

**AGENDA**  
**WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
 Capitol Building 6, Suite 600  
 1900 Kanawha Boulevard, East  
 Charleston, West Virginia  
**March 8, 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. **School Safety Update - (Information)**  
 Ron Arthur, Administrator for the West Virginia Division of Protective Services,  
 School Safety Division
- VI. **New Business**
  - A. **Application for the Approval of Teach for America Appalachia to Provide a Teacher Certification Program Pursuant to W. Va. Code §18A-3-2a(a)(1)(C) - (Action)** Attachment A  
 Robert Mellace  

Teach for America Appalachia (TFAA) is seeking West Virginia Board of Education (WVBE) approval to provide a teacher certification program consisting of coursework substantially aligned to the West Virginia Professional Teaching Standards (WVPTS) as adequate pursuant to meeting requirements of W. Va. Code §18A-3-2a(a)(1)(C). Upon approval, TFAA will recommend candidates for initial licensure who meet requirements of W. Va. Code and WVBE policies by submitting qualifying documentation including official transcript(s), test scores or exemptions found in the West Virginia Licensure Testing Directory and passing necessary background checks. The goal of this program is to assist West Virginia in meeting critical needs by filling classrooms with qualified teachers.

It is recommended and a motion is requested that **the application for TFAA to provide a teacher certification program consisting of coursework substantially aligned to the WVPTS be approved as adequate pursuant to meeting requirements of W. Va. Code §18A-3-2a(a)(1)(C).**
  - B. **West Virginia Board of Education (WVBE) Personnel Matters and Litigation Update in B.P.J. by her next friend and mother, Heather Jackson - (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.**

## VII. Consent Agenda - (Action)

### A. Approval of Minutes - (Action)

Attachment C

It is recommended that the **minutes of the February 8, 2023, 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, Preston County has submitted a policy and Calhoun County has submitted a revised policy for the WVBE's approval.

It is recommended that the **Employment of Substitute Teachers in Areas of Critical Need and Shortage policy for Preston County and the revised policy for Calhoun County 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 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. **West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind Monthly Update - (Information)** Attachment G  
 Clayton Burch, Superintendent, West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind

## VIII. WVDE Reports - (Information)

### ► Superintendent's Update

- Legislative Update
- Literacy Update
- Numeracy K-12 Update
- ESSER/ARP Update

Attachment H

**IX. WVBE Member Updates and Requests for Information - (Information)**  
**L. Paul Hardesty**

**X. Future Meetings - (Information)**  
**L. Paul Hardesty**

The next regular meeting of the WVBE will be held April 12, 2023, in Charleston, West Virginia.

**XI. Adjournment - (Action)**