The Mercer County Board of Education met in regular session at 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, January 8, 2019, in the Mercer County Technical Education Seminar Center, Princeton, WV.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Todd Browning, Assistant Superintendent, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

CITIZENS INPUT

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Bailey moved to amend and approve the amended minutes for December 21, 2018, seconded by Mr. Prudich, and by a 5-0 vote, the Board approved the minutes as amended for December 21, 2018.

Under Approval of Minutes, “motioned” was changed to “moved.”

NEW BUSINESS

PRESENTATION OF CONSENT AGENDA

There were no changes.

Approval of Consent Agenda

On motion of Mr. Bailey, seconded by Ms. Smith, and by a 5-0 vote, the Board approved the items listed on the Consent Agenda.

Career Connections Business Partners
Board Memo #172

The Board approved an addition to the Career Connections Business Partners for the 2018-2019 school year. Business partners are local businesses and an occasional out-of-county business in which students will participate in work-based learning experiences. Board approval is required for insurance purposes by the WV Board of risk and Insurance Management.
Listing of Student Teachers from Concord University
Board Memo #173

The Board approved the placement of student teachers from Concord University in Mercer County Schools for the 2018-2019 Spring semester. Placement is contingent upon all necessary documents being completed prior to placement and return of an acceptable background check.

Placement of Student from Concord University for Social Work Hours
Board Memo #174

The Board approved the placement of Concord University student, Kaci Wine, for clinical hours in the field of Social Work during the 2018-2019 Spring semester, per Mercer County Schools Memorandum of Understanding with the university. Ms. Wine will be placed at Bluefield Intermediate School with Kristal Leedy. Placement is contingent upon all necessary documents being completed prior to placement and return of an acceptable background check.

Placement of Student from Western Governor’s University for Student Teaching Placements
Board Memo #175

The Board approved the placement of Western Governor’s University’s student, Erin Riggs, for student teaching during the 2018-2019 Spring semester. Ms. Riggs will be placed at Brushfork Elementary School with Amanda Etter. Placement is contingent upon all necessary documents being completed prior to placement and return of an acceptable background check.

Additional Business

Policy G-10, Personnel Procedures: Vacancies / Hiring / Transfers (First Reading – No Action Required)
Board Memo #176

No Action Taken.
**Personnel**
Board Memo #177

On motion of Mr. Prudich, seconded by Ms. Kaufman, and by a 4-1 vote, with Mr. Bailey voting against, the Board approved the following personnel agenda, contingent upon the return of an acceptable background check:

**Personnel Agenda**  
January 8, 2019

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

**Professional**

**Adjustment on Leave Per Employee:**

**From:**  

**To:**  
Todd Browning, Assistant Superintendent, Central Office, requests Medical Leave beginning November 29, 2018, through January 2, 2019.

**Resignations:**

Lindsey Byars, Teacher, PikeView High School, left employment December 20, 2018. Individual was not released from contract.

**Adjustment in Resignations:**

**From:**  
Seth Ledford, Music Teacher, Itinerant, effective contingent on position being filled.

**To:**  
Seth Ledford, Music Teacher, Itinerant, left employment December 20, 2018. Individual was not released from contract.

**From:**  
Kerry Richmond, Science Teacher, Princeton Senior High School, effective contingent upon position being filled.

**To:**  
Kerry Richmond, Science Teacher, Princeton Senior High School, left employment December 20, 2018. Individual was not released from contract.

**Coaching**
(All coaching positions are pending WVSSAC receipt of certification)

PikeView Middle School:
Resignation: Lisa Hale, Head Softball Coach
Athletic Program Support Volunteers:
Hunter Hill

Bluefield Middle School:
Resignation: Kristopher Kiser, Assistant Soccer Coach

Extra-Curricular Contracts

Social Studies Textbook Committee

Joseph Spinella
Jarrod O’Dell
Edward Dodson

Home/Hospital Instructor

Add:
Tonya Rowe

Remove:
Alisha Adams
James Suroski

Professional Substitutes

Add:
Wendy Mayberry-5202

Service Personnel

Leaves:

Keith Worrell, Custodian, Mercer County Technical Education Center, requests Medical Leave beginning December 19, 2018, through March 13, 2019.

Leave is recommended.

Adjustment on Employment Status:

From:
David Farmer, from Custodian I, (part-time) (200 day), Shift: 2:00 p.m. – 5:29 p.m., Memorial Primary School, to Custodian III, (part-time) (220 day), Shift: 6:00 p.m. – 9:29 p.m., Oakvale School, effective January 2, 2019.

To:

David Farmer, Custodian III, (part-time) (220 day), Shift: 6:00 p.m. – 9:29 p.m., Oakvale School, effective January 2, 2019. * This with his part-time position at Memorial Primary School, will make him a full-time employee. *

Addendum

Professional

Adjustment on Leave Per Employee:

From:

Allison Turner, Teacher, PikeView Middle School, requests Maternity Leave beginning January 18, 2019, through March 29, 2019.

To:

Allison Turner, Teacher, PikeView Middle School, requests Maternity Leave beginning January 10, 2019, through March 29, 2019.

Adjustment on Start Date:

From:

Brianne McKinney, from Special Education Teacher, Princeton Middle School, to Restorative Learning Teacher, Bluefield Middle School, (Grant Funded), effective contingent upon position being filled.

To:

Brianne McKinney, from Special Education Teacher, Princeton Middle School, to Restorative Learning Teacher, Bluefield Middle School, (Grant Funded), effective January 28, 2019.

Employment:

Melinda Robinett, Special Education Teacher, Princeton Middle School, effective January 28, 2019.

Coaching

(All coaching positions are pending WVSSAC receipt of certification)

Montcalm High School:
Resignation: Autumn Repass, Head Softball Coach (middle)
Employment: Dakota Parnell, Assistant Baseball Coach
Princeton Senior High School:
Employment: Shawn Jason Spears, Assistant Baseball Coach

PikeView High School:
Resignation: Samantha Higgins, Assistant Softball Coach (effective January 4, 2019)

Extra-Curricular Contracts

Planning Period Coverage

Montcalm High School:
Cathy Bailey-First Block (45 minutes) Drivers Education Class
Melissa Lanter-Fourth Block (45 minutes) Drivers Education Class
William Jennings-Fourth Block (45 minutes) Drivers Education Class

Social Studies Textbook Committee
Tiffany Jones
William Jennings

Lunch/Bus Duty

Montcalm High School:
Kellie Crane

Princeton Middle School:
Jon Griffin

Administration of Medications

Spanishburg School:
Lisa Hilling

Home/Hospital Instructors
Stephanie Winfrey

Community Education Adult Evening Classes (Spring/Fall)
Mercer County Technical Education Center

Computer Literacy/MS Word and Excel
Daniel Hodges

Professional Substitutes

Remove:
Volunteers

Mercer School:
Stark Colemen
Jeremy Flanigan
Tim Gray
Chad Bailey
Daniel McDowell
Abbie Aboulhosn
Michael Canterbury
James McKenzie

Valley College-Oakvale School:
Olivia Brown
Danielle Hall

Service Personnel

Adjustment on Leave Per Employee:

From: Teresa Via, Bus Operator, Transportation Department, requests Medical Leave beginning January 3, 2019, through February 15, 2019.

To: Teresa Via, Bus Operator, Transportation Department, requests Medical Leave beginning February 7, 2019, through March 22, 2019.

Transfers:

Rebecca McFadden, from Special Education Aide, Princeton Senior High School, to ECCAT/Aide with Transportation Duties, Mercer County Early Learning Center-Bluefield Site, effective January 14, 2019.

Jeffrey Siers, from Bus Operator, (Bus #550), Lashmeet/Matoaka and Surrounding Area, Transportation Department, to Bus Operator, (Bus #606), Bluefield/Brushfork and Surrounding Area, effective January 14, 2019.

Employment:

Whitney Perdue, Special Education Aide with Transportation Duties, (p.m. only) (part-time) (one-year only), Princeton Primary School, effective January 22, 2019.

Extra-Curricular Bus Runs
Second Semester Only (2019) As Needed

MCTEC to BHS 11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. David Via
BHS to MCTEC 12:00 p.m. – 12:30 p.m. David Via
BHS to MCTEC 1:40 p.m. – 2:10 p.m. Kathy Via
BHS to MCTEC 8:05 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. Kathy Via
BHS to MCTEC 9:45 a.m. – 10:10 a.m.               Kathy Via
MCTEC to BHS 9:40 a.m. – 10:10 a.m.               Dianna Eller
MHS to MCTEC 8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.               Raymond T. Fagg, Jr.
MCTEC to MHS 9:40 a.m. – 10:10 a.m.               Raymond T. Fagg, Jr.
MCTEC to MHS 11:20 a.m. – 12:10 p.m.              Kathy Via
MHS to MCTEC 1:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.               David Via
MHS to MCTEC 12:00 p.m. – 1:40 p.m.               Raymond T. Fagg, Jr.
PVHS to MCTEC 8:05 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.               David Via
PVHS to MCTEC 8:05 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.               Rachael Pitcher
PVHS to MCTEC 9:40 a.m. – 10:10 a.m.              Sam Hill
MCTEC to PVHS 9:40 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.              David Via
MCTEC to PVHS to MCTEC 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.    Sam Hill
MCTEC to PVHS 2:45 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.              Richard Coburn

WORK SESSION

Training on the superintendent’s evaluation was conducted for board members during the work session.

ADJOURNMENT

Nothing further appearing, Mr. Prudich made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Smith, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

Deborah S. Akers, Secretary