

BRAXTON COUNTY  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MINUTES  
October 15, 2019

The Braxton County Board of Education met in regular session on Tuesday, October 15, 2019 at the Braxton County Schools Board office. The following members were present: Jill Cooper-President, Dave Hoover-Vice President, Brad Shingler, DeAnna Whipkey- Absent, Dolores Wright, Kathy Hypes – *Superintendent*.

**I. Call to Order**

Jill Cooper called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

Jill Cooper

**III. Opening Prayer**

Dave Hoover

**IV. Recognition of Students and/or Employees**

- School Lunch Week
- National School Transportation Week

**V. Delegations**

- Jessica Tanner had a concern on the hiring of Special Education Aides. She would like to have more choice in whom is placed in her child's classroom. Superintendent Hypes explained that Braxton County Schools has to follow specific hiring laws established by WV Code.

**VI. Presentation**

- An overview of Math4Life trainings was presented by Joyce Floyd and Lisa Ratliff, BCS Academic Coaches. Kits were designed for lower, middle and upper elementary and grades 6-12. Digital resources were offered as well as hard copies. Lisa Ratliff explained that suggestions were given on how to use the resources in the packet. Kim Dennison said that during the training, parents were shown how to use the resources.

**VII. Discussion**

- There will be a special meeting on November 15, 2019 at BCHS.
- Dave Hoover reported the handicapped accessible restrooms at Holly Gray are almost complete. He would like to arrange for a high school student to paint an eagle on the exterior.
- Dave Hoover also reported that the hunting dog club would like to donate 6 coats each to Burnsville and Flatwoods Elementary Schools.

**VIII. Consent Agenda**

Dave Hoover moved and Dolores Wright seconded to approve the consent agenda items. (Approval of October 1, 2019 minutes, payment of bills, budget transfers and supplements, transportation requests and reports, treasurer's report).

Vote: 4-0. Motion carried.

**IX. Personnel**

I. Professional Recommendations

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| A. | Resignation                  | None   |
| B. | Employment/Reassignment      |  |
|    | Sue Ann White                | Extra Duty Contract, School Technology Contact, Frametown Elementary, effective October 16, 2019 |
|    | Jennifer Arambula            | Extra Duty Contract, School Technology Contact, Flatwoods Elementary, effective October 16, 2019 |
|    | Josh Porto                   | Extra Duty Contract, School Technology Contact, BCHS, effective October 16, 2019                 |
| C. | Request for Paid FMLA Leave  |  |
|    | Suzanne Wine                 | 15 days of paid leave in conjunction with unpaid FMLA leave                                      |
| D. | Request for Leave of Absence |  |
|    | Morgan Dennison              | School Health Nurse, 12 Weeks paid/unpaid FMLA leave, effective retroactive 10/1/19              |
|    | Tamara Fleming               | Assistant Principal, BCHS, 6-weeks paid medical leave effective 10/4/19                          |

II. Service Recommendations

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| A. | Resignation                  | None  |
| B. | Employment/Reassignment      |   |
|    | Wilma Rhodes                 | From Flatwoods to Davis Elementary, Special Education Supervisory/ Instructional/ Transportation Aide, effective October 16, 2019 |
|    | Lori Showalter               | From BCHS Cook to ½ Time Cook, Sutton Elementary, 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. shift   |
|    | Brenda Long                  | From Cafeteria Manager, to ½ Time Cook, Davis Elementary, effective October 16, 2019, 6:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. shift                |
| C. | Request for Leave of Absence |   |
|    | Karen Harper                 | Extension of unpaid FMLA through December 1, 2019   |

III. Extracurricular Recommendations

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| A. | Resignation |
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B. Employment  
Nathan Smarr

Assistant Athletic Director, BCMS, effective  
October 16, 2019, prorated supplement

Brad Shingler moved and Dolores Wright seconded to approve Personnel actions.  
Vote: 4-0. Motion carried.

X. Superintendent Updates

- Braxton County Schools Accreditation status will be released at the state board meeting the second week in November.
- WV Career Readiness meeting has been scheduled for the spring.
- WV Board of Education Listening Tour focused on 4 areas: college and career readiness, standards and curriculum, family engagement and teacher retention and recruitment.

XI. Legal Updates  
None

XII. Old Business

- Chad Lockard will tear down the building at the athletic field and Waste Management will donate a dumpster. The students enrolled in the CTE construction program will construct the new building

XIII. New Business

a) Approval of Fundraisers (Attached)

Brad Shingler moved and Dave Hoover seconded to approve the fundraisers.

Vote: 4-0. Motion carried.

b) Brad Shingler moved and Dave Hoover seconded to approved to pay for the computer/carts when they are received at \$122,000.00.

Vote: 4-0. Motion carried.

c) The Head Start Director, Christina Bailey, reported that the policy council meeting has been rescheduled for October 31, 2019. Orientation for new members will be in November. Currently, Head Start is undergoing and audit.

d) Brad Shingler moved and Dolores Wright seconded to approve Brittnie Anderson and Marvin Graves as Volunteers for the 2019-21 school years.

Vote: 4-0. Motion carried.

e) Brad Shingler moved and Dolores Wright seconded to approve the purchase of Blue Bird 77-Passenger "Vision" Conventional school bus for \$96,569.00 and a 2021 Blue Bird 65-Passenger "Vision" Conventional School bus for \$91,321.00.

Vote: 4-0. Motion carried.

f) David Hoover moved and Brad Shingler approved a trip for the BCHS Band Trip to Washington, DC, May 1- 3, 2020.

Vote: 4-0. Motion carried.

XIV. Adjournment

Brad Shingler moved and Dolores Wright seconded to adjourn.

Vote: 4-0. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Braxton County Board of Education will be held on Tuesday, November 5, 2019, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at the Board Office.

Others in Attendance: Janet Six, Kim Dennison, Joyce Floyd, Lisa Ratliff, Jessica Tanner, Christina Bailey

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