

AGENDA
WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF EDUCATION
Capitol Building 6, Suite 600
1900 Kanawha Boulevard, East
Charleston, West Virginia
August 14, 2024 - 10:00 a.m.

- I. **Welcome - Pledge of Allegiance - Introductions - Call to Order**
Nancy J. White, President
- II. **Approval of Agenda - (Action)**
Nancy J. White
- III. **Recognitions**
- IV. **Delegation(s)**
- V. **West Virginia Public Education Collaborative (WVPEC) K-12 Speakers Bureau – (Information)**
Donna Peduto, Executive Director, WVPEC
- 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 July 8, 2024, meeting of the West Virginia Board of Education (WVBE)** be approved.
 - B. **Routine Business**
 - 1. **Waivers of WVBE Policies and Regulations, Superintendent's Interpretations, State Statutes, and Legislative Rules - (Action)** **Attachment B**
Joey Wiseman and Jimmy Lacy

Wood County Schools has submitted a request for a waiver of Policy 4336, West Virginia School Bus Transportation Regulations, Procedures, and Specifications for the Design and Equipment of School Buses, sections 2.13.g (floor shall not be black) and 1.31.a (3000 Pupil Transport Series, 77 to 90 passenger). The buses requiring the waivers have black floors, are 2500 Pupil Transport Series, 77 to 90 passengers, and are currently available for purchase.

It is recommended that **Wood County Schools' request for a waiver of Policy 4336, sections 2.13.g (black floors) and 1.31.a**

(2500 Pupil Transport Series, 77 to 90 passengers), be approved.

2. **Statewide Waiver of Policy 5202, Minimum Requirements for the Licensure of Professional/Paraprofessional Personnel and Advanced Salary Classifications, Section 11.9.d - (Action)** Attachment C
Joey Wiseman and Traci Tuttle

The Grow Your Own (GYO) West Virginia Teaching Pathway was initially implemented during the 2021-22 school year. Students who were participants in the GYO West Virginia program from the initial implementation have now graduated high school with experiences in classrooms, college credits towards a Bachelor of Education Degree, and in some cases an associate degree. As these students with associate degrees continue to pursue their Bachelor of Education Degree, they have obtained sufficient knowledge and skill to be able to substitute in elementary and middle schools. The current policy indicates that Restricted Short-Term Substitute Permit “has attained the age of 21” which these students have not.

It is requested that **GYO West Virginia participants that have graduated high school, are 18 years of age, have successfully completed an associate degree or 60 college credit hours, and are currently enrolled in a WVBE-approved educator preparation program leading to licensure be permitted to substitute in elementary and middle school classrooms until such time as Policy 5202 is amended.**

3. **Employment of Substitute Teachers in Areas of Critical Need and Shortage - (Action)** Attachment D
Kelli Talbott

Pursuant to W. Va. Code §18A-2-3, Barbour, Boone, Fayette, Hampshire, Jackson, Logan, Monongalia, Raleigh, Randolph, Ritchie, Taylor, and Wetzel Counties and the West Virginia Schools of Diversion and Transition 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 Barbour, Boone, Fayette, Hampshire, Jackson, Logan, Monongalia, Raleigh, Randolph, Ritchie, Taylor, and Wetzel Counties and the West Virginia Schools of Diversion and Transition be approved.**

4. **Employment of Retired Bus Operators as Substitutes in Areas of Critical Need and Shortage - (Action)** Attachment E
Kelli Talbott

Pursuant to W. Va. Code §18A-4-15a, Boone, Fayette, Hampshire, Jackson, and Raleigh Counties have submitted a policy for the WVBE’s approval.

It is recommended that the **Employment of Retired Bus Operators as Substitutes in Areas of Critical Need and Shortage policies**

for Boone, Fayette, Hampshire, Jackson, and Raleigh Counties be approved.

5. **Amendment of Monroe County's 2020-2030 Comprehensive Educational Facilities Plan (CEFP) - (Action)** Attachment F
Micah Whitlow

Policy 6200 requires all local boards of education to submit amendments to CEFPs to the WVBE and the School Building Authority of West Virginia (SBA) for approval. The Monroe County Board of Education requests approval to revise their 2020-2030 CEFP to include renovations and the construction of additional classrooms at James Monroe Technical Center. The project will enhance the school's educational offerings and is proposed to be funded through local funds and a grant from the SBA.

It is recommended that the **Monroe County Board of Education's request to amend their 2020-2030 CEFP be approved.**

6. **West Virginia Educator Preparation Program Review Board (EPPRB) Recommendation to Approve Marshall University's Supervisor of Instruction and Superintendent Initial Licensure and Certificate Endorsement - (Action)** Attachment G
Traci Tuttle

EPPRB members voted to recommend for approval of Marshall University's request to add Supervisor of Instruction and Superintendent initial licensure and certificate endorsements to the existing Principal initial licensure and certificate in the Educational Leadership program. The main function of the EPPRB is to review and make recommendations to the WVBE regarding the approval of educator preparation programs of study leading to teacher certification. Policy 5100 provides guidelines and procedures for the approval of educator preparation programs leading to licensure in West Virginia and Policy 5202 provides guidelines and procedures for the issuance of licensure.

It is recommended that **Marshall University's request to add Supervisor of Instruction and Superintendent initial licensure and certificate endorsements to the existing Principal initial licensure and certificate in the Educational Leadership program be approved.**

7. **West Virginia Educator Preparation Program Review Board (EPPRB) Recommendation to Approve a New Speech Language Therapy Initial License Program at West Liberty University - (Action)** Attachment H
Traci Tuttle

EPPRB members voted to recommend for approval of West Liberty University's request to add a new Speech Language Therapist initial license to the existing Educator Preparation Program. The function of the EPPRB is to review and make recommendations to the WVBE regarding the approval of educator preparation programs of

study leading to teacher certification. Policy 5100 provides guidelines and procedures for the approval of educator preparation programs leading to licensure in West Virginia and Policy 5202 provides guidelines and procedures for the issuance of licensure.

It is recommended that **West Liberty University's request to add a new Speech Language Therapist initial license to the existing Educator Preparation Program be approved.**

**8. Policy 1241, Notice and Conduct of Meetings - (Action)
Kelli Talbott**

Attachment I

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. Comments received during the comment period resulted in no changes to the policy.

It is recommended that **Policy 1241 be approved and effective 30 days from filing.**

**9. Policy 4110, Attendance - (Action)
Margaret Williamson**

Attachment J

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. No comments were received during the comment period.

It is recommended that **Policy 4110 be approved and effective 30 days from filing.**

**10. Policy 2423, Health Promotion and Disease Prevention - (Action)
Melanie Purkey**

Attachment K

Policy 2423 is being repealed and replaced to update the policy to align with the latest evidence based practice, clarify content, and reflect current policy drafting requirements.

It is recommended that **Policy 2423 be placed on public comment for 30 days.**

**11. Policy 8500, Competitive Grant Application and Award Process - (Action)
Sonya White**

Attachment L

Policy 8500 is proposed to ensure compliance with W. Va. Code §18-9A-10 as amended by House Bill 5405 (2024 Regular session). Policy 8500 establishes the process for local education agencies to apply and receive grants managed by the West Virginia Department of Education through a competitive process that are not awarded under another rule.

It is recommended that **Policy 8500** be placed on public comment for 30 days.

12. **West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind Monthly Update - (Information)** Attachment M
Clayton Burch, Superintendent, West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind

IX. New Business

- A. Annual Appointment of WVBE Statutory Units/Liaisons - (Action)**
Nancy J. White

A motion is requested to **appoint L. Paul Hardesty to the County Board Member Training Standards Review Committee; appoint Debra K. Sullivan to the Educational Broadcasting Authority; reappoint Robert W. Dunlevy to the Secondary School Activities Commission; and elect Victor L. Gabriel to the School Building Authority of West Virginia, effective September 4, 2024.**

- B. WVBE and WVDE Personnel Matters - (Action)**
Nancy J. White

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 to **approve the WVBE personnel matters found in the attachment.** Attachment Mc

It is recommended and a motion is requested to **approve the WVDE personnel matters found in the attachment.** Attachment N

X. WVDE Reports - (Information)

XI. WVBE Member Updates and Requests for Information - (Information)
Nancy J. White

XII. Future Meetings - (Action)
Nancy J. White

A motion is requested to **approve the WVBE's meeting schedule (September 2024 through August 2025) found in the attachment.** Attachment O

The next regular meeting of the WVBE will be held September 11, 2024, in Charleston, West Virginia.

XIII. Adjournment - (Action)