

SPECIAL MEETING #23

The Mineral County Board of Education met in special session at 5:00 p.m., Monday, March 29, 2021, at Frankfort High School, 393 Falcon Way, Ridgeley, WV, for the purpose of holding public school closure hearings, and to take action on the Superintendent’s proposal to close and consolidate three schools, with the following in attendance:

Board Members:	Lara L. Courrier, President	(06-30-2022)
	Mary J. Baniak, Vice-President	(06-30-2022)
	Donald C. Ashby, Jr.	(06-30-2024)
	Thomas C. Denne	(06-30-2024)
	Terry G. Puffinburger	(06-30-2022)

Administration:

- Troy L. Ravenscroft, Superintendent
- Kelli Wilson, Assistant Superintendent
- Rhonda Martin, CSBO/Treasurer
- Ryan Burke, Director of Technology
- John Droppleman, Director of Support Services
- Brian Liller, Assistant Director of Support Services – Transportation
- Barbara Grayson, Director of Curriculum and Instruction – Elementary
- Kelly Haines, Director of Curriculum and Instruction – Secondary
- Jay Harris, Assistant Director of Support Services – Maintenance
- Aaron Hendrickson, Attendance Director/Coordinator of Counseling Services
- Robin McDowell, Assistant Director of Curriculum and Instruction
- Rebecca Schneider, Child Nutrition Director
- Scott Staley, Director of Administrative Services
- John Wilson, Coordinator of School Safety
- Denise Bruno, Executive Secretary

Other: John Haines, Jackie Beverlin, Paula Athey, Steven Peer, Lindsay Renner-Woods, Liz Beavers, Rebekah Louk, Melissa Brieloff, Charles Shockney, Kelly A. Barnes

Pledge of Allegiance – led by Liz Beavers

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The motion of Ms. Baniak and second of Mr. Puffinburger passed unanimously to approve the agenda as presented.

ACTION AGENDA

OTHER ACTION

1. PROPERTY:

A. Public Hearing – Proposed Closure of Frankfort Intermediate School **5:00 p.m.**

All members of the Board were present. Only one person presented to speak. No written comments were presented.

Kelly A. Barnes spoke in support of a new primary school in the Frankfort District. She was concerned that the schools would then be located in the same area with only one entrance/egress road. Additionally, with the schools being proximate to the Rocket Center, she felt there should be another egress road in the case of an emergency where the students would need evacuated.

The Superintendent responded to Ms. Barnes that those were valid concerns and they would definitely be addressed as part of the pre-planning of the facility. He agreed that there was a need for more than one way in and out of the Frankfort campus, and was hopeful that a traffic signal could be installed at the access road.

The President recessed the meeting at 5:10 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 6:00 p.m.

B. Public Hearing – Proposed Closure of Fort Ashby Primary School 6:00 p.m.

All members of the Board were present. No one presented to speak at this hearing. No written comments were presented.

The President recessed the meeting at 6:03 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 7:00 p.m.

C. Public Hearing – Proposed Closure of Wiley Ford Primary School 7:00 p.m.

All members of the Board were present. No one presented to speak at this hearing. No written comments were presented.

The hearing was concluded at 7:03 p.m.

D. Closure of Frankfort Intermediate School

Having conducted the required hearing, and having received one oral comment and no written comments concerning the closure of Frankfort Intermediate School, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, the motion of Mr. Puffinburger and second of Mr. Denne passed unanimously (5-0) **to approve the closure of Frankfort Intermediate School, projected to take effect with the 2023-2024 school year, pending funding from the School Building Authority of West Virginia, and consolidate it with Fort Ashby Primary School and Wiley Ford Primary School into a new Frankfort District primary school.**

E. Closure of Fort Ashby Primary School

Having conducted the required hearing, and having received no oral or written comments concerning the closure of Fort Ashby Primary School, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, the motion of Ms. Baniak and second of Mr. Ashby passed unanimously (5-0) **to approve the closure of Fort Ashby Primary School, projected to take effect with the 2023-2024 school year, pending funding from the School Building Authority of West Virginia, and consolidate it with Frankfort Intermediate School and Wiley Ford Primary School into a new Frankfort District primary school.**

F. Closure of Wiley Ford Primary School

Having conducted the required hearing, and having received no oral or written comments concerning the closure of Wiley Ford Primary School, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, the motion of Mr. Denne and second of Mr. Puffinburger passed unanimously (5-0) **to approve the closure of Wiley Ford Primary School, projected to take effect with the 2023-2024 school year, pending funding from the School Building Authority of West Virginia, and consolidate it with Fort Ashby Primary School and Frankfort Intermediate School into a new Frankfort District primary school.**

Date and Time of Next Meeting: April 6, 2021 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT.

The President adjourned the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

04-06-2021
DATE APPROVED

Lara L. Courier
PRESIDENT

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SECRETARY