

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 regular session on Monday, January 23, 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 to conduct routine business

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.

2. Board President asked to have the agenda amended for the reason of adding a trip, use of facility, contract for Dixie property, Monongahela Power Co., and S'ville. Police Dept.

Upon motion by Mr. Darrell White, seconded by Mr. A.J. Rogers, the board unanimously consented to approve the amended agenda.

3. Approve the minutes from: October 3, and 10, 2016, January 3, and 9, 2017.

Upon motion by Mr. Fred Amick, seconded by Mr. Darrell White, the board unanimously consented to approve the minutes as presented.

4. Delegation:

- a. ~~Christy Hall~~ ~ cancelled
- b. Kayla Conard (interpreter ~ Connie Conard mother)
- c. Greg James
- d. Nicki Taylor ~ declined to speak
- e. Chris Tinney
- f. Bob Henry Baber
- g. Tiffany Russell
- h. Chuck Toussieng ~ declined to speak

5. Discussion:
a. Second Reading of Federal Procurement Policy

Mr. Kevin Hess came before the board with the second reading of the Federal Procurement Policy. This will be approved on the February 6, 2017 meeting.

6. Information / Action items:
a. Approval of the demolition bid for RMS, RHS, and SMS (tabled from 1/9/17).

Upon motion by Mr. Fred Amick, seconded by Mr. A.J. Rogers, the board unanimously consented to approve the bid with Raze International, Inc. for the demolition of RMS, RHS, and SMS; contingent upon a potential change order in regards to RHS Auditorium ONLY.

- b. Hear, discuss and possibly take action on the Superintendent's recommended school closings and consolidations, discuss and possibly take action to approve the form of written reasons, schedule public hearings, designate related information to be made available for public inspection, and comply with law and policy governing the hearings.

Superintendent, Dr. Donna Burge-Tetrick's recommendation:

background

"The Nicholas County Board of Education had three schools that suffered severe structural damage during a flood on June 23, 2016. Richwood High School, Richwood Middle School and Summersville Middle School sustained a significant amount of water damage on the interior of the building as well as severe structural damage throughout areas of the buildings caused by the water infiltration to the site as well as the building envelope. This amount of damage left the facilities unsafe and un-inhabitable.

enrollment and population

In the meantime, the percentage of student enrollment has decreased over the last five years at a rate of 1.09% average per year and is not projected to increase over the next five years.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the population of Nicholas County has experienced a decline since the 2000 Census. The population at that census in Nicholas County was 26,562 persons. The estimated population for July 1, 2008 was 26,137 persons. Population estimates for 2015 are 25,594.

facilities

The school system with the assistance of FEMA and the WV School Building Authority is currently constructing temporary facilities until new schools can be built. In order to receive financial assistance from FEMA and the WV School Building Authority the permanent schools cannot be rebuilt on the former location because it is in the flood plain and flood way. The WV

School Building Authority and FEMA have reviewed several sites before finding an alternate site, the Glade Creek Business Park, which is located out of the flood way and meets the criteria for a new school set forth by the WV School Building Authority and Policy 6200. In order to adhere to the recommended guidelines for economies of scale for new school facilities the board of education proposes to consolidate both high schools and both middle schools on one campus.

To implement the plan for the Comprehensive High School and New Middle School, both middle schools and both high schools will need to close. Nicholas County High School is the only one currently in use. In order to provide a Comprehensive High School, the county intends to close the Career Technical Center in its current location and move it to the New High School location. The new facilities will follow all the guidelines set forth within WV DOE Policy 6200.

I propose to consolidate the following schools:

- Richwood High School, Nicholas County High School and the Career Technical Education Facility into one Comprehensive High School. This will be a building of approximately 250,000 square feet.
- Richwood Middle School and Summersville Middle into one Middle School facility. This will be a building of approximately 97,047 square feet.

The benefits of this plan include:

- Both the Middle School and Comprehensive High School are proposed to be at the centrally located Glade Creek Business Park Site. This location is closest to the center of the enrollment area.
- Outside amenities would be relocated to accommodate all student extracurricular activities to the new campus. This will promote student participation and community involvement at one location.
- All campus facilities will meet all current Handicapped Codes and standards that the current facilities are deficient.
- The new facility will also have a clinic, that was available at the closing high schools.
- The new schools will be designed around the most current "safe schools" design criteria. The existing facilities do not meet any of the current guidelines.

finance

In an effort to provide an equal and quality education to each student in Nicholas County I proposes to consolidate services. This would save the board of education yearly maintenance and operating expenses on aging buildings that they currently do not have the finances to maintain properly.

Costs to repair the damaged schools is greater than 92% of the replacement cost of new facilities. The anticipated costs of a new facility will be determined by the actual size and type of building components. The projected cost of a new comprehensive campus facility is one hundred thirty million dollars (\$130,000,000).

This probable projected cost includes the following but not limited to these facilities:

- New Consolidated Middle School

- New Comprehensive High School
- Career Technical Center (to be located within the high school)
- All associated fields, stadiums and support structures.

At this juncture the projected cost is not final and will include all land purchases and site development, building construction and all associated fees, etc. I currently working with FEMA and the WV School Building Authority to finalize the projected cost and securing funding for the new facilities.

Nicholas County can expect a cost savings on utilities in general about twenty-five percent (25%). Potentially this could be more depending on the building envelope design and the type of HVAC system chosen for the facility.

The approximate average service personnel salary is \$33,000 and professional salary is \$52,000. This is approximate only. Salary will vary on the degree level and length of service of the employee. Potential costs savings are projected in the area of personnel in the approximate amount of \$33,000 per service person (average) and \$52,000 per professional employee. That translates to \$231,000 for the new middle school (7 service personnel); and \$266,000 for the new high school (1 professional + 6.5 service).

personnel

The County Board of Education has attempted to reduce staff due to a loss in enrollment over the past five years to meet the formula for professional and service personnel. Nicholas County will continue to follow the WV DOE recommended guidelines on the number of employees, but yet maintain the number of staff required to deliver the education programs made available to its students.

Some staff may be reduced due to a duplication of positions after consolidation. However, the new facility will offer a new curriculum and thus will have new positions available for instruction.

For the middle school, the number of professional staff will likely remain close to the current combined levels of the closing schools. It is the intent to staff the administration with 1 principal and 2 assistant principals. The number of service personnel in the new middle school is projected to decrease by 7 employees, as a result of no need for duplication of some positions.

For the high school, the number of professional staff is projected to decrease by 7 in the regular program and increase by 6 in the Career Center, with a net decrease of 1. The number of service personnel in the new high school is projected to decrease by 6.5 positions.

transportation

The proposed site of the Glade Creek Business Park is somewhat centrally located within the student population. The majority of students that attend the Richwood schools live outside of the city of Richwood and toward the proposed new location.

Using the original locations of closing schools, a total of 8 bus runs exceed the recommended travel times for middle and high school students. The number of bus runs that will exceed the recommended travel times for middle and high school students to the newly constructed schools will be reduced to 7. Additionally, some of the runs that will exceed the recommended travel times, will be closer to the guidelines than the runs were to the closing schools.

Travel time to the Career Center will be completely eliminated, making for a seamless move to and from these programs with no loss of instructional time with students on buses.

educational program

Nicholas County Schools ensures an engaging educational environment for learners (student and adult) focusing on teaching and learning in the 21st century. Our mission statement is Preparing Students for the 21st Century. All actions and plans for our schools are done with this as our focus.

Expectations of parents have evolved through the years, as society has changed. Safe environment, cleanliness, fiscal responsibility and healthy lifestyles are important issues that are conducive to learning. Parents expect their students to obtain a quality education to be able to function successfully in life. We also understand that although many students will advance from this system to college, there are many who will be facing the workforce upon completion of our school system, making it necessary to obtain a high quality of well-rounded preparation.

This new plan would allow the county to provide a quality education curriculum to all students that they currently cannot afford to provide to all schools. Students will be located in a new state of the art facility that would be home to some existing and new educational programs that currently cannot be offered within the older outdated facility. Students will also be able to participate in Career Technical Programs that they are not exposed to currently.

Potential Career Technical Education Programs

- ProStart/Restaurant Management
- Health Occupations
- Project Lead the Way (engineering)
- Vocational Agriculture
- Auto Repair Mechanics
- Cosmetology
- Pet Grooming
- Taxidermy
- Childcare/Daycare
- Welding
- Electrical Technology
- Building Construction
- HVAC
- Business Management
- Gaming Technology
- Lodging Travel and Tourism

There are several differences in the course offerings at our secondary schools that are not readily apparent when looking at the charts. Here are a few examples:

- Sixth grade students at one school have a double period of math; the other school has one period.
- About half the seventh and eighth graders at one school have an extra period with a math teacher every day. At the other school, all seventh and eighth graders have two periods of enrichment or support in ELA and math each day with one of their core subject teachers.
- In some cases, students take the same course and get the same credit but the course is a full year at one school and a semester long at the other. This includes English 12, Physics, Anatomy and Physiology, Civics, and Spanish.

- Students at the same school can take the same course and get the same credit but some take the course for the whole year and others take it for one semester.
- There are some courses that are required to be offered that are not currently being taught in any of our secondary schools, including Math I Lab and Economics in the high schools and foreign language in the middle schools.

Policy 2510 provides guidance for maintaining high quality curriculum and instruction in West Virginia schools. Abundant guidelines are set and must be met in order to meet the mandates of Policy 2510.

Nicholas County Schools struggle to meet all the items contained in the document due to uneven enrollment in schools as well as the number of staff hired to deliver the instruction and curriculum, as well as number of minutes subjects/classes are taught. For example, there is a requirement that all schools deliver both transition and AP classes. Richwood High School is unable to offer both programs to struggling and/or excelled students simply because there are not enough staff to offer multiple courses, and also serve those students needing additional help.

Contained in this document are also items taken directly from policy, and suggestions on how a combined middle and a combined high schools will be better able to meet policy.

- o Equal opportunities of similar content offering
- o 8.2.10 Equity, fairness, and diversity
- o 3.2.3 (b) All and equal curriculum
- o 3.2 Curriculum available to all students
- o 5.6.6 (d) Meet AP course requirements and transition courses for at-risk students
- o 5.5.1 Offer foreign language from middle grades (required) Combining schools will enable all students to receive the same opportunities, and will assemble the most teachers in a content area that can be hired according to FTE.

- o 7.2.4 Flexible time/schedules
- o 7.2.4 (a) Restructuring school day for employees/students
- o 7.3.1 Flexible scheduling of students/staff
- o 5.7 Adult classes at night through higher-education partnerships Having a larger staff of content teachers in one school, would allow staff to report early or stay late in order to meet the needs of students who might wish to work during the day and take an evening or late class. It would also allow for adult education classes at night.

- o 3.1.2 Effective and efficient services in a modernized facility
- o 2.2 Access technology and equipment for learning
- o 3.2.3 Safe schools in modernized building
- o 7.3.14 Library/media access
- o 8.3.13 Classroom structures built for collaboration, project-based learning and/or independent study.

A modernized building will allow for a better infrastructure for technology and broadband connectivity as

well as the latest hardware available. A modernized building will be better for school safety codes including fire, intruder, locked doors, windows, as well as a general safe environment without hazards.

Instructional grouping and strategies can easily be implemented with walls and classrooms that can be open, divided, or closed to accommodate lectures, collaborative group work and even independent study.

School libraries have become extinct in Nicholas County. A possible partnership with the public library to be on campus may be an idea to explore.

- 5.5.1 Career exploration through access to on-site CTE
 - o 3.2.3 (d) Higher education partnerships
 - o 3.2.3 (b) Business partnerships and mentorships
 - o 3.1.2 Building responsibility and citizenship
 - o 3.2.3 Experiential Learning
 - o 5.1 Competitive, digital, global society
 - o 5.1 Build communities with more diverse populations

An on-site CTE program will increase usage and enrollment. Students would be more able to explore careers with an on-site program without loss of instruction time due to current travel time. Additionally, students could have specific certifications when they graduate from high school.

It would be less a burden on schools and business to establish partnerships with one campus instead of multiple schools searching for partnerships. This would be especially true for areas where businesses are limited.

Opportunities would be more abundant that would include experiences beyond the typical classroom.

- o 7.5.3. (a) Highly qualified personnel
- o 8.1 Hire most effective instructional leaders
- o 7.7 Instructional materials (texts) in one location
- o 7.4.1 Focused counseling, student supports and social services

One school will enable the hiring of the best teachers and staff instead of just filling empty positions. Nicholas County Schools are already challenged to fill all positions for multiple schools. Rather than student services being scattered

It is my intent to provide great learning environment for the children of Nicholas County today and for years to come.”

Board President, Dr. Gus Penix:

“At our meeting on January 9, we directed the Superintendent to prepare and bring to the Board of Education, at a future meeting, written reasons and supporting data for the proposals she made at the meeting.

Those proposals are to close Nicholas County High School, Richwood High School and the Nicholas County Career / Technical Center, consolidating them into one comprehensive high school at the close of the 2020 school year, or later if the completion of the new school is delayed; and to close 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.

The Superintendent has now presented us with the written reasons and supporting data. So that the Board may consider the Superintendent’s recommendations, **I move that:**

In accordance with West Virginia Code §18-5-13A and West Virginia Board of Education Policy 6204:

- 1. That the Board approves, as to form, the written reasons submitted this evening by the Superintendent;**
- 2. That the Board directs the Superintendent to cause a Class III legal advertisement to be published, and notice to be posted in all schools, of the required public hearings on the Superintendent’s recommendations, as follows:**
 - Summersville Middle School Hearing will be held on February 24, 2017 beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the Summersville Middle School.**
 - Nicholas County High School Hearing will be held on February 27, 2017 beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the Nicholas County High School.**
 - Richwood Middle School Hearing will be held on March 1, 2017 beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the Cherry River Elementary School.**
 - Richwood High School Hearing will be held on March 3, 2017 beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the Cherry River Elementary School.**
 - Nicholas County Career / Technical Center hearing will be held on March 6, 2017 beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the Career Center, with these provisions:**
 - That each hearing location is subject to change if it is determined that the meeting location is of insufficient size at the time the meeting is called to order;**

- That should any listed hearing be unable to be held on the scheduled date, due to inclement weather or other factors, that hearing will be held on the first date another hearing is not scheduled beginning with March 8, 2017 and following March 9, 10, 11 and 13; and
- That the Nicholas County Board of Education shall consider all written material submitted to the board which is actually received by the Board on or before March 6, 2017;

3. that the written reasons and supporting data the Superintendent presented to the Board at tonight's meeting serve as the reasons and supporting data that, by law, must be made available for public inspection for 30 days before the date of the first hearing, and
4. that the Superintendent, on behalf of the Board, comply with all procedures that are required under the statute and State Board policy for the public hearings.

The motion was second by Mr. Phil Berry, the board unanimously consented to approve the Superintendents recommendation.

7. Consent items:
 - a. Bus Requests

SUMMERSVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL

02/03/17	FRIDAY	CHARLESTON, WV	FIELD TRIP	4	182	8:00 AM
		State Capital		Return		3:00 PM

RICHWOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL

02/04/17	SATURDAY	MARLINTON, WV	B & G	1	48	9:00 AM
			BASKETBALL			

NICHOLAS COUNTY CAREER AND TECHNICAL SCHOOL

01/27/17	FRIDAY	CHARLESTON, WV	CAR SHOW	1	21	8:30 AM
		Charleston Civic Center		Return		5:00 PM

- ~~b. RHS Wrestling Team Feb. 3-4, 2017 Via Parents Liberty Raleigh Overnight Stay~~
- ~~c. RHS Wrestling Team Feb. 10-11, 2017 Via Parents Ritchie High School, Overnight Stay~~
- ~~d. RHS Wrestling Team Feb. 23-25, 2017 Via Parents Huntington, WV Overnight Stay~~

RHS trips b, c, and d removed due to transportation policy.

Bus requests will follow on February 6, 2017 meeting.

- e. RHS National Honor Society ~ March 28 – April 2, 2017 ~ Disney World, FL.
Via Commercial Coach
- ~~f. Student Transfer: New Student from NY, Transferring from RHS to NCHS~~
- g. Homeschool Student requests to attend NCCTC
- h. Alyssa Hamilton ~ NCCTC ~ Jan. 30 – Feb. 3, 2017 ~ TCTW Leaders
Forum, Mobile, AL

Upon motion by Mr. Darrell White, seconded by Mr. A.J. Rogers, the board unanimously consented to approve consent items a, e, g, and h, as presented.

8. Finance

- a. Payment of current invoices
- b. Supplements and Transfers
- c. ~~Treasurers Report~~ ~ tabled to February 6, 2017 meeting
- d. Contracts:
 - 1. Nicholas County Memorial Stadium ~ 2017 - 2018 school year
 - 2. Lease of Dixie Property ~ State of WV, Adjutant General's Dept.
- e. Use of Facilities:
 - 1. GRE ~ Craigsville Little League
 - 2. NCHS Gymnasiums ~ Kristina Frame ~ Paul Nettles Tournament
January 28, 2017
 - 3. NCHS Auxillary Gym ~ S'ville Youth Soccer ~ Feb. 17-19, 2017
 - 4. NCHS Gymnasiums ~ S'ville youth Basketball ~ Jan. 23 – Feb. 25, 2017
- f. Surplus Property:
 - 1. Declare RHS LED Sign as surplus
- g. Miscellaneous:
 - 1. Monongahela Power Company
 - 2. Summersville Police Dept. ~ use of SMS

Upon motion by Mr. Phil Berry, seconded by Mr. Fred Amick, the board unanimously consented to approve the finance as presented with the exception of item (c).

9. Personnel

- a. Regular Personnel Agenda

*started at 8:58 p.m. No personnel was presented, upon motion from Mr. Phil Berry, second by Mr. Darrell White, the board unanimously consented to close the regular session and go into executive session as indicated under Item 1, as per the School Laws of WV 6-9A-1-12, "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."

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. Fred Amick moved to close the executive session and return to regular session. The motion was seconded Mr. A.J. Rogers, and carried unanimously. *ended at 9:24 p.m.

Professional:

Brandi Baker	Employ in the position of 4 th /5 th Split Grade Teacher at Gauley River Elementary School (JP#: P11-21) effective for the 2017-2018.
Jeremy Morriston Gretchen Weber	Employ in the position of Substitute Teacher for Nicholas County Schools (JP#: P01-01) effective upon completion of all RESA 4 and WVDE requirements.
Cynthia A. Carpenter	Employ in the position of Special Education Teacher at Summersville Middle School (JP#: P01-14) effective upon completion of WVDE requirements.
Natasha Hughes	Employ in the position of Long Term Substitute - Pre-School Teacher at Summersville Elementary School (JP#: P01-15) effective TBD.
Beth Goette	Employ in the position of Long Term Substitute – Culinary Arts Instructor at the Nicholas County Career and Technical Center (JP#: P01-16) effective throughout the employee's approved leave.

Professional Extra-Curricular:

Beverly Kirker	Employ in the position of McKinney-Vento Faltis Shelter Liaison at the Kathleen and John Faltis' Children's Shelter (JP#: PXC01-01) effective TBD..
Brian Bane	Employ in the position of Archery Instructor – RESA 4 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant – Project SUCCESS at Nicholas County High School (JP#: PXC01-03) effective 1.24.2017.

Service:

Beth Armstrong	Employ in the position of Substitute Secretary/Accountant for Nicholas County Schools (JP#: S10-05) effective 1.24.2017.
Jerry Brake	Employ in the position of Long Term Substitute - Bus Operator – Bus #130 for Nicholas County Schools (JP#: S01-01) effective 1.24.2017.

Service Extra-Curricular:

Tammy Rader	Employ in the position of one of three Instructional Aides II – Itinerant (In
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support of the Elementary Alternative Centers) at Gauley River Elementary School and/or Summersville Elementary School (JP#: SXC01-01) effective 1.24.2017.

B. Eugene Stephenson Employ in the position of one of three Instructional Aides II – Itinerant (In support of the Elementary Alternative Centers) at Gauley River Elementary School and/or Summersville Elementary School (JP#: SXC01-01) effective 1.24.2017.

Kathy Collins Employ in the position of Title I Parent Coordinator at Richwood Middle School (JP#: SXC01-02) effective 1.24.2017.

Consent:

Teresa Brown Withdraws her requests for a leave of absence from her position of Kindergarten Teacher at Gauley River Elementary School beginning Tuesday, 1.03.2017 and continuing through on or about Tuesday, 1.31.2017 to care for an ill family member.

Selby McClung Requests a maternity leave of absence from her position of English/Language Arts Teacher at Nicholas County High School effective 1.17.2017 and continuing for seven (7) weeks until on or about 3.07.2017. She requests to claim accrued personal illness leave for six weeks and one week as leave without pay.

Debbie Nettles Resigns from her position of Health Teacher at Nicholas County High School effective 6.30.2017 due to retirement.

- Request permission to amend the Nicholas County Substitute Professionals in Critical Areas of Need (GCBB-C) to include the category of Elementary Education.
- Request permission to add categories to the Nicholas County Substitute Professionals in Critical Areas of Need (GCBB-C) throughout the 2016-2017 school year.
- Request approval for the following volunteers trained at Zela Elementary School on 9.20.2016:

Brandi Brown	Lesley Campbell	Ann Foster	Lisa Griffin
Bert Grose	Mike Grose	Lillie Harmon	Roger Hypes
Angel Jones	Kayla Jones	Julie Mullins	Cassandra Pettit
Kim Tucker			

- Request approval for the following volunteer trained at Cherry River Elementary School on 9.26.2016: Jamie McCarley
- Request approval for the following volunteers trained at Panther Creek Elementary School on 10.10.2016:

Heidi Dennison	Mike Frame	Jennifer Harris	Ina Hellems
Teresa Hinton	Jennifer Jones	Rebecca Lipps	Jennifer McMillion
Jennifer Nicholas	Jeremy Nicholas	Michelle O'Dell	Bridgett Pettit
Patty Plaughter	James Ritchie	Rechanda Ritchie	Desirae Sharp
Valerie Sharp	Shanna Strader	Billie Wiley	Jaclyn Wood

- Request approval for the following volunteers trained at Cherry River Elementary School on 10.18.2016:

Spring Blankenship	Benita Bond	Aimee Brown	Tiffany Chapman
Jessica Cogar	Darlene Conrad	Jay Cook	Judy Davis
Levada Hodovan	Wendy Overbaugh Garret	Carol Marsh	Tami Mullens

Marshelle Nichols
Edith Robinson
Paula Shaver

Mary Overbaugh
Heath Scott
Bekki Spencer

Drema Pontier
Delta Shaver
Linda Wright

Aleesha Reinhold
Kara Shaver

- Request approval for the following volunteers trained at Gauley River Elementary School on 12.05.2016:

Melanie Books
Amber Chapman
James Johnson
Sarah Mullins

Ronald Brooks
Brian Clendenin
Cody May
Melissa Rogers

Amanda Carpenter
Brandon Gray
Jennifer May
Susan Rogers

Matthew Carpenter
Joni Jarrett
Chris Mullins
Michael Stanley

Upon motion by Mr. Darrell White, second by Mr. Phil Berry, the board unanimously consented to approve the personnel as presented by Personnel Director, Ernie Jarvis. Voting for: White, Berry, Amick and Penix, abstaining from vote: A.J. Rogers due to personal reasons.

10. Reports:

- a. WV Board of Education Meeting Report - AJ Rogers.

Mr. Rogers came before the board with a report from this month's meeting; the smarter balance assessment most likely will be going away at the end of this year. Also, the A-F grading system has had a lot of complaints. Mr. Rogers also stated that the State Superintendent's meeting is on Thursday and Friday.

11. Superintendent's Information:

Dr. Burge-Tetrick came before the board to explain all the calls and complaints about the RHS baseball field not being ready for spring practice. She explained that the BOE does not own Pratt Field, the City of Richwood does; according to FEMA the City received \$128,848.40 to repair that field in November.

Richwood Middle School should be set if weather cooperates by the end of next week, January 30 – February 3.

Richwood High School is moving along very well, with the exception of all the mud they are having to deal with. Again, all of this depends on the weather.

12. Items for Future Agendas:

- a. Recognition of all the students and employees that worked on the tiny house.
b. Policy for Employee use of Social Media.

13. Next Meeting Date:

- * February 6, 2017 ~ @ 7:00 p.m. ~ @ NCHS– (LSIC: NCHS, SMS, SES and BRE)
- * February 20, 2017 ~ @ 7:00 p.m. ~ @ NCBOE Office
- * February 24 & 25, 2017 ~ WVSBA Meeting in Charleston

14. Adjournment:

Upon motion by, Mr. A.J. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Darrell White, the board unanimously consented to adjourn this special meeting of the Nicholas County Board of Education. The meeting adjourned at 9:58 p.m. The next meeting will be a special meeting which will be held on Thursday, February 2, 2017, beginning at 5:00 p.m. for the purpose of conducting (3) three student disciplinary hearings. 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 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, or 11 as per the School Laws of WV 6-9A-4-9. *