The Mercer County Board of Education met in special session at 6:00 P.M. on Tuesday, August 30, 2016, in the Seminar Center at Mercer County Technical Education Center, Princeton, WV.

Members present were Paul Hodges, J.B. Hurt, Gilbert Bailey, Mary Alice Kaufman, Jacinda Santon Smith, and Deborah Akers, Secretary.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Student Disciplinary Action**  
Board Memo #61

The student disciplinary hearing was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by Mr. Hodges. He advised this would be a closed hearing. The witnesses were sequestered in another room, and the Board then went into closed session for the hearing.

Kermit Moore, Board Attorney, represented the administration. Ms. Lori Comer, Principal, and Mr. Brad Carr, Assistant Principal, appeared before the Board to represent Princeton Senior High School concerning the proposed recommendation to expel a male student for the following charges:

**Possession of a set of brass knuckles**

The student was represented by attorney, Brandon Shumaker. The student and his guardians were present for the hearing.

Testimony was taken, and Exhibits 1 through 19 were filed by the Board Attorney, Mr. Moore. The student’s attorney, Mr. Shumaker, filed one exhibit. The hearing was concluded at 6:53 P.M. at which time the Board reconvened in open session.

On motion of Ms. Kaufman, seconded by Ms. Smith, and by a 5-0 vote, the Board withdrew into Executive Session from 6:55 P.M. to 7:35 P.M. according to WV Code 6-9A-4(b)(3) matter relating to student discipline.

At 7:35 P.M., the Board reconvened in open session. On motion of Mr. Hurt, seconded by Ms. Kaufman, and by a 5-0 vote, the Board upheld the Superintendent’s recommendation that the student be suspended until the end of the semester for possession of a deadly weapon (i.e. a set of brass knuckles) on school property. His actions were in violation of Mercer County Policy J-18 and WV Code 18A-5-1a. The student was advised at the hearing that there are educational options available to him.

**Audit Committee Appointment**  
Board Memo #62
On motion of Ms. Kaufman, seconded by Mr. Hurt, and by a 5-0 vote, the Board appointed Jacinda Santon Smith to serve on the Audit Committee. On motion of Mr. Hurt, seconded by Mr. Bailey, and by a 5-0 vote, the Board approved the following audit committee for FY17:

Joy C. Hubbard, CPA  Treasurer – Primary Contact
Leslie M. Wellman, CPA  Director of Purchasing/Auditor
Jacinda Santon Smith  Board Member

This appointment of an audit committee is required by the Procedures Manual for Procuring and Conducting Audits and Reviews of Local Governments issued by the Office of the State Auditor Chief Inspector Division. Members of the audit committee shall be appointed by the entity body for a period of two years, and one member of the committee shall be appointed by the entity body to serve as the primary contact person in the audit procurement process.

The committee shall have at least three members but not more than five with at least one member from the entity’s governing body and one member being an entity appointee with a working knowledge of the accounting system utilized. The remaining one to three members may be appointed by the entity body as deemed appropriate.

**Personnel**
Board Memo #63

On motion of Mr. Bailey, seconded by Ms. Kaufman, and by a 5-0 vote, the Board approved the following personnel agenda and addendum, contingent upon the return of an acceptable background check:

Personnel Agenda
August 30, 2016

Note: Employment is contingent upon acceptable background checks and drug testing.

**Professional**

**Leaves:**

**Alicia Price,** Teacher, Princeton Middle School, requests Medical Leave beginning August 10, 2016 through August 24, 2016. Leave is recommended.

**Resignations:**

**Wayne Pelts,** Social Studies Teacher, Bluefield High School, effective August 30, 2016.

**Adjustment in Start Date:**
From:


To:

John Moton, Music Teacher, Itinerant, effective September 6, 2016.

Employment:

Amanda Presley, Social Studies Teacher, Bluefield High School, effective date contingent on release from neighboring county.

Coaching

(All coaching positions are pending WVSSAC receipt of certification)

Montcalm High School:
Employment: Gary Gillespie, Golf Coach (effective August 15, 2016)

Bluefield Middle School:
Resignation: Justin Gilbert, Head Baseball Coach

Princeton Middle School:
Employment: Jane Jesse, Assistant Volleyball Coach

Glenwood School:
Carley Divirgilio, Assistant Volleyball Coach

Professional Substitutes

Add:
Seth Ledford
Music PK-12

Jane Jessee-5202
Sandy Muncy-5202
Troy Wills – 5202
Beth Henry – 5202

Remove:
David Lambert

Elementary Grade Level Chairs

Lashmeet/Matoaka School
Melissa Brooks-Grades 3-5 Keisha Gibson-K-2

**Spanishburg School**
Michelle Redman-Primary Kristy Cecil-Intermediate

**Middle School Team Leaders**

**PikeView Middle School**
Brandi Wilson Michelle Jones
Melinda Wyrick Patricia Richardson
Tracy Casey

**Sys Op Contract**

Lisa Hale-Athens School Kathy Goins-Montcalm Elementary School
Sandy Gallimore-Bluefield High School Robin Buckland-Montcalm High School
Traci Richmond-Bluefield Intermediate School Katie Garrett-Oakvale School
School Jason Underwood-PikeView Middle School
Shannon Honaker-Bluefield Middle School Joanna Burr-PikeView High School
Meagan Cahill-Bluewell School Josh Wyatt-PikeView High School
Hannah Green-Brushfork Elementary School Jimmy Jones-Princeton Senior High School
School
Cathy Jones-Ceres Elementary School Karen Henkes-Princeton Middle School
Kathy Roberts-Glenwood School Will Horton-Princeton Middle School
Beth Haynes-Glenwood School Kendra Kelly-Princeton Primary School
Ami Lester- Lashmeet/Matoaka School Toni Pentasuglia-Princeton Primary School
School Wendy Johnson-Spanishburg School
Melinda Rickman-Melrose School James Suroski-Straley School
Ashley Taylor-Memorial Primary School Heather Farley-Sun Valley Elementary
School
Bernice White-MCELC-Bluefield Candace Bailey-Whitethorn Primary School
Cathy Anderson-MCELC-Princeton
Donna Sizemore-Mercer School

**Bus/Lunch Duty Agreements**

**Athens School**
Kimberly Yahya Kristin Wyatt
Sara Wilie Jillian Tieman
Deborah Conner Lisa Hale
Patrick Haye Regina Ann Keene
Charlotte Keener Cynthia Farley
Carolyn Duncan Terry Bailey
Donna Ball Andrea Barr
Melanie Basham Deborah Baxter
Sarah Brown Amy Compton

**Bluefield Middle School**
Tanya East

**Brushfork Elementary School**
Helen Warner  Amanda Etter
Opal Morgan  Rebecca Cochran

**Ceres Elementary School**
Connie Myers  Kimberly Bowman
Lindsey Jones  Janet Burton
Jody Delida  

**Lashmeet/Matoaka School**
Keisha Gibson  

**Melrose School**
Susan Hatcher  

**Memorial Primary School**
Diana Sandifer  

**Mercer School**
Stephanie Grose  Jami Buckner
Stephanie Shrewsbury  Beverly Cox
Doug Meade  Vanessa Howell
Kathy Justice  Scott Nystrom
Jean Davis  Oakey Calvert
Donna Hylton  Rebecca Bailey

**Oakvale School**
Peggy Witt  Katie Garrett
Gretchen Bennett  

**Princeton Primary School**
Sherry Shrader  

**Straley School**
Kevin Lynch  Jessica Thompson
Steven McClanahan  James Suroski
Rhonda Thomas  

**Sun Valley School**
Jennifer Furches  Brenda Thompson
Dona Scarbro  Sarah Furrow-Substitute
Tina Cales  Sarah Graham
Whitethorn Primary School
Deana Wyrick                Levieta Shaw

Extra-Curricular Contracts
Planning Period Coverage

Ruth McCulloch
Molly Robinette

Home/Hospital Instructor

Colleen Nunnery
Elizabeth Yost

Volunteers

Athens School
Will Webster

Brushfork Elementary School
Kayla Harman             Phillip Harman
Kristen Grimmett         Butch Carosi
Brenda Donithan          Christie Odle
Tonya Pruitt             Pattie Hylton

Memorial Primary School
Jennifer Slater           Vicki Reed
Beth Jones                Anthony Steptoe
Trinna Flack             Dorothy Campbell
Kathy Disibbio           Sophia Harris
Angela Kindle

Melrose School
Chasity Bishop            Daniel Bishop
Kristen Castro            Carrie Cordill
Debra Delp                Melissa Griffith
Chasity Via               Apryl Blaker
Sonya Buckner            Rebecca Harris
Christina Isabelle        Tammy Jones
Mark Matherly             Hollie Williams

Montcalm High School
Vickie Workman

PikeView High School
Larry Proffitt
Rodney Hurst
David Johnson

**Princeton Primary School**
Kathy Johnson
Devan Jenkins
Rochelle Tinio
Kara Mari Richmond
Danny Murphy
Katherine Coleman
Jessica Kisiel
Amy Pendleton
Donna Darnell
Hollie Cook
Jamie Tabor
Jewel Denbo
Erica Blankenship
Christene Jennings
Mirian Seay
Courtney Cromer
Crystal Hall
Brittany Swiney
Kelli Pegram
Dorothy Morgan
Tesla Kelley
Lauren Faltman
Jennifer Buzzara
Candace Rode
Christy Murphy
Regena Murphy
Stark Coleman
Jordan Kisiel
Nicole McCormick
Beth Falkner
Lacie Waldron
Chuck Tabor
Lisa Barker
Candida Carty
Robert Seay
Robin Bailey
Jamie Williams
Heather Mitchell
Lynsey Artrip
Natasha Carlson
Jessica Reyes

**Service Personnel**

**Bus/Lunch Duty Agreements**

**Athens School**
Karen Mills
Charlotte Reynolds
Melinda Conner

**Brushfork Elementary School**
Brittany Reed
Latonya Akers
Lori Denise Johnson

**Mercer School**
Karen Bailey
Shirley Jennelle

**Melrose School**
Darra Combs

**Oakvale School**
Sherry Hill
Princeton Primary School
Pamela Smith

Straley School
Misti McKinney

Whitethorn Primary School
Jennifer Hayes

Administration of Medications

Athens School
Dreama Horton-Primary
Cynthia Farley-Alternate

Bluewell School
Rhonda Crockett

Brushfork Elementary School
Lori Denise Johnson

Ceres Elementary School
Betty Long-Primary
Mary Terry-Alternate

Glenwood School
Sabrina Burner-Primary
Lisa Horne-Alternate

Montcalm Elementary School
Debbie Smith

Montcalm High School
Karen Alvis

PikeView High School
Cathy Marchant-Primary
Kimberly Foley-Alternate

Princeton Middle School
Imogene Reynolds

Straley School
Misti McKinney

Whitethorn Primary School
Reclassification of Aides
Supervisory

Bluefield High School
Michelle Oxley

Bluefield Middle School
John Caves
Cynthia Keller

Bluewell School
Angela Thompson
Connie Surface
Ramona Mullins

Melrose School
Beverly Wallace
Georgia Combs
Vicki Tachell

Oakvale School
Darlene Stowers
Angela Swim

Princeton Senior High School
Tony Bullins
Rebecca McFadden
Annette Cecil
Rebecca Griffith

Whitethorn Primary School
Barbara Folden
Velvet Dyson

Service Substitutes

Remove:
Kira Brown-Aide

DISCUSSION

Math Curriculum was discussed by the Board.

ADJOURNMENT

Nothing further appearing, Mr. Bailey moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Hurt, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

Deborah S. Akers, Secretary