The Mercer County Board of Education met in special session at 5:00 P.M. on Monday, May 20, 2019, in the Mercer County Technical Education Center, Princeton, WV, Room #100.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Employee Disciplinary Hearing and Personnel Action
Board Memo #313

The hearing was called to order at 5:05 P.M. Mr. Kermit Moore, attorney, represented the administration. Joe Peery and his representative, Trey Morrone, WVSSPA attorney, were present. The witnesses were sequestered in another room and the Board then went into closed session for the hearing. The hearing was concluded at 5:58 P.M. at which time the Board reconvened in open session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Mr. Prudich, seconded by Mr. Bailey, and by a 5-0 vote, the Board withdrew into Executive Session from 5:59 P.M. to 6:20 P.M. according to WV Code 6-9A-4(b)(2) matter relating to personnel issue.

At 6:22 P.M., the Board reconvened in open session. On motion of Ms. Kaufman, seconded by Ms. Smith, and by a 5-0 vote, the Board upheld the Superintendent’s recommendation to terminate Joe Peery’s employment contract with Mercer County Schools due to his continued disregard of the rules and regulations established by the Mercer County Board of Education. His actions constitute insubordination and willful neglect of duty.

ADJOURNMENT

Nothing further appearing, Mr. Bailey made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Hodges and the meeting was adjourned at 6:23 P.M.

Deborah S. Akers, Secretary