

MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Special Session – January 7, 2014
Seminar Center

The Board members met with the Local School Improvement Councils of the following schools on Tuesday, January 7, 2014, at 6:00 PM in the Mercer County Technical Education Seminar Center.

Memorial Elementary School
Princeton Primary School
Whitethorn Elementary School
Early Learning Center

The principals introduced members of their school councils, and gave an overview of their schools' achievements and specific needs. Board members asked questions of the schools, and the principals and/or teachers responded.

The LSIC session was concluded at 7:03 PM.

A brief recess was taken, and the meeting reconvened in regular session at 7:12 PM. Members present were Gregory Prudich, Gilbert Bailey, Edward (Ted) Gillespie, Mary Alice Kaufman, Paul Hodges, and Deborah S. Akers, Secretary.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Joe Turner, Assistant Superintendent, lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

RECOGNITIONS / PRESENTATIONS

None

CITIZENS INPUT

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Mr. Bailey, seconded by Mrs. Kaufman, and by a 5-0 vote, the Board approved the Minutes of December 17, 2013, and January 2, 2014, as submitted.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Change Order No. 9 (Oakvale Elementary School Project)

Board Memo #110

On motion of Mr. Gillespie, seconded by Mr. Hodges, and by a 5-0 vote, the Board approved Change Order No. 9 on the Oakvale Elementary School construction project for installation of a vinyl chain link fence at the top of the embankment on the south end of the building at a cost of \$2,549.74.

Pomeroy – Network Cabling for Oakvale School

Board Memo #111

On motion of Mr. Bailey, seconded by Mr. Gillespie, and by a 5-0 vote, the Board approved the pricing submitted by Pomeroy to provide network cabling for Oakvale Elementary School in the amount of \$34,256.55. The work consists of 171 drops for data, phones and cameras. Pomeroy is providing 37 of these drops at no charge. The Board will provide the wire needed for the work. Pomeroy has the current state contract EDD353450 for network cabling.

Personnel

Board Memo #112

On motion of Mrs. Kaufman, seconded by Mr. Hodges, and by a 4-0 vote, the Board approved the following action on the personnel agenda. All new employment recommendations are contingent upon the return of a clean background check. Mr. Prudich left the room and did not vote on the personnel agenda.

Professional

RESIGNATIONS:

KATHY JO HAYNES, Title I Reading Teacher, Ceres Elementary School, effective June 30, 2014
Reason: Retirement

PEGGY WHITTAKER, Teacher, Brushfork Elementary School, effective June 3, 2014
Reason: Retirement

BILLIE FOY WOOD, Teacher, Glenwood School, effective June 3, 2014
Reason: Retirement

JANET EGGLESTON, Title I Reading Teacher, Princeton Primary School, effective December 31, 2013
Reason: Retirement

CANDACE STANLEY, Career Connections Facilitator, Central Office, effective June 30, 2014
Reason: Retirement

KEITH ANDERSON, PE Teacher, Glenwood School, effective January 15, 2014
Reason: Personal

LEAVE:

ANGELA HUTCHINS (PROFFITT), Music Teacher, Itinerant, requests an extension on her Medical Leave from January 2, 2014, through February 4, 2014. She has previously been approved for Medical Leave beginning November 12, 2013, through December 13, 2013, and December 14, 2013, through January 1, 2014.

TRANSFER:

TRENA HURLEY, from Teacher, Brushfork Elementary School to Title I Instructional Interventionist, Brushfork Elementary School, effective with the 2014-2015 school year.

EMPLOYMENT:

ALVIN HIBBITS, Critical Skills Interventionist, Bluefield Intermediate School, effective January 13, 2014 **(This position is full time for 90 days only.)**

CONTRACTED SERVICES:

COACHING

(All coaching positions are pending receipt of WVSSAC certification)

Bluefield High School

Resignation: J. Paul Sutphin, Assistant Weightlifting Coach

Montcalm High School

Employment: Loessa Bouldin, Assistant Girls' Basketball Coach

Princeton Senior High School

Employment: Lisa Peery-Shoda, Head Softball Coach

Employment: Tressie Hamm, Assistant Girls' Track Coach

Employment: Scarlet Abdelwahed, Assistant Boys' Track Coach

PikeView Middle School

Resignation: Samantha Higgins, Assistant Softball Coach

Resignation: Danielle Farmer, Head Softball Coach

PikeView High School

Employment: Angie Hill, Head Girls' Track Coach

Employment: Larry Thompson, Head Boys' Track Coach

Employment: Rodney Klein, Assistant Boys' Track Coach

PROFESSIONAL SUBSTITUTES

Remove:

Ruth Boyles
Savannah Holt
Melissa Stone
Kimberly Christian

VOLUNTEERS

Bluewell Elementary School

Janet Woolridge
Jennifer Wilmer
Millie DiCristofaro
Melissa Edwards
Tonya Akers
Tamara King
Pam Griffith
Terri Herndon
Connie Linkous
Shannon Ratcliff
Kara Burnett
Robin Jennings
Kelly Jones
Nicole Hamm
Wilma Ballard
Sharon Workman

Princeton Middle School

Sara Wilkins

Princeton Primary School

Jerin Hendricks-Tucker
Kristi Pennington

Service Personnel

RESIGNATIONS:

IRIS CLEMONS, Aide, Princeton Primary School, effective December 31, 2013
Reason: Retirement

BETTY TILLEY, Cook, Sun Valley Elementary School, effective December 12, 2013
Reason: Retirement

TRANSFERS:

SANDY HILL, from Custodian III, PikeView High School (200 day), shift 3:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m., to Cook II, Princeton Senior High School, effective January 13, 2014

DEVIN PHILLIPS, from Cook II, Bluefield Intermediate School, to Cook II, Memorial Elementary School, effective January 13, 2014

JOHNATHON GROOVER, from Custodian III (200 day), Memorial Elementary School, shift 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., to Custodian III, Princeton Senior High School (212 day), shift 3:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m., effective January 13, 2014

EMPLOYMENT:

PENNY PRUDICH, Kindergarten Aide, Melrose Elementary School, effective January 13, 2014 **This position is for the 2013-2014 school year only.**

CONTRACTED SERVICES:

SERVICE SUBSTITUTES

Add:

Mark Meadows (Custodian)

RECLASSIFICATION OF AIDES

Spanishburg Elementary School

Donna Green

Patsy Lusk

Change in Classification:

FROM:

Steven Thornton, HVAC/Electrician

TO:

Steven Thornton, HVAC/Electrician/Foreman

DISCUSSION

A discussion was conducted concerning the importance of cursive writing, and whether additional requirements and/or directions should be communicated to staff. Additional input will be considered before any action is taken.

WRITTEN REPORTS

None

INFORMATION

Travel Expense (December)
LSIC Executive Summaries
Superintendent's Report

UPCOMING EVENTS/BOARD MEETINGS

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION
January 6		Countywide	Second Semester Begins
January 7	6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Seminar Center	LSIC Session (K-2, ELC) Special Session
January 7 (if no school alt. date Jan 9)		Bluefield State College	Mercer County Spelling Bee
January 20		Countywide	Martin Luther King Day (Holiday)
January 28	7:00 PM	Seminar Center	Regular Meeting
February 3	4:00 PM	Seminar Center	New Teachers' Seminar
February 11	6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Seminar Center	LSIC Session (3-5 Schools) Regular Meeting
Feb. 24-Apr 25		Countywide	Westest 2 Online Writing Testing Window
February 25	7:00 PM	Seminar Center	Regular Meeting

ADJOURNMENT

Nothing further appearing, Mr. Bailey moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Gillespie, and the meeting adjourned at 8:17 PM.

Deborah S. Akers, Secretary