

MINUTES FOR THE WIRT COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Wirt County Board of Education met in regular session on Tuesday, January 12, 2021 in the Wirt County High School cafeteria. Present were Dan Metz, President, Randa Yoak, Vice President, Mark Lowe, Carl Brainard, Brent Stewart, members, John McKown, Secretary.

Mr. Metz called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Dr. Robert Blake, Assistant Principal, Wirt County High School.

On a motion by Mr. Lowe, the Board approved the agenda by unanimous consent.

Superintendent McKown presented reopening information to the Board

On a motion by Mr. Stewart, the minutes of the previous regular meeting, December 15, 2020, were approved by unanimous consent.

On a motion by Mr. Brainard, the Board approved payment of invoices totaling \$182,920.09. On a motion by Mrs. Yoak, the Board approved budget supplements totaling \$(.24). On a motion by Mr. Lowe, the Board approved budget transfers totaling \$323,296.39.

On a motion by Mr. Stewart, the Board extended Richard Mason's unpaid medical leave of absence until February 18, 2021. On a motion by Mr. Brainard, the Board approved Richard Mason's resignation, Bus Operator effective February 18, 2021. On a motion by Mrs. Yoak, the Board approved Kathy Collins' retirement resignation, Cook effective December 31, 2020. On a motion by Mr. Lowe, the Board approved Rebecca Smith's resignation, extra-duty virtual instruction contract, effective January 21, 2021.

On a motion by Mr. Stewart, the Board employed Jeremy March, substitute teacher, effective immediately.

On a motion by Mr. Brainard, the Board entered into executive session at 6:45 pm to conduct a Personnel Hearing/Termination of Employee. The Board returned to regular session at 7:08 pm on a motion by Mrs. Yoak. No decisions were made in executive session. On a motion by Mr. Metz, the Board suspended Gary Watkins without pay from December 15, 2020 to January 12, 2021. On a motion by Mr. Metz, the Board terminated Gary Watkins' employment effective January 12, 2021.

On a motion by Mr. Stewart, the Board granted emergency power to the Superintendent to approve local COVID leave until a local COVID leave policy is approved.

The next regular meeting of the Wirt County Board of Education will be held on January 26, 2021 at 6:00 pm in the Wirt County High School cafeteria. After hearing Board concerns the meeting adjourned on a motion by Mr. Lowe.

*Unless otherwise noted, all motions were approved by unanimous vote.

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