

Minutes

The Barbour County Board of Education met in regular session at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, December 9, 2024, at the Board of Education Office, 45 School Street, Philippi, WV 26416.

Ron Phillips, David Everson, Martin Durst, Adam Starks, Joanne McConnell, Members, and Eddie Vincent, Secretary, were present. Also in attendance were: Gabrielle Rhodes, Brian C. Lough, Buffy S. Lough, Tonya Ferguson, Gretchen Corley, Heather Halfin, Kayla Baker, Megan Dumire, Mackenna Halfin, Avery McDaniel, Lindsey Moss, and Michelle Fleming.

Mrs. McConnell called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Everson led the pledge to the flag.

Invocation by Mr. Everson

A motion was made by Mr. Starks to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2024 board meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Phillips. After discussion, the motion passed four (4) to zero (0) with Mr. Everson abstaining.

A motion was made by Mr. Everson to approve the minutes of the December 2, 2024 board meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Starks. After discussion, the motion passed five (5) to zero (0).

The board recognized the following:

Philip Barbour High School Volleyball Team for winning the state championship.

The board discussed the following items:

School performance, student outcomes, academics:
Philippi Elementary School Presentation

The following delegations address the board:

Gretchen Corley (Artefaktual) – regarding an upcoming educational event

Reports:

Facilities Report

Superintendents Recommendations –

1. Recommendation: Approve regular payroll in the amount of \$601,379.96.
2. Recommendation: Approve payment of bills in the amount of \$740,264.01.
3. Recommendation: Approve the final total of travel reimbursement check run in the amount of \$5,758.76.
4. Recommendation: Approve the final total of utility/copier bills in the amount of \$52,043.95.
5. Recommendation: Approve/Confirm fundraising activity requests as submitted (all candy sales will be done outside school hours)
 - A. Belington Middle School
 1. (Schoolwide) - \$300.00
 2. (8th Grade) - \$300.00
 3. (8th Grade) - \$500.00
 - B. Kasson Elementary/Middle School
 1. (PTO) - \$5,000.00
6. Recommendation: Approve/Confirm curricular trips.
 - A. Belington Middle School
 1. (School) – to Snowshoe Mountain Resort on January 10, 2025
 - B. Junior Elementary School
 1. (School) – to Philip Barbour High School on December 19, 2024
 - C. Kasson Elementary/Middle School
 1. (K-8 Selected Carolers) – to Belington and Philippi on December 18, 2024
 - D. Philippi Elementary School
 1. (KidREACH after school program) – to WV Wesleyan on December 19, 2024

7. Recommendation: Approve the Monitoring Agreement Contract with Brewer & Company of WV, Inc. for the monitoring of the Belington Middle and Philippi Middle Fire Alarm systems.
8. Recommendation: Approve/Confirm requests for professional leave.
9. Recommendation: Terminate the employment of Tiffany Davis a service employee who is assigned to Philippi Elementary School.
10. Recommendation: Accept the resignation/retirement of Todd Mouser as General Maintenance/Roofer/Electrician I/Plumber I/Carpenter I, effective December 20, 2024.
11. Recommendation: Approve leave of absence for a Professional employee at Belington Middle School beginning December 9, 2024, for the remainder of the 2024-2025 school year.
12. Recommendation: Employ the following personnel for the 2024/2025 school year. **Employment is contingent upon certification and clearance of criminal convictions as defined in WV Codes §18-5-15c(d) and §15-2-24(d)**

Regular Employee Assignments 2024-25 (FY25)		
Name of Person	Location	Job ID: Position
Trinity Gray	Junior Elementary School	JobID: 33116 Elementary Education Instructor (4 th Grade)
	Philippi Middle School	JobID: 33074 Elementary Education Instructor (5 th Grade)
	Belington Elementary School	JobID: 33087 Preschool/Preschool Special Needs Instructor
	Philip Barbour High School	JobID: 33079 Mathematics Instructor
	Philippi Middle School	JobID: 33069 Science/Social Studies – STAR Academy Instructor
	Belington Middle School	JobID: 33083 Science Instructor
	Philippi Elementary School	JobID: 32186 Itinerant Multi-Categorical Instructor w/Autism
	Philippi Middle School	JobID: 33735 Itinerant Multi-Categorical Instructor w/Autism
	Kasson Elementary/Middle School	JobID: 33760 PresK/PreK Special Needs Instructor
Ariel McDivitt	Philippi Elementary School	JobID: 34438 Secretary
	Philip Barbour High School	JobID: 34439 Mathematics Instructor

Substitute Employee Assignments 2024-25 (FY25)		
Name of Person	Location	Job ID: Position
	Belington Elementary School	JobID: 33089 Long Term Substitute Itinerant Visually Impaired Instructor (half-time)
	Junior Elementary School	JobID: 33091 Long Term Substitute Music Instructor (half-time)
	Philippi Middle School	JobID: 34475 Long Term Substitute Itinerant Multi-Categorical Instructor w/Autism
	Philippi Middle School	JobID: 34493 Long Term Substitute Multi-Categorical Instructor w/Autism
	Belington Middle School	JobID: 34599 Long Term Substitute Multi-Categorical Instructor w/Autism

Extra-Curricular Employee Assignments 2024-25 (FY25)		
Name of Person	Location	Job ID: Position
Lori McGee	Philippi Middle School	JobID: 34435 Assistant Girls Basketball Coach
Gina Wolfe	Belington Middle School	JobID: 34436 Volunteer Assistant Boys Basketball Coach
Jonathon Carpenter, Trista Dalton	Barbour Board Office	JobID: 34490 (Up to 9) Mentor Teacher(s)
Felicia Fordyce	Barbour Board Office	JobID: 34491 Academic Fair Coordinator
Desiree Mayle	Philippi Middle School	JobID: 34492 Volunteer Assistant Cheerleading Coach

13. Recommendation: Approve listed persons to enter the bus operator training program for Barbour County Schools.

A motion was made by Mr. Phillips to approve agenda items 1-8 as recommended. The motion was seconded by Mr. Starks. After discussion, the motion passed five (5) to zero (0).

Mrs. McConnell made a motion to adjourn into executive session at 6:39 p.m. to discuss personnel. The motion was seconded by Mr. Everson and passed five (5) to zero (0).

The board returned to open session at 7:26 p.m. (No votes or decisions were made in executive session).

A motion was made by Mr. Starks to approve agenda items 9-13 as recommended. The motion was seconded by Mr. Phillips. After discussion, the motion passed five (5) to zero (0).

The board acted upon or discussed the following items:

1. WVEA/AFT resolution regarding PEIA issues
2. Executive Session

Mrs. McConnell made a motion to adjourn into executive session at 7:29 p.m. to discuss personnel. The motion was seconded by Mr. Durst and passed five (5) to zero (0).

The board returned to open session at 7:42 p.m. (No votes or decisions were made in executive session).

Next board meetings:

December 16, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at the Board of Education Office (Regular Session)

The meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

President

Secretary