

County of Nicholas to wit:

The Nicholas County Board of Education of the County of Nicholas, West Virginia met in a special session on Monday, February 12, 2018, beginning at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was held at the Nicholas County Board Office, 400 Old Main Drive, Summersville, WV 26651.

The purpose of the meeting will be to conduct (3) three student disciplinary hearings, receive an update on both high school baseball fields, personnel, and update on the mediation.

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

Delegations will not be heard at this meeting. This is a special meeting to cover only the items listed on the agenda. Delegations will be heard at the next regular scheduled meeting.

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

2. Expulsion Hearing
a. 6:00 p.m. 6th Grade SMS 201762011

*started at 6:03 p.m.

Upon motion by Mr. Phil Berry, seconded by Mr. Fred Amick, the board unanimously consented to close the regular session and go into executive session as indicated under Item 3, as per the School Laws of WV 6-9A-4, "The disciplining, suspension or expulsion of any student in any public school or public college or university, unless such student requests an open meeting."

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

Ms. Kristina Frame, Principal at SMS
Mr. Charles Vest, Asst. Principal at SMS
Ms. Kathy Sibbett, Special Education Director
Ms. Tammi Gregory, Attendance Director

Student, and Mother

Upon motion by Mr. A.J. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Fred Amick, the board unanimously consented to close the executive session and return to regular session. *ended at 6:48 p.m.

Superintendent Burge-Tetrick stated that after review of the infractions, current information and school records of the student the Nicholas County Board of Education agreed to the following action.

It is recommended that student #201762011 be expelled for one calendar year and assigned to home bound instruction. The student is required to have a medical evaluation by his family doctor and shall continue receiving counseling. After receiving the report from the students' doctor, the board will reevaluate him for possible alternative placement.

The student is not to be permitted on school property without written permission from the superintendent. A review of the student's educational placement will be conducted before the beginning of the second semester of the 2018 – 2019 school year.

Mr. Phil Berry moved to uphold the Superintendent's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Darrell White and carried unanimously.

b. 6:30 p.m. 5th Grade CRE 201762012

*started at 6:50 p.m.

Upon motion by Mr. A.J. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Phil Berry, the board unanimously consented to close the regular session and go into executive session as indicated under Item 3, as per the School Laws of WV 6-9A-4, "The disciplining, suspension or expulsion of any student in any public school or public college or university, unless such student requests an open meeting."

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

Mr. CC Lester, Principal at CRE

Ms. Kathy Sibbett, Special Education Director

Ms. Tammi Gregory, Attendance Director

Student, Grandparents and Mother

Upon motion by Mr. Phil Berry, seconded by Mr. Darrell White, the board unanimously consented to close the executive session and return to regular session. *ended at 7:31p.m.

Superintendent Burge-Tetrick stated that after review of the infractions, current information and school records of the student the Nicholas County Board of Education agreed to the following action.

It is recommended that student #201762012 NOT be expelled. The student shall be suspended thru March 2, 2018 and will return to CRE on March 5, 2018.

Mr. Darrell White moved to uphold the Superintendent's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Phil Berry and carried unanimously.

c. 7:00 p.m. 7th Grade RMS 201762013

*started at 7:32 p.m.

Upon motion by Mr. Phil Berry, seconded by Mr. Darrell White, the board unanimously consented to close the regular session and go into executive session as indicated under Item 3, as per the School Laws of WV 6-9A-4, "The disciplining, suspension or expulsion of any student in any public school or public college or university, unless such student requests an open meeting."

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

Mr. Gene Collins, Principal at RMS

Ms. Dee Hyre, Teacher at RMS

Ms. Kathy Sibbett, Special Education Director

Ms. Tammi Gregory, Attendance Director

Student, and Father

Upon motion by Mr. Fred Amick, seconded by Mr. Phil Berry, the board unanimously consented to close the executive session and return to regular session. *ended at 8:12 p.m.

Superintendent Burge-Tetrick stated that after review of the infractions, current information and school records of the student the Nicholas County Board of Education agreed to the following action.

It is recommended that student #201762013 be expelled for one calendar year and assigned to Alternative Learning Center. The student shall not be permitted on school property without written permission from the superintendent, other than to attend class. A review of the student’s educational placement will be conducted before the beginning of the second semester of the 2018 – 2019 school year, based on attendance, and grades and behavior. (option to attend Option Pathways at NCCTC)

Mr. Fred Amick moved to uphold the Superintendent’s recommendation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Phil Berry and carried unanimously.

3. Update on the baseball field conditions at RHS & NCHS ~ R. Roberts

NCHS: there is a drain line starting in left field and ending in right that is working really well. The contractor is getting ready to pour concrete and by mid next week everything should be ready, weather permitting.

4. Personnel:

Professional Extra-Curricular:

Heather Neil Employ in the position of 21st Century After School Math/Stem Tutor at Nicholas County High School effective immediately.

Heather Neil Employ in the position of 21st Century After School Substitute Tutor at Nicholas County High School effective immediately.

Consent:

Candida Moore seeks to be absent from her position as Teacher at Richwood High School March 22-28, 2018 using three personal days and two days without pay.

Priscilla Jamison seeks to be absent from her position as Teacher at Summersville Elementary School on an as needed basis using personal, sick and Family Medical Leave.

Jack Cole announces his retirement as Teacher from Nicholas County Schools effective with the close of the school year.

Codey Horton resigns his position as Volley Ball Coach at Richwood High School effective February 6, 2018.

Michele Anderson seeks to be absent from her position as Teacher at Mt. Nebo Elementary from Monday, March 19 through and including March 23, 2018, using three personal days and two days without pay.

Debra Wickline seeks to be absent from her position as Teacher at Mt. Nebo Elementary School from February 12 through and including February 16, 2018 using three personal days and two days without pay.

Lori Symes announces her retirement as Teacher from Nicholas County Schools effective July 1, 2018.

Upon motion by Mr. Darrell White, second by Mr. Fred Amick, the board consented to approve the personnel as presented by Personnel Director, Melissa Adkins.

5. Superintendents Info/Board Comments/Concerns/Information:

a. Mediation Update

“The NCBOE will convene an executive session to hear updates regarding the ongoing mediation process sponsored by Governor Jim Justice and conducted by Consensus Building Institute. During the executive session, no decisions will be made, and no deliberations will occur. At the conclusion of the mediation process and prior to any vote of the Nicholas County Board of Education, a full discussion will be held in public session.” statutory citation – W. Va. Code §6-9A-4(b)(9) and (12).

started at 8:25 p.m.

Mr. Phil Berry, moved to close the regular session and go into executive session as indicated under Item 2, as per the School Laws of W. Va. Code §6-9A-4(b)(9) and (12) “The appointment, employment, retirement, promotion, demotion, disciplining, resignation, discharge, dismissal or compensation of any public officer or employee, or other personnel matters, or for the purpose of conducting a hearing on a complaint against a public officer or employee, unless such public officer or employee requests an open meeting.” The motion was seconded by Mr. Darrell White and carried unanimously.

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

Ms. Melissa Adkins, J.D., Personnel Director & Human Rights Officer
Mr. Chris Hanshaw, Technology Director

Mr. Darrell White moved to close the executive session and return to regular session.
The motion was seconded by Mr. A.J. Rogers and carried unanimously. *ended at 10:05 p.m.

There was no Action taken during the Executive Session and there is no Action to be taken as a result of the Executive Session. The mediation process is in its beginning stage with future meetings planned between the WVBE and the NCBOE. As it states in tonight’s agenda, “a full discussion will be held in public session – at the conclusion of the mediation process – prior to any vote by the Nicholas County BOE.”


No action was taken.

6. Adjournment:

Upon motion by, Mr. Darrell White, seconded by Mr. Phil Berry, the board unanimously consented to adjourn this special meeting of the Nicholas County Board of Education. The meeting adjourned at 10:06 p.m.

The next meeting will be a regular meeting which will be held on Monday, February 19, 2018, 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 Office, 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, and 4 as per the School Laws of WV 6-9A-4-9 and (12) *