

State of West Virginia\_  
County of Nicholas to wit:

The Nicholas County Board of Education of the County of Nicholas, West Virginia met in a special session on Tuesday, December 12, 2017, beginning at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held at the Nicholas County Board Office, 400 Old Main Drive, Summersville, WV 26651.

The purpose of the meeting was for superintendents' info., board comments, concerns, information and discussion and possible action on an order of the board directing an election to be held for the purpose of submitting to the voters of Nicholas county school district all questions connected with (I) the closure of Nicholas County High School, Richwood High School and the Nicholas County Career and Technical School, consolidating them into one new Comprehensive High School at the close of the 2020 school year, or later if the completion of the new school is delayed; and the closure of Richwood Middle School and Summersville Middle School, consolidating them into a new middle school at the close of the 2020 school year, or later if the completion of the new school is delayed; both to be located on the property of the glade creek business park, ~~(II) the related contracting of a debt and the issuing of bonds to finance certain improvements to existing Nicholas County High School in order to convert it into the new location of Summersville Elementary School, as part of the proposed closures and consolidations, and (III) certain related matters.~~ (part II was addressed at the last meeting).

**Educating and Preparing Students for Success After High School**

Present for the meeting were:

- Dr. Gus Penix, President
- Mr. Fred Amick, Vice-President
- Mr. Phil Berry, Member
- Mr. Darrell White, Member
- Mr. A.J. Rogers, Member

Dr. Donna Burge-Tetrick, Superintendent

1. Call to Order along with a moment of silent reflection:  
The meeting was called to order by Board President, Dr. Gus Penix.

Dr. Penix also clarified that this meeting was called at the last meeting held on Dec. 4, 2017.

2. Superintendents Info/Board Comments/Concerns/Information:  
Board President, Penix asked about the baseball and softball fields in Richwood. Dr. Tetrick explained that Pratt field is owned and operated by the city of Richwood. The NCBOE leases the field for \$1.00 per year. "The City of Richwood charged or tried to charge the board \$20,000.00 for water hook-up to the pods; we ended up paying them \$12,000.00 for the work".

According to the information provided to Dr. Tetrick, the city was paid over \$100,000.00 just to repair that facility. "It is unknown if a project work sheet was written to include the restrooms and concession stand, but if not, they certainly could have their consultant write one now. Also paying on Pratt Field was the Nicholas Foundation, a Go Fund Me account for spring sports and the Brad Paisley Foundation. The board paid for portable toilets last ball season so that the students and parents could enjoy that field, but we will not do that again this year". Superintendent, Tetrick stressed "if they cannot take care of our students, we may need to think about moving the teams to Craigsville".

Dr. Penix addressed the issue of board members attending public functions together and quoted from West Virginia Code §6-9A-2 (d) which permits boards to legitimately assemble outside of board meetings. "General discussions among members of a governing body on issues of interest to the public when held in a planned or unplanned social, educational, training, informal, ceremonial or similar setting, without intent to conduct public business even if a quorum is present and public business is discussed but there is no intention for the discussion to lead to an official action".

Dr. Tetrick also updated the board on the confusion over the Christmas Concerts for RMS & RHS. Due to the suspension of an employee directly related to both schools, the principals were not wanting to hold the concerts. She stressed that both concerts were to go on as previously planned. The students deserve to have the program as do the parents.

3. Discussion and possible action on an order of the board directing an election to be held for the purpose of submitting to the voters of Nicholas county school district all questions connected with (I) the closure of Nicholas County High School, Richwood High School and the Nicholas County Career and Technical School, consolidating them into one new Comprehensive High School at the close of the 2020 school year, or later if the completion of the new school is delayed; and the closure of Richwood Middle School and Summersville Middle School, consolidating them into a new middle school at the close of the 2020 school year, or later if the completion of the new school is delayed; both to be located on the property of the glade creek business park, ~~(II) the related contracting of a debt and the issuing of bonds to finance certain improvements to existing Nicholas County High School in order to convert it into the new location of Summersville Elementary School, as part of the proposed closures and consolidations, and (III) certain related matters.~~ (part II was addressed at the last meeting).

Superintendent, Tetrick asked the board to table the bond; in good faith we will be meeting with the mediators. She also stated that "both County and State Superintendents would be releasing a joint statement the following day".

Upon motion by Mr. Fred Amick, seconded by Mr. Darrell White, the board unanimously consented to table the bond issue.

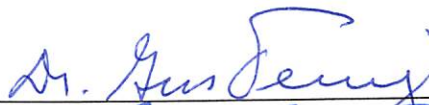
4. Adjournment:

Upon motion by, Mr. Phil Berry, seconded by Mr. Fred Amick, the board

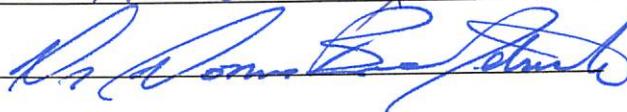
unanimously consented to adjourn this special meeting of the Nicholas County Board of Education. The meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

The next meeting will be a regular meeting which will be held on Monday, December 18, 2017, beginning at 7:00 p.m. The purpose of the meeting will be to conduct routine business. The meeting will be held at the Nicholas County Board of Education, 400 Old Main Drive, Summersville, WV 26651.

Dr. Gus Penix, President NCBOE



Dr. Donna Burge-Tetrick, Superintendent



Kim Belletto, Recording Secretary Nicholas County Schools

An executive session could be called for Item 2, or 3, as per the School Laws of WV 6-9A-4-9. \*