

**MINUTES**  
**Board of Education for the County of Mingo**  
110 Cinderella Road, Williamson, WV 25661

Special Meeting  
December 2, 2024, 5:00 p.m.

**I. Call to order**

President Tom Slone called the meeting to order. The time was 5:08 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.

**Members of the Press 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); Tonya Hagy, RN, BSN Lead School Nurse; Rocky Hall, Director of Attendance and Safe Schools; William Hensley, Director of Maintenance; Mark Dean, Director of CTE/Secondary/Post-Secondary Learning; Kay Maynard, Director Child Nutrition & Wellness; Rodney McCoy, Professional Accountant; Virginia Taylor-Mounts, Technology Integration Facilitator; Christie Tilley, Coordinator of Parent Involvement;

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

Mrs. Wellman led the Pledge of Allegiance

A Board member requested to change the order of the agenda. It was decided to wait until the Board Attorney arrived.

**III. Informational Items and Discussion**

**a. Policies 0161, 0165 - Parliamentary Authority and Meetings**

Members had received copies of both policies. Dr. Branch addressed this section. There had been a question last meeting regarding our Board being governed by Robert's Rules of Order. A Board member thought they had read in Robert's Rules of Order that the agenda was to be approved by the Board at the beginning of each meeting. If he was mistaken, he questioned if Mingo County policies could be revised. Yes, policies could be revised as long as it did not conflict with any state or federal law.

**b. Comprehensive Educational Facilities Plan and Board suggestions for new or amended projects**

The CEFP Plan was distributed to the members. Dr. Branch and Mr. McCoy explained the form. The Plan had items that needed to be removed and our priority plan needed to be updated. In order to do a full amendment, there would need to be Board action. They would need to list the projects, the order to complete, and how to fund them. Dr. Branch explained the enrollment numbers on that plan.

The attorney had arrived, the meeting would continue as outlined in the agenda.

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49                   **c. Membership with Mountain State Educational Services Cooperative**

50 Dr. Branch had spoken with Jan Hanlon, the Executive Director of Mountain State ESC. She was  
51 prepared to attend the January 2025 Regular meeting and present information regarding the role of the  
52 Educational Services Cooperative.

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54 Mr. Preece made a motion to table this item until the January meeting. Mr. Jewell seconded.  
55 The vote was 5/0, ayes had it, so ordered.  
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57                   **d. Partnership with community groups and agencies**

58                   **i. Coalfield Community Action Partnership**

59 Tim Sammons from the Coalfield Community Action Partnership was in attendance to answer questions.  
60 Mr. Preece led the discussion with questions. All questions were answered.  
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62                   **ii. Williamson Health and Wellness**

63 There were representatives from Primary Care Associates and Williamson Health and Wellness. Dr.  
64 Branch started the conversations. We were the 46th county to provide primary health care and  
65 behavioral health care to students in school. Centers were located at Williamson Pre K-8, Matewan Pre  
66 K-8, Kermit Pre K-8, and Burch Pre K-8. We would be expanding into Gilbert Pre K-8 this year.  
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68 The CEO of Williamson Health and Wellness, Dr. Christopher (Dino) Beckett, introduced others who had  
69 attended.  
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71 Debbie Boyd from the WV Primary Care Association addressed the Board. There were questions and  
72 comments. All questions were answered. She had a flyer that was handed out to Board Members.  
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74 Stacy Beckett, Physician Assistant was in attendance. She was the primary care provider for Williamson  
75 Health and Wellness at the Wolfpack Clinic at Williamson Pre K-8 and Matewan Pre K-8 schools. She  
76 shared information about the health care provided to our students and staff. All questions were  
77 answered.  
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79 **IV. General Considerations**

80                   **a. Discussion and possible action to amend the Board Goals adopted October 18, 2024**

81 Mr. Preece addressed this item with a list of suggested goals.  
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83 There was discussion and Leslie Tyree offered legal advice. There was more discussion between Mr.  
84 Preece and Mrs. Tyree.  
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86 Dr. Branch addressed some of the Board goals that had been suggested.  
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88 A discussion ensued between Mr. Slone and Mr. Preece.  
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90 Mr. Slone called for a motion regarding the addition of a Board goal to - Raise school test scores by 10%  
91 and improve the county standing within the state in Math and ELA.  
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93 Mr. Preece made that motion. Mr. Goff seconded that motion. The motion carried with a vote of 5/0,  
94 no one opposed. Ayes had it, so ordered.  
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96 Mr. Slone called for a motion for the January 6<sup>th</sup> and January 13<sup>th</sup> meetings with flexibility on the dates.

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98 Mr. Preece made the motion. Mrs. Wellman seconded that motion. The vote was 5/0 with no one  
99 opposed. Ayes had it, so ordered.

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101 **b. Discussion and possible action regarding the Superintendent's contract, extended October**  
102 **15, 2024**

103 Mr. Slone started the discussion regarding this item. Mr. Goff and Mrs. Wellman shared information  
104 they had gathered.

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106 Mr. Goff made the motion to rescind the previous action taken regarding extending the  
107 Superintendent's contract made on October 15, 2024. Mrs. Wellman seconded that motion. A roll call  
108 vote was taken. Mr. Goff, aye. Mr. Jewell, no. Mrs. Wellman, aye. Mr. Preece, aye. Mr. Slone, no. The  
109 item passed 3/2.

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111 Mr. Slone called for a motion to adjourn.

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113 **V. Adjournment**

114 Mr. Goff made the motion to adjourn. Mr. Slone seconded the motion.  
115 The time was 7:30 p.m.

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117 **Next Regular Meeting**  
118 December 17, 2023

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