

**RITCHIE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
RITCHIE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION OFFICE
HARRISVILLE, WV
SEPTEMBER 01, 2020 – 6:00 p.m.**

The special meeting of the Ritchie County Board of Education was called to order on Tuesday, September 01, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. by President Dr. Torie Jackson.

ROLL CALL

Present: Dr. Torie Jackson, President
Mrs. Betsy Wells, Vice-President
Mrs. Misty Ingram-Keen - Via Phone
Mr. Ryan Reed
Mr. Denny Nelson

Administrative Staff Present: Mr. James G. Brown, Superintendent

*All Board Members, Administrative Staff and Newspaper Representatives remained six feet apart to meet social distancing requirements.

AGENDA ITEMS TO BE TABLED OR REMOVED

Upon recommendation of the superintendent, Mrs. Wells moved, seconded by Mr. Reed, to table the following agenda items. Motion passed unanimously.

- G2.a Approve Licensed Practical Nurse at Harrisville Elementary School
- G2.b Approve Licensed Practical Nurse at Creed Collins Elementary School
- G2.c Approve Licensed Practical Nurse at Smithville Elementary School

Upon recommendation of the superintendent, Mrs. Wells moved, seconded by Mr. Reed, that the Board enter executive session. Motion passed unanimously and the Board entered executive session at 6:01 p.m.

Mrs. Wells moved, seconded by Mr. Reed, that the Board re-enter regular session. Motion passed unanimously and the Board resumed regular session at 6:38 p.m.

DELEGATIONS

The Board watched a prerecorded video presentation from Quentin Owens. Quentin, speaking on behalf of the Ritchie County Fall Baseball Team, asked the Board to consider allowing their baseball team to use the Ritchie County High School baseball field for practices.

Remote Participants:

Delphene Haddox
Jackie McBrayer
Rita Morton
Wendy Johnson
Carol Cunningham
Amy Darnold
Wayne Darnold
Jennifer Flesher
Jeremy Owens
Jill Brewer

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Brown reviewed the following information:

Approvals / Conditions for Outside Organizations Facility Requests:

- The responsibility and authority of use of facilities is a local Board decision.
- All those individuals wanting to use the facilities must fill out a Use of Facilities Request and present proof of their liability insurance policy.

WVSSAC Guidelines of Attendance at Athletic Events Fall 2020

- This document gives direction on attendance to athletic events following a color coded system that indicates the level of COVID 19 in each county.
- WVSSAC defines immediate family as those individuals living under the same household roof. Grandparents can only attend if they reside in the family home.

WVSSAC Guidelines for Band at Football Games Fall 2020

- The band is now allowed to participate at football games.
- They will perform in a diamond formation as per the WVSSAC recommendation.
- Mr. Hodges is working on purchasing bell covers.
- Members will wear a face mask when not performing.

WVSSAC Face Mask Revised Requirement for Indoor Sports

- WVSSAC has determined that athletes participating in indoor sports will not wear a mask while on the court
- While on the side lines they must social distance and wear a face mask.
- Coaches and spectators must wear masks.

School Re-Entry Metrics FAQ

- If a student or employee tests positive for COVID 19 they must be isolated for 10 days.
- If someone is exposed the CDC guidelines stipulate they must quarantine for 14 days even if they test negative (unless the person develops symptoms, then they will be put in isolation).
- Plans are in place for when a student becomes ill at school or at home and does not report to school. Our nurses will work closely with the Health Department and Wellness Center in monitoring and tracking students' progress.
- With a temperature of 100.4 or higher a student must go home and the nurses will monitor their symptoms before the student returns to school.

Timely Approval of Successful Bid for Distance Learning Meals

- We are placing a bid out for our distance learning meals.
- The bid will not come down in a timely manner for approval at the September 14th meeting. At a later meeting we will request that the Board approve the successful bid retroactively.
- We must immediately begin providing 5 day meal packets to our 303 distance learning students and 9 virtual school students.

CONSENT ITEMS

Upon recommendation of the superintendent, Mrs. Wells moved, seconded by Mr. Nelson, that the Board approve the following consent items. Motion passed unanimously.

- Approve \$500.00 supplement to Classroom Teachers and Support Professional Personnel including Special Education and Title 1 Teachers per semester for the 2020-2021 school year for the delivery of distance learning instruction during the COVID 19 pandemic. Should school resume to in-person learning for all students at the start of the 2nd semester, this supplement will not be provided.
- Approve Student Internships for Ritchie County High School effective for the 1st semester of the 2020-2021 school year

PERSONNEL

Resignations Submitted after Publication of the Agenda

- Approve resignation of Katelyn Walls, Social Studies Teacher for Ritchie County Middle School effective September 1, 2020. Release date to be September 8, 2020.
- Approve resignation of Laura Taylor, 6th Grade Multi Subject Teacher at Ritchie County Middle School effective retroactively to August 27, 2020

Employments or Transfers and Rescissions

Upon recommendation of the superintendent, Mrs. Wells moved, seconded by Mr. Nelson, that the Board approve the following employment. Motion passed unanimously.

- Approve Shannon Cress, Supervisor of Speech Language Pathologist Assistant effective September 1, 2020

REQUESTS FOR AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT BOARD MEETING

NEXT REGULAR MEETING DATE

The Next Regular Meeting will be held on Monday, September 14, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at Ritchie County Board of Education Office.

Individuals who wish to attend this meeting virtually must request a link by emailing rscboardmeeting.ritchie@k12.wv.us by Friday, September 11, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Mrs. Wells moved, seconded by Mr. Reed, that the meeting be adjourned at 7:14 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.