The Mercer County Board of Education met in special session at 6:15 P.M. on Tuesday, February 12, 2019, in the Bluefield High School Media Center, Bluefield, WV, for a public forum on the school calendar.

Members present were Paul Hodges, Jacinda Santon Smith, Gilbert Bailey, Mary Alice Kaufman, and Deborah Akers, Secretary. Greg Prudich was absent.

PUBLIC FORUM ON THE SCHOOL CALENDAR

The calendar meeting began at 6:27 P.M. There were sixteen (16) present, including four (4) board members, Dr. Akers, school employees, and parents. Dr. Akers presented the state and county rules and regulations regarding the development of the county school calendar. Following her presentation, questions relating to the process of developing the calendar, timing of Spring Break, chances of adopting a Balanced Calendar, and the possibility of developing the calendar during the Fall semester were addressed.

The calendar meeting adjourned at 6:53 P.M.

REGULAR MEETING

The Mercer County Board of Education reconvened in regular session at 7:00 P.M.

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Members present were Paul Hodges, Jacinda Santon Smith, Gilbert Bailey, Mary Alice Kaufman, and Deborah S. Akers, Secretary. Greg Prudich was absent.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

None. There was no flag available.

CITIZENS INPUT

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Bailey moved to approve the minutes for January 22, 2019, seconded by Ms. Smith, and by a 4-0 vote, the Board approved the minutes for January 22, 2019.

NEW BUSINESS
PRESENTATION OF CONSENT AGENDA

There were no changes.

Approval of Consent Agenda

On motion of Ms. Smith, seconded by Mr. Bailey, and by a 4-0 vote, the Board approved the items listed on the Consent Agenda.

Placement of Bonner Scholar Students from Concord University for Clinical Experiences
Board Memo #188

The Board approved the placement of Bonner Scholar Students from Concord University in Mercer County Schools during the Spring Semester for clinical experiences. Bonner Scholar students are required to complete volunteer hours in order to maintain their Bonner Scholar status.

Placement of Student from Concord University for Clinical Experiences
Board Memo #189

The Board approved the placement of Concord University students in Mercer County Schools during the Spring Semester for clinical experiences. Current placements are contingent upon completion and submission of required West Virginia Department of Education (WVDE) forms, if applicable.

Placement of Student from Bluefield State College for Clinical Experiences
Board Memo #190

The Board approved the placement of Bluefield State students in Mercer County Schools during the Spring Semester for clinical experiences. All placements are contingent upon necessary WVDE required forms being completed and/or approved.

Placement of Student from University of Phoenix
Board Memo #191

The Board approved the placement of a University of Phoenix student, Allison Coburn, for field experience/observation during the 2019 Spring Semester. Placement in Mercer County Schools is contingent upon approval of all necessary state requirements for placement.

Purchasing Card Transactions
Board Memo #192
The Board approved the payment of the following Purchasing Card (PCARD) transactions:

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**Request for Quotation #808 Copy Paper**

The Board approved the purchase of copy paper from B.W. Wilson in the amount of $44,956.80. The copy paper is to be shipped to our warehouse and then distributed to all locations on an as-needed basis. Quotes were obtained for both one (1) bulk and two (2) separate shipments. The price per case is cheaper if received in bulk and the warehouse has sufficient room to stock. The paper will be received in one bulk shipment of 1,680 cases to be shipped by March 1, 2019.

Bids were sent to three vendors. Pricing is for domestic 8½ x 11 white copy paper. Responses are shown below:

- B. W. Wilson                                  $44,956.80
  P.O. Box 11248
  Richmond, VA
  23230brauppiusjr@bwwilson.com

- SupplyWorks                                  No response
  Attn: Stephanie Salyers
  P.O. Box 49
  Bluefield, WV 24701
  Stephanie.salyers@supplyworks.com

- Contract Paper Group, Inc.                   $47,023.20
Attention: Jennifer
1531 Boettler Rd., Suite E
Uniontown, OH  44685
joshel@cpgbid.com

**Transfer of Student from Summers County**
Board Memo #194

The Board approved the request of Michael Keaton for his son to be permitted to attend PikeView High School. He has attended school in Mercer County since Kindergarten and would like to continue his twelfth grade education at PikeView High School.

**Transfer of Student to Summers County**
Board Memo #195

The Board approved the request of Stephanie Sprague for her daughter to be permitted to attend school in Summers County. She is currently a sixth grader at PikeView Middle School. Ms. Sprague feels that it is in her daughter’s best interest to attend school in Summers County.

**Additional Business**

**Personnel**
Board Memo #196

On motion of Mr. Bailey, seconded by Ms. Kaufman, and by a 4-0 vote, the Board approved the following personnel agenda, contingent upon the return of an acceptable background check and drug testing:

**Personnel Agenda**
February 12, 2019

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

**Professional**

**Leaves:**

**Tiara Riffe,** Teacher, Glenwood School, requests Maternity Leave beginning February 6, 2019, through June 6, 2019. Her previous leave was November 6, 2018, through February 5, 2019.

**Priscilla Padgett,** Teacher, Glenwood School, requests Medical Leave beginning January 23, 2019, through March 1, 2019. Her previous leave was October 30, 2018, through January 22, 2019.
Rebecca Meadows, Teacher, Spanishburg School, requests Medical Leave beginning February 4, 2019, through May 1, 2019. Her previous leave was November 5, 2018, through February 3, 2019.

Leave is recommended.

Resignations:

Heather Simmons, English Teacher, Bluefield Middle School, left employment January 25, 2019. Individual was not released from contract.

Keith Compton, Criminal Justice Instructor, Mercer County Technical Education Center, effective March 15, 2019. Reason: Resignation

Beverly Phelps, Special Education Teacher, Itinerant, effective February 8, 2019. Reason: Resignation

Steven French, Library/Media Teacher, PikeView High School, effective June 6, 2019. Reason: Retirement

Transfers:

Carol Davidson, from Special Education Teacher, Bluefield Middle School, to Special Education Teacher, PikeView Middle School, effective with the 2019-2020 school year.

Mountain Valley Elementary School

Mary Terry, from Principal, (217 day), Ceres Elementary School, to Principal, (217 day), Mountain Valley Elementary School, effective with the 2019-2020 school year.

Mountain Valley Elementary School

WV Code-§18A-4-8f (1)
Priority Vote –School Closing
(Employees will be housed at Ceres Elementary School and Mercer County Early Learning Center-Bluefield Site, until the opening of Mountain Valley Elementary School)

Rebecca Lilly, from PreK Special Needs Teacher, Mercer County Early Learning Center-Bluefield Site, to PreK Special Needs Teacher, Mountain Valley Elementary School, effective with the 2019-2020 school year.

Susan Moore, from PreK Special Needs Teacher, Mercer County Early Learning Center-Bluefield Site, to PreK Special Needs Teacher, Mountain Valley Elementary School, effective with the 2019-2020 school year.
Sydney Saunders, from PreK Special Needs Teacher, Mercer County Early Learning Center-Bluefield Site, to PreK Special Needs Teacher, Mountain Valley Elementary School, effective with the 2019-2020 school year.

Bernice White, from PreK Special Needs Teacher, Mercer County Early Learning Center-Bluefield Site, to PreK Special Needs Teacher, Mountain Valley Elementary School, effective with the 2019-2020 school year.

Penny Tibbs, from Teacher, Ceres Elementary School, to Kindergarten Teacher, Mountain Valley Elementary School, effective with the 2019-2020 school year.

Catherine Jones, from Title I Instructional Interventionist, Ceres Elementary School, to Kindergarten Teacher, Mountain Valley Elementary School, effective with the 2019-2020 school year.

Lindsey Jones, from Special Education Teacher, Ceres Elementary School, to Title I Instructional Interventionist, Mountain Valley Elementary School, effective with the 2019-2020 school year.

Jody Delida, from Teacher, Ceres Elementary School, to Title I Instructional Interventionist, Mountain Valley Elementary School, effective with the 2019-2020 school year.

Pamela Lester, from Teacher, Ceres Elementary School, to Teacher, Mountain Valley Elementary School, effective with the 2019-2020 school year.

Connie Myers, from Title I Instructional Interventionist, Ceres Elementary School, to Teacher, Mountain Valley Elementary School, effective with the 2019-2020 school year.

Elizabeth Hollifield, from Teacher, Ceres Elementary School, to Teacher, Mountain Valley Elementary School, effective with the 2019-2020 school year.

Brandi Hicks, from Teacher, Ceres Elementary School, to Teacher, Mountain Valley Elementary School, effective with the 2019-2020 school year.

Krystal Cundiff, from Teacher, Ceres Elementary School, to Teacher, Mountain Valley Elementary School, effective with the 2019-2020 school year.

Janet Burton, from Teacher, Ceres Elementary School, to Teacher, Mountain Valley Elementary School, effective with the 2019-2020 school year.

Kimberly Bowman, from Teacher, Ceres Elementary School, to Teacher, Mountain Valley Elementary School, effective with the 2020-2021 school year.

Coaching
(All coaching positions are pending WVSSAC receipt of certification)
Bluefield Middle School:
Employment: Jon Griffin, Assistant Soccer Coach

Princeton Middle School:
Volunteer: Yubrenal Isabelle, Football
Resignation: Diana Bragg, Head Softball Coach
Resignation: JJ Bragg, Assistant Softball Coach

Bluefield High School:
Resignation: James Bailey, Head Boys’ Tennis Coach
Resignation: Cathy Bailey, Head Girls’ Tennis Coach

PikeView High School:
Employment: Shawn Jason Spears, Head Football Coach

Princeton Senior High School:
Resignation: Eric McClanahan, Assistant Football Coach

PikeView Middle School:
Resignation: Valerie Mack, Assistant Volleyball Coach
Athletic Program Support Volunteers:
Brad Rose
Shannon Lilly

Glenwood School:
Resignation: Lori Cumby, Assistant Volleyball Coach

Montcalm High School:
Resignation: Tim Harmon, Head Baseball Coach (middle)
Employment: Katilyn Simpson, Head Softball Coach (middle)
Employment: Steven McClanahan, Weightlifting Coach
Employment: Seven McClanahan, Golf Coach (middle)
Resignation: Katilyn Simpson, Assistant Softball Coach (middle)

Extra-Curricular Contracts

Alternative to Suspension

Brushfork Elementary School:
Regina Belcher

Team Leader
Bluefield Middle School

Remove:
Heather Simmons
Lunch/Bus Duty

**Bluefield High School:**
Jonathan Phillips

**Home/Hospital Instructor**

Allison Watkins

**Emergency Substitute Plan**

**Planning Period Coverage**

**Princeton Alternative School:**
James Keith Sloan  James Angove  Stephanie Parnell

**Professional Substitutes**

**Add:**
Mark Large
Social Studies 5-12

Erin Clark-5202
Melissa A. White-5202
Melody Rehm-5202

**Remove:**
Judith VonKallist  Juanita Ferrell  Suzanne Shelton
Vicky Gialdella  Alisa Elliott  Donna Lester

**Volunteers**

**Melrose School:**
Bobbi Jo Bailey

**Princeton Middle School:**
Raenel Crenshaw  Eva Garcia  Sierra Smith
Shymonique Williams  Katerina Greene  Sydney Fulp
Aeronna Perkins  Autumn Miller

**Princeton Senior High Alternative School:**
Melissa McKinney

**Athens School:**
Tom Bone  Dawn White  Mike Frank
Service Personnel

Leaves:

Pamela Smith, ECCAT/Aide, Princeton Primary School, requests Family Medical Leave beginning January 17, 2019, through February 25, 2019.

Sharon Proffitt, Cook, Bluewell School, requests Medical Leave beginning January 6, 2019, through February 15, 2019.

Beverly Wallace, Kindergarten Aide, Melrose School, requests Medical Leave beginning January 28, 2019, through April 5, 2019.

Darlene Brinkley, Cook, PikeView Middle School, requests Medical Leave beginning January 22, 2019, through April 23, 2019.

Leave is recommended.

Transfers:

Sherry Shrader, from Special Education Aide, Princeton Primary School, to Special Education Aide w/Transportation Duties (a.m. only), Princeton Senior High School, effective February 18, 2019.

Mitchel Coburn, from Shop Foreman (240 day), Transportation Department, to Bus Operator (#550), Lashmeet/Matoaka and Surrounding Area, Transportation Department, effective February 18, 2019.

Mountain Valley Elementary School

WV Code-§18A-4-8f (1)

Seniority Rights –School Closing
(Employees will be housed at Ceres Elementary School and Mercer County Early Learning Center-Bluefield Site, until the opening of Mountain Valley Elementary School)

William Thornton, from Custodian IV, (240 day), Shift: 6:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Ceres Elementary School, to Custodian IV, (240 day), Shift: 6:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Mountain Valley Elementary School, effective with the 2019-2020 school year.

Bertha Stanley, from Cook III, Ceres Elementary School, to Cook III, Mountain Valley on the first day of the opening of Mountain Valley Elementary School, effective with the 2019-2020 school year.

Joseph Gibson, from Custodian I, (200 day) (part-time), Shift: 2:00 p.m. – 5:29 p.m., Ceres Elementary School, to Custodian III, (210 day), Shift: 1:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., Mountain Valley Elementary School, effective with the 2019-2020 school year.
Rosalind Lusk, from Cook III, Mercer County Early Learning Center-Bluefield Site, to Cook II, Mountain Valley Elementary School, effective with the 2019-2020 school year.

James Pulse, from Cook II/Custodian III (240 day), Mercer County Early Learning Center-Bluefield Site, to Cook II (200 day), Mountain Valley Elementary School, effective with the 2019-2020 school year.

Krista Sizemore, from Cook II (part-time), Ceres Elementary School, to Cook II, Mountain Valley Elementary School, effective with the 2020-2021 school year.

Dianna Smith, from ECCAT/Aide w/Transportation Duties, Mercer County Early Learning Center-Bluefield Site, to ECCAT/Aide w/Transportation Duties, Mountain Valley Elementary School, effective with the 2019-2020 school year.

Carla Delp, from ECCAT/Aide w/Transportation Duties, Mercer County Early Learning Center-Bluefield Site, to ECCAT/Aide w/Transportation Duties, Mountain Valley Elementary School, effective with the 2019-2020 school year.

Jamie Mitchem, from ECCAT/Aide w/Transportation Duties, Mercer County Early Learning Center-Bluefield Site, to ECCAT/Aide w/Transportation Duties, Mountain Valley Elementary School, effective with the 2019-2020 school year.

Karen Woolridge, from ECCAT/Aide w/Transportation Duties, Mercer County Early Learning Center-Bluefield Site, to ECCAT/Aide w/Transportation Duties, Mountain Valley Elementary School, effective with the 2019-2020 school year.

Sharon Lester, from Special Education Aide, Ceres Elementary School, to ECCAT/Aide, Mountain Valley Elementary School, effective with the 2019-2020 school year.

Lawrence Webb, III, from Custodian III, (200 day), Shift: 2:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m., Montcalm High School, to Custodian I, (200 day), Shift: 2:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m., Mountain Valley Elementary School, effective with the opening of Mountain Valley Elementary School.

Extra-Curricular Contracts

Lunch/Bus Duty

Melrose School:
Crystal Combs

Memorial Primary School:
Tammy Rotenberry

Reclassification of Aides

Princeton Primary School:
Sandra Thompson

Service Substitutes

Add:
Charity Adams-Aide
Stephen Farmer-Custodian
Sarah Barlow-Custodian
Earnie Shrewsbury-Custodian

Remove:
Caylee Pritt
Dwayne Harvey
Freda Workman

ADJOURNMENT

Nothing further appearing, Mr. Bailey made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Smith, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 P.M.

Deborah S. Akers, Secretary