

AGENDA
WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF EDUCATION
Capitol Building 6, Suite 600
1900 Kanawha Boulevard, East
Charleston, West Virginia
January 11, 2023 - 9:00 a.m.

- I. **Welcome - Pledge of Allegiance - Introductions - Call to Order**
L. Paul Hardesty, President
- II. **Approval of Agenda - (Action)**
L. Paul Hardesty
- III. **Recognition(s)**
- IV. **Delegation(s)**
- V. **Career Technical Education Law and Public Safety Programs - (Information)**
William S. Thompson, United States Attorney, Southern District of West Virginia
- VI. **School Safety Update: Statewide School Safety Plan - (Information)**
Jonah Adkins and Ron Arthur, Administrator for the West Virginia Division of Protective Services, School Safety Division
- VII. **New Business**

- A. **Update - Lincoln County Schools State of Emergency - (Action)**
Matt Hicks and Jeffrey Kelley, Superintendent, Lincoln County Schools

Attachment A

An update on the progress of the Lincoln County Schools State of Emergency over the past six months will be provided.

Discussion of this report may involve an Executive Session as provided in W. Va. Code §6-9A-4(b)(2)(A) [personnel exception] and/or §6-9A-4(b)(6), [privacy exception]. The Board majority must vote to have an Executive Session.

It is recommended and a motion is requested that the WVBE **determine the future status of Lincoln County Schools in relation to the State of Emergency.**

- B. **Special Circumstance Review Report for the Clay County Board of Education and Central Office - (Action)**
Charlene Coburn

A Special Circumstance Review of the Clay County Board of Education and Central Office was conducted on November 30 - December 7, 2022.

Discussion of this report may involve an Executive Session as provided in W. Va. Code §6-9A-4(b)(2)(A) [personnel exception] and/or §6-9A-4(b)(6), [privacy exception]. The Board majority must vote to have an Executive Session.

Motions, if any, will be offered during the meeting.

- C. Statewide Waivers of Policy 5202, Minimum Requirements for the Licensure of Professional/Paraprofessional Personnel and Advanced Salary Classifications, Section 11.6.b.2, and Policy 5100, Approval of Educator Preparation Programs, Section 10.4.e - (Action)**
Sara Stankus and Robert Hagerman

Statewide waivers of Policies 5202 and 5100 are requested to allow student teachers/resident teachers who have attempted the content Praxis two or more times without meeting the required cut score, and who have a B or better grade point average in their content area, to be eligible for a Restricted Clinical Experience Permit and complete the clinical placement under focused supervision of institutional officials and assigned supervising/ cooperating teachers. If unable to meet the required scores on the content Praxis at the time of application and employment, candidates would be eligible for a one-year Temporary License. During that year the individual must either successfully complete the Praxis content exam or the edTPA (at a WVDE-specified score) teacher performance assessment to convert it to an initial professional certificate. Policies 5202 and 5100 are being amended to include this flexibility; both policies are anticipated to be approved and in effect no later than December 31, 2023.

It is recommended a motion is requested that **statewide waivers of Policy 5202, section 11.6.b.2, and Policy 5100, section 10.4.e, be approved through December 31, 2023.**

- D. WVBE Personnel Matters and Litigation Update in B.P.J. by her next friend and mother, Heather Jackson v. WVBE, et al., Civil Action No. 2:21-cv-00316 - (Action)** **Attachment B**
L. Paul Hardesty

WVBE personnel and/or legal matters may involve an Executive Session as provided in W. Va. Code §6-9A-4(b)(2)(A) [personnel exception] and/or §6-9A-4 [matters involving attorney-client privilege per *Peters v. County Commission*, 205 W. Va. 481 (1999)]. The Board majority must vote to have an Executive Session. **(No action will be taken in Executive Session.)**

It is recommended and a motion is requested that the **WVBE personnel matters found in the attachment be approved.**

VIII. Consent Agenda - (Action)

- A. Approval of Minutes - (Action)** **Attachment C**

It is recommended that the **minutes of the December 14, 2022, meeting of the WVBE be approved.**

B. Routine Business

- 1. West Virginia Department of Education (WVDE) Personnel Matters - (Information)** **Attachment D**
David L. Roach
- 2. Employment of Substitute Teachers in Areas of Critical Need and Shortage - (Action)** **Attachment E**
Stephanie Abraham

Pursuant to W. Va. Code §18A-2-3, Fayette, McDowell, Summers, and Wirt Counties have submitted a policy for the WVBE's approval.

It is recommended that the **Employment of Substitute Teachers in Areas of Critical Need and Shortage policies for Fayette, McDowell, Summers, and Wirt Counties be approved.**

3. **Employment of Substitute Teachers in Areas of Critical Need and Shortage Affidavits - (Action)** Attachment F
Stephanie Abraham

Pursuant to W. Va. Code §18A-2-3(c)(2)(G), affidavits found in the attachment (to be available prior to the meeting) must be received and approved by the WVBE for submission to the Consolidated Public Retirement Board.

WVBE legal counsel has reviewed the affidavits and recommend that the **affidavits identified in the attachment be submitted to the Consolidated Public Retirement Board.**

4. **Clinical Teacher of Record (CTR) Program Addition: Marshall University with Jackson County and Nicholas County - (Action)** Attachment G
Carla Warren

On December 2022, the West Virginia Educator Preparation Program Review Board (EPPRB) members agreed on a recommendation of approval to the WVBE of a CTR Program addition for Marshall University with Jackson County and Nicholas County. Policy 5100 provides guidelines and procedures for the approval of new and continuing educator preparation programs of study leading to licensure in West Virginia and also for CTR Agreements with West Virginia school districts. Policy 5100 supports the intended collaborative process to improve educator preparation programs and potential educators by incorporating program guidelines based on research and best practices. Support of continuous improvement and clear and consistent guidelines to West Virginia educator preparation programs will produce more effective educators in West Virginia schools, resulting in increased student learning in the classroom.

It is recommended that the WVBE **accept the EPPRB's recommendation of approval of the addition of a CTR Program for Marshall University with Jackson County and Nicholas County.**

5. **2022 Summer Student Opportunities for Learning and Engagement (SOLE) Status Report - (Information)** Attachment H
Melanie Purkey

The 2022 Summer SOLE Status Report provides stakeholders with quantitative and qualitative summaries about the effectiveness of the support, planning, and implementation of the West Virginia Summer SOLE Grant Program. This program was created to provide funding for counties to offer students meaningful, in-person, research-based summer learning experiences that were interactive, engaging, and met both academic and social-emotional needs.

6. West Virginia Universal Pre-K 2021 Annual Report - (Information)
Sonya White

The West Virginia Universal Pre-K 2021 Annual Report provides information regarding implementation of the state's Pre-K program for the 2020-2021 school year, including a summary of special education services. The report includes an overview of pre-k enrollment, participation, and collaboration trends for the state and local programs. It also includes West Virginia's national rankings regarding pre-k implementation from the National Institute for Early Education Research (NIEER).

IX. WVDE Reports - (Information)

▶ **Superintendent's Update**

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X. WVBE Member Updates and Requests for Information - (Information)

L. Paul Hardesty

XI. Future Meetings - (Information)

L. Paul Hardesty

The next regular meeting of the WVBE will be held February 8, 2023, in Charleston, West Virginia.

XII. Adjournment - (Action)