Williamson
176 PK8 (effective June 18, 2025)
177 ii. Julie Sheppard Cook II Kermit PK8 to Cook III Kermit PK8 (effective
178 July 1, 2025)

179 **b. Request for Leave of Absence**

- 180 i. Amanda Deskins Aide / Lenore PK8 (April 30, May 21, 22, 2025)
181 **(MEDICAL)**
182 ii. Natasha Duty Aide / Matewan PK8 (April 3, May 5, 16, 2025)
183 **(MEDICAL)**
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Superintendent, Dr. Joetta Basile

07/15/2025

Date

Minutes Approved 7-15-25