The Mercer County Board of Education met in special session at 6:00 PM on January 24, 2011, in the Mercer County Technical Education Seminar Center.

Members present were Gregory Prudich, Gilbert Bailey, Edward (Ted) Gillespie, Mary Alice Kaufman, Lynne White, and Deborah S. Akers, Secretary.

New Business

**Student Disciplinary Action (Princeton Alternative Learning Center)**
Board Memo #115

The student disciplinary hearing was called to order at 6:00 PM by President Gregory Prudich. Mr. Prudich advised that the hearing would be closed.

Mr. Don White, Assistant Superintendent, represented the administration. Mr. Rick Ball, Coordinator of Pupil Services, appeared before the Board to represent the Princeton Alternative Learning Center concerning the proposed recommendation to expel a female student for possession of a dangerous and/or deadly weapon, specifically a “gravity knife with a locking blade” on school property on January 10, 2011, in violation of WV Code §61-7-2(2).

The student and her mother were present for the hearing.

Testimony was taken and Exhibits 1 through 13 were filed. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Board reconvened in open session. Mr. Bailey made a motion to find that the student was guilty of the charge presented, seconded by Mrs. Kaufman, and approved by a 5-0 vote. Based upon the finding, Mr. Bailey made a motion to expel the student for 365 days, seconded by Mrs. Kaufman, and approved by a 5-0 vote. Dr. Akers advised the student and her mother that Mr. Ball will arrange for alternative education for the student during her expulsion period if she desires to take advantage of it.

Adjournment

Nothing further appearing, on motion of Mr. Bailey, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM.

Deborah S. Akers, Secretary