

**Summers County Board of Education
Hinton Area Elementary
Special Meeting Minutes
July 15, 2020, 6:00 p.m.**

1. Roll Call

The Summers County Board of Education met in a Special Meeting on July 15, 2020 in the Hinton Area Elementary gym at 6:00 p.m. with Mr. Stanley Duncan, Board President, presiding over the meeting. Other board members present: Mrs. Jackie Farley, Mr. Jay McBride. By Phone: Mr. Robert Angell, joining at 6:24 p.m. and Mr. Kenny Brogan.

Other staff members present: Mr. David Warvel, Superintendent; Mrs. Lauren Crook, Business Manager, and Mr. Kenneth Lester, Technology.

2. Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance

The invocation was given by Mr. Warvel followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Approval of Agenda

Upon a motion by Mr. Duncan, seconded by Mr. McBride and by unanimous vote, the board approved to strike from the agenda Item #5. This item was approved by the board December 2019. Mr. Warvel will submit to the West Virginia Department of Education.

Upon a motion by Mr. Duncan, seconded by Mrs. Farley and by unanimous vote, the agenda was approved.

4. Discussion and/or Possible Action Concerning Emergency Removal of Summers Middle School Students to Summers County High School beginning the 2020-2021 School Term

Mr. Warvel, Superintendent, gave an update on the condition of Summers Middle School.

Tracy Cox is contracted by the board to control the abatement of asbestos.

Mr. Warvel received a 2nd opinion with the West Virginia Department of Education with Huggart, Elliot, and Preston and the preliminary report was that the roof would cost an estimated \$800,000.

Other findings of Summers Middle School include:

Long term water infiltration and windows

Indication roof leaks

HVAC operating that will promote mold growth

Air Filters

Remediation did not address filters

Closet that was not cleaned after abatement

Mortar joints w/safety issues

Mr. Warvel stated that the health and safety for the students and staff are first and foremost.

Mr. Warvel would like to make a recommendation to the board to remove student and staff from Summers Middle School to Summers County High School for safety and health reasons.

Mr. Warvel presented a map of the layout of Summers County High School.

Mr. Duncan mentioned that there was a lot of emotions connected to this building.

Mr. Warvel made it very clear that this is not a school closure but for this academic school year this would be considered a relocation of staff and students of Summers Middle School.

After much debate and questions from the board Mr. Duncan made a motion to accept the superintendent's recommendation of moving the Summers Middle School staff and students to Summers County High School for the 2020-2021 school term.

Seconded by Mr. Angell and by a unanimous vote the motion was approved.

5. Discussion and/or Possible Action Concerning Virtual School Policy

This item was struck from the agenda under Item #3 so there is not action for this item.

6. Adjournment

Upon a motion by Mrs. Farley the meeting was adjourned at 6:33 p.m.