

AGENDA
WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF EDUCATION

Capitol Building 6, Suite 600
1900 Kanawha Boulevard, East
Charleston, West Virginia
June 12, 2024 - 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. Recognitions**
- IV. Delegation(s)**
- V. Middle College at Fairmont State University - A Resource for Foster Youth in West Virginia - (Information)**
Jacob Green, Donna Heston, Superintendent, Marion County Schools, Dianna G. Phillips, Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs, Fairmont State University, and Brent Lemon, KVC West Virginia President

This presentation will inform the WVBE on the Middle College Program at Fairmont University (FSU). FSU, KVC West Virginia, Marion County Schools, and the West Virginia Schools of Diversion and Transition are jointly working on a project that will recruit and educate foster youth for their 11th and 12th grade years on campus at FSU. Upon successful completion, students can obtain both a high school diploma and an associate degree. This presentation will explain our partnership and how we plan on being a positive force in the lives of the foster children in West Virginia.

- VI. School Safety - (Information)**
Jonah Adkins
- VII. County Technical Assistance Updates - (Information)**
Jeffrey Kelley
- VIII. Consent Agenda - (Action)**

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

[Attachment A](#)

It is recommended that the **minutes of the May 8, 2024, meeting of the West Virginia Board of Education (WVBE) be approved.**

- B. Routine Business**

- 1. Employment of Substitute Teachers and Bus Operators in Areas of Critical Need and Shortage Affidavits - (Action)**
Kelli Talbott

[Attachment B](#)

Pursuant to W. Va. Code §18A-2-3(c)(2)(G) and §18A-4-15a(b)(2)(F), affidavits from counties must be received and approved by the WVBE for submission to the Consolidated Public Retirement Board.

WVDE legal counsel has reviewed and recommends that the **affidavits listed in the attachment be received and approved for submission to the Consolidated Public Retirement Board**

2. Waivers of WVBE Policies and Regulations, Superintendent's Interpretations, State Statutes, and Legislative Rules - (Action) **Attachment C**
Joey Wiseman

Cabell and Kanawha Counties have requested first-time waivers of Policy 2510, Assuring the Quality of Education: Regulations for Education Programs, Appendix B: Training Required in Policy 2510, related to professional development for Advanced Placement® (AP®) teachers: 1) Cabell County's waiver requests are for a teacher of AP® Government and Politics U.S. (who will be retiring during the upcoming school year), a teacher of AP® Statistics (who will be attending the WVDE INVEST Conference during Summer 2024 APSI training), and a teacher of AP® European History (who will be attending Human Geography Training during Summer 2024 APSI training), all teach at Huntington High School; and, 2) Kanawha County's waiver request is for a teacher of AP® Calculus AB at George Washington School who, due to personal issues, will be unable to attend Summer 2024 APSI training.

The waivers and waiver criteria have been reviewed by WVDE staff and, if granted, will provide students at Huntington High School access to AP® Government and Politics U.S., AP® Statistics, and AP® European History courses, and students at George Washington High School access to an AP® Calculus AB course during school year 2024-25. The teachers will be required to attend Summer 2025 AP® training in order to continue teaching the course in future years.

It is recommended that: **1) Cabell County's request for a waiver of required professional development for one teacher of AP® Government and Politics U.S., one teacher of AP® Statistics, and one teacher of AP® European History, all teach at Huntington High School; and 2) Kanawha County's request for a waiver of required professional development for one teacher of AP® Calculus AB at George Washington High School be approved for school year 2024-25.**

3. 2024 Summer School Programs - (Action) **Attachment D**
Erika Klose

Policy 2510, Assuring the Quality of Education: Regulations for Education Programs states, "Schools may award credits earned from approved summer schools provided the instructional program is equivalent to that required during the regular school term. All county summer school programs shall be submitted to the WVBE for approval by June 1 of each year."

It is recommended that the **2024 summer school programs, as found in the attachment, be approved.**

4. 2024-2025 County School Calendars - (Information)
Jeffrey Kelley

As of May 3, 2024, all county school systems and the West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind have submitted finalized calendars for the 2024-2025 school year. All county school calendars have been reviewed and approved by the State Superintendent of Schools. The calendars reflect planned start and end dates, professional learning and non-taught compensated days, and graduation dates for each high school. Included in the detailed report are the county school systems that have opted to use equivalent time and Non-Traditional Instructional Days.

Link to School Calendars: <https://wveis.k12.wv.us/school-calendar/specialdates/>

NOTE: Link to school calendars currently displays the 23-24 summary of dates for all counties. The link will automatically update July 1, 2024, and reflect the 24-25 summary of dates for all counties. Users may currently access the 24-25 summary of dates by selecting the appropriate year at the top of the linked page.

Link to Graduation Dates: <https://wvde.us/west-virginia-high-school-graduation-dates/>

NOTE: Final graduation of the 23-24 school year occurs on 6-8-24. The link to graduation dates will be updated to reflect 24-25 graduation dates prior to the June 12, 2024, WVBE meeting.

**5. Policy 2322, West Virginia System of Support and Accountability - Attachment E
(Action)
Alexandra Criner**

Policy 2322 is being amended to clarify language related to the identification of school districts in need of support related to student academic achievement and success and the required actions of the districts based on the level of support needed. In addition, the roles and responsibilities of Local School Improvement Councils were revised to reflect recent legislative action. New additions to the policy include the streaming of local board of education meetings, posting a summary of the annual county board of education self-assessment to the district website, and county board member training requirements. Comments received during the comment period resulted in no changes to the policy.

It is recommended that **Policy 2322 be approved and effective 30 days from filing.**

**6. Policy 2444.4, Issuance of the State of West Virginia High School Diploma and Attachment F
the Administration of the West Virginia High School Equivalency Test, Option
Pathway, and Mountaineer Challenge Academy Graduation Pathway - (Action)
Mendy Marshall**

Policy 2444.4 is being amended to include the Mountaineer Challenge Academy, Mountaineer Challenge Job Program, and CIEL. The policy will assist secondary administrators to better place students in programs that address their individual needs and opportunities for success. Comments received during the comment period resulted in no changes to the policy.

It is recommended that **Policy 2444.4 be approved and effective 30 days from filing.**

**7. Policy 2520.15, West Virginia Pre-K Standards (Ages 3-5) - (Action) Attachment G
Erika Klose**

Policy 2520.15 was last revised in 2017. Since that time, related state policies have been updated to illustrate more recent research regarding guiding

principles and across content areas in pre-k standards, including mathematics. This revised policy provides stronger alignment with the kindergarten standards, as well as federal Head Start Child Outcomes, resulting in continuity of education for young children in the earliest grades. No comments were received during the comment period.

It is recommended that **Policy 2520.15 be approved and effective July 1, 2025.**

8. Policy 4373, Expected Behavior in Safe and Supportive Schools - (Action)
Drew McClanahan

[Attachment H-1](#)
[Attachment H-2](#)

Policy 4373 is being amended to provide clarifying language related to expectations, protocols, and best-practices. Changes include reporting requirements, behaviors related to specific levels, language supportive of research-proven strategies, and supports for student success. With these changes, students should have a more impactful environment to learn and be successful. Changes to the policy, as a result of the comment period, are found in Attachment H-1. Minor editorial corrections were also made to the policy.

It is recommended that **Policy 4373 be approved and effective 30 days from filing.**

9. Policy 7212, Nonresident and Resident Student Transfers - (Action)
Margaret Williamson

[Attachment I](#)

Policy 7212 is being revised to add definitions and provide clarification for county school districts regarding nonresident and resident student transfers. The proposed amendments are intended to address changes to the statute pertaining to transfers between counties and transfers within a county from a school in the student's attendance zone to another school outside of the student's attendance zone. Comments received during the comment period resulted in no changes to the policy.

It is recommended that **Policy 7212 be approved and effective 30 days from filing.**

10. Policy 8300, Safe Schools Funding Process - (Action)
Micah Whitlow

[Attachment J](#)

Policy 8300 establishes the process by which county boards of education, charter public schools, and multicounty vocational centers may submit requests for needs-based funding from the Safe Schools Fund and the criteria by which those requests shall be evaluated. Comments received during the comment period resulted in no changes to the policy.

It is recommended that **Policy 8300 be approved and effective 30 days from filing.**

11. Policy 1241, Notice and Conduct of Meetings - (Action)
Kelli Talbott and Jeffrey Kelley

[Attachment K](#)

Policy 1241 is proposed to be amended related to the live streaming of WVBE meetings and to the telephonic/electronic conferencing participation in WVBE meetings by persons who are scheduled to present to the WVBE.

It is recommended that **Policy 1241 be placed on public comment for 30 days.**

12. Policy 4110, Attendance - (Action)
Margaret Williamson

[Attachment L](#)

Policy 4110 is being recommended for repeal and replacement to incorporate recent legislation and better organize the policy to reflect state, county, and school responsibilities.

It is recommended that **Policy 4110 be placed on public comment for 30 days.**

13. Appointments to the West Virginia Commission for Professional Teaching Standards (Action)
Robert Hagerman

[Attachment M](#)

The mission of the West Virginia Commission for Professional Teaching Standards (WVCPTS) is to ensure that every student is served by competent educators who meet rigorous preparation and licensure standards. The WVCPTS makes recommendations of standards and practices for the development and approval of preparation programs, licensures and continuing development of educational personnel. The current vacancies scheduled to be filled are for a secondary principal, an elementary principal, a high school teacher, two middle school teachers, an elementary school teacher, and two laypersons. The WVDE submits: Meredith Dailer a high school principal in Ohio County, Melissa Isaacs an elementary school principal in Putnam County, Justin Welling a high school teacher in Harrison County, Heather Yoho a middle school teacher in Marion County, Cheyene Fletcher a middle school teacher in Marshall County, Dancey Howes an elementary school teacher in Webster County, Harvey Peyton layperson, and Eric Peterson layperson to the WVBE for consideration as appointees to the WVCPTS.

It is recommended that **Meredith Dailer (high school principal), Melissa Isaacs (elementary school principal), Justin Welling (high school teacher), Heather Yoho (middle school teacher), Cheyene Fletcher (middle school teacher), Dancey Howes (elementary school teacher), Harvey Peyton (layperson), and Eric Peterson (layperson) be appointed to the WVCPTS for a three-year term beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2027.**

14. West Virginia Board of Education/West Virginia School Board Association County Board Member Training Standards Review Committee: Nominations for Membership - (Action)

James G. Brown, Executive Director, West Virginia School Board Association, F. Scott Rotruck, and Debra K. Sullivan

On May 6, 2024, the West Virginia Board of Education/West Virginia School Board Association County Board Member Training Standards Review Committee voted to recommend the following County Board of Education Members to serve on the Training Standards Review Committee, serving a two-year term from July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2026.

Molly Aderholt, County Board of Education Member, Ohio County Schools
 Jackee Long, County Board of Education Member, Berkeley County Schools
 Dan Metz, County Board of Education Member, Wirt County Schools
 Greg Prudich, County Board of Education Member, Mercer County Schools

It is recommended that **Molly Aderholt, Jackee Long, Dan Metz, and Greg Prudich be appointed to the County Board Member Training Standards Review Committee to serve a two-year term beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2026.**

15. West Virginia Board of Education/West Virginia School Board Association County Board Member Training Standards Review Committee 2024-2025 Training Session - (Action)

James G. Brown, Executive Director, West Virginia School Board Association, F. Scott Rotruck, and Debra K. Sullivan

On May 6, 2024, the West Virginia Board of Education/West Virginia School Board Association County Board Member Training Standards Review Committee voted to recommend the following training session for the WVBE's consideration:

West Virginia School Board Association
 2024 Fall Conference (8.4 Total Hours)

Scheduled for Friday, September 13 and Saturday, September 14, 2024, at the Charleston Town Center Marriott Hotel.

Training Sessions:

Exploring Robert's Rules of Order: Unveiling the Essentials (1.0 hour);
 Crafting a Dynamic Continuous Improvement Framework for County Boards of Education (.4 hour); Charting Success: Strategic Goal Setting for County Boards of Education (.5 hour); Unlocking Excellence - Fostering Cohesion and Effectiveness in County Boards of Education (.75 hour); Funding and Personnel: What does it mean to be over the state aide formula? (1.0 hour);
 Aligning School and District Personnel: How to make fiscally responsible decisions when aligning personnel? (1.0 hour); Fiscal Stewardship: What is the role of County Boards of Education in the budget process and monitoring of expenditures? (1.25 hours); Accountability and Monitoring; What do I look for and where do I find it? (1.25 hours); Student Discipline; Recent Changes in Policy 4373, Expected Behavior in Safe and Supportive Schools - Discipline; Bullying; Safe Schools (.5 hour); Courtion's Story; A Message that not only Needs to be Heard but Felt! (.75 hour)

It is recommended that the **training sessions (stated above) for county board members, as recommended by the Training Standards Review Committee, be approved.**

16. West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind Monthly Update - (Information)

[Attachment Mc](#)

**Clayton Burch, Superintendent, West Virginia Schools for the Deaf
and the Blind**

IX. New Business

- A. Martinsburg North Middle School (Berkeley County) State of Emergency Action Plan - (Action)** [Attachment N](#)
Jeffrey Kelley

A school environment review of Martinsburg North Middle School was conducted on April 17, 2024, at the request of the WVDE Office of District and School Improvement. The review was presented to the WVBE in May after which the WVBE declared a State of Emergency existed at Martinsburg North Middle School and directed that an action plan, in collaboration with the WVDE Division of District and School Accountability and Berkeley County Schools leadership, be developed and presented to the WVBE for action at the June meeting.

It is recommended and a motion is requested that the **action plan in response to the Martinsburg North Middle School State of Emergency be approved.**

- B. WVBE and WVDE Personnel Matters, Inclusive of Annual Evaluation of the State Superintendent of Schools and WVBE Secretary, and Litigation Update in West Virginia, et al. vs. B.P.J., by Her Next Friend and Mother, Heather Jackson - (Action)**
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.)**

In accordance with W. Va. Code §18-3-1, *“The state board annually shall evaluate the performance of the state superintendent and publicly announce the results of the evaluation.”*

It is recommended and a motion is requested to **approve the WVBE personnel matters found in the attachment.** [Attachment O](#)

It is recommended and a motion is requested to **approve the WVDE personnel matters found in the attachment.** [Attachment P](#)

Motions, if any, regarding *West Virginia, et al. vs. B.P.J., by Her Next Friend and Mother, Heather Jackson*, will be considered at the meeting.

X. WVDE Reports - (Information)

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

XII. Future Meetings - (Information)
L. Paul Hardesty

The next regular meeting of the WVBE will be held July 8, 2024, in Charleston, West Virginia.

XIII. Adjournment - (Action)