

**Preston County Board of Education  
Minutes  
August 10, 2015  
6:30 p.m. at the Preston County Board of Education**

**Present:** Kathy McNeill, President  
Robert McCrum, Vice-President  
Ann Robb, Member  
Crissy Estep, Member  
Jack Keim, Member

**Other persons attending the meeting:** Stephen Wotring, Superintendent, Craig Schmidl, Carol Riley, David Pastrick, Rodger Marshall, Jennifer Graham Theresa Marthey, John Dahlia, Mildred Lindley, Barry Weber, Kathlene Bittinger, Joseph Bittinger, David Watson

**I. Call to order – Pledge of Allegiance – Introductions**

Mrs. McNeill called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Mrs. McNeill asked for a moment of silence.

Mr. McCrum led the Pledge of Allegiance

**II. Recognitions – None**

**III. Delegations**

- i. **John Dahlia** – Mr. Dahlia, Editor of the Preston County News & Journal, informed the board of an upcoming “Old Fashioned Town Hall Meeting” with special guest U.S. Senator Joe Manchin. It will be held on Friday, September 4, 2015, at 11:00 a.m. at the Craig Civic Center.
- ii. **Kathleen Bittinger** – Mrs. Bittinger had submitted several questions to the board and requested an answer to these questions. President McNeill asked the superintendent to address the questions. Mr. Wotring read each of the questions submitted and responded and Mrs. Bittinger agreed that the questions were answered.

Mrs. McNeill then asked board member, Dr. Crissy Estep, to respond to Mrs. Bittinger's comments on behalf of the board. Dr. Estep commented on the reasons that the board approved paying the salaries of coaches hired by Preston County Schools, the need for the board to consider what is best for all students across the county, and the appreciation the board had for parents advocating for their children.

- iii. **Joseph Bittinger** – Mr. Bittinger expressed concern that it was difficult for the public to come to the board with questions and get answers. He asked if the coaches had come to the board and demanded to be paid and expressed that he still had concerns that coaches would be paid without having a teacher present for every grade level at every school.
- iv. **Warren Bittinger** – Mr. Bittinger was not present for the meeting.
- v. **Sarah Newland** – Mrs. Newland was not present for the meeting.
- vi. **Mildred Lindley** – Mrs. Lindley spoke on behalf of the former Bond/Levy Committee. She shared a history of the committee and their accomplishments. She asked that a new committee be formed with more individuals. She stated that principals could work with individuals in their school communities to possibly serve on the committee. She stated that we needed to conduct an educational campaign to make all aware of the needs of our system. Mrs. McNeill responded that the board would be interested in discussing the possibility of a levy and suggested a work session be added to the agenda for the October 12, 2015, meeting.

IV. **Approval of Agenda (Action)**

Motion McCrum Second Keim Vote 5 - 0

V. **Consent Agenda (Action)**

Motion Robb Second Dr. Estep Vote 5 - 0

a. **Approval of Minutes**

- i. Recommend the Board approve the August 3, 2015, meeting minutes. (Enclosure Number V.a.1)

b. **Trips** - None

c. **Professional Meetings** - None

d. **Policy Reading** - None

**VI. Routine Business**

**a. Attendance**

- i. Approve request to transfer T.O. 16-9 (8<sup>th</sup> grade from Preston County Schools to Monongalia County Schools for the 2015-2016 school year.) (Enclosure Number VI.a.i)

Motion Robb Second Dr. Estep Vote 3 - 2  
McCrum, Keim voted no

- ~~ii. Approve request to transfer T.O. 16-10 (10<sup>th</sup> grade from Preston County Schools to Tucker County Schools for the 2015-2016 school year.) (Enclosure VI.a.ii)~~ This item was removed from the agenda.

Motion \_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_ Vote \_\_\_\_\_

- iii. Approve educational leave request for 10<sup>th</sup> grade Preston High School student to attend West Virginia State Fair August 13, 14, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 2015 (Enclosure VI.a.iii)

Motion Robb Second McCrum Vote 5 - 0

**b. Buildings and Grounds**

- i. Request approval of proposal from Thrasher Engineering for 1800 square feet of land below South Preston School for the use of installing a lift station in order to connect to new public sewer (Enclosure Number VI.b.i)

Motion McNeill Second McCrum Vote No vote taken

**David Watson** – Mr. Watson spoke to this issue on behalf of Thrasher Engineering. He explained that the lift station was needed to proceed with the public sewer system for the school and approximately 30 residential customers in the Denver community. Mr. Wotring expressed that the board had spent 1.2 million dollars on a sewage treatment plant and additional monies on a water tower for the school. He questioned the need for the school to hook on to the public sewer in light of these facts. Mr. Watson stated that state law would require the school to become a customer of the public sewer system. The question was then

raised regarding the cost of utility bills. Mr. Watson stated that the cost would be \$14.76/1000 gallons of water. President McNeill proposed that she would like to have legal counsel before proceeding.

A motion then was made to table the issue until further information was received.

Motion McNeill Second Dr. Estep Vote 5 - 0

c. **Communication** (Information and Discussion) - None

d. **Finance**

i. Request approval of Schedule of Checks (Enclosure Number VI.d.i)

Motion Keim Second McCrum Vote 5 - 0

ii. Request approval of Journal Entry (Enclosure VI.d.ii)

Motion McNeill Second Robb Vote 5 - 0

e. **Curriculum and Instruction** - None

VII. **New Business**

a. **Personnel Matters** (Action)

i. Request approval of attached professional personnel actions (Enclosure Number VII.a.i)

Motion Robb Second McCrum Vote 4 - 0 - 1  
McNeill abstained

ii. Request approval of attached service personnel actions (Enclosure Number VII.a.ii)

Motion Estep Second McCrum Vote 5 - 0

b. **Items for Future Meetings**

i. 2015-2016 Board Meeting Schedule (Enclosure VII.b.i)

VIII. Discipline

a. "Dangerous Student" expulsion review

Recommend the Board go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussion.

Motion Robb Second Dr. Estep Vote 5-0

Time: 7:37 p.m.

Recommend the Board return to Open Session

Motion Keim Second Dr. Estep Vote 5-0

Time: 7:42 p.m.

IX. Superintendent's Evaluation

Recommend the Board go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussion.

Motion McCrum Second Robb Vote 5-0

Time: 7:48 p.m.

Recommend the Board return to Open Session

Motion McCrum Second Keim Vote 5-0

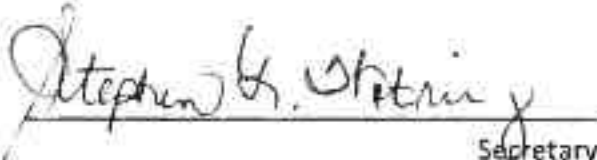
Time: 8:32 p.m.

X. Adjournment

Motion McCrum Second Robb Vote 5-0

Time: 8:33 p.m.

  
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President

  
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Secretary

## Professional Personnel Agenda 08/10/15

### Resignation of Professional Personnel

Name	Position	Location	Effective date
Hart, Adam	Social Studies Teacher	Preston High School	August 5, 2015

### Leave of Absence Request

Name	Position	Location	Effective	Reason
Leganczuk, Whitney	Preschool Special Needs Teacher	Terra Alta East Preston	Approximately August 10, 2015 through January 4, 2016	Infant Bonding

### Employment of Professional Personnel

Name	Position	Location	Effective Date	Funding Source	Credential
Lohr, Donna	Tutor	Kingwood Elementary	August 17, 2015	Title I funds	✓
Thomas, Kerri	Parent/Community Volunteer Liaison	Kingwood Elementary	August 11, 2015	Title I funds	✓
Britton, Shawn	Parent/Community Volunteer Liaison	Preston High	August 11, 2015	Title II funds	✓
Price, Arielle	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher	Bruceston School	August 10, 2015	State Aid/Local	✓
Portzer, Vicki	Parent Community Volunteer Liaison	West Preston Middle School	August 11, 2015	Title II funds	✓
McDaniel, Andrea	Parent Community Volunteer Liaison	West Preston Middle School	August 11, 2015	Title II funds	✓
Foley, Elizabeth	Tutor	Rowlesburg School	August 11, 2015	Title I funds	✓
Clark, Lindsay	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher	Valley Elementary School	August 10, 2015	State Aid/Local	✓
Zeigler, Mary	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher	Valley Elementary School	2016-2017 school year	State Aid/Local	✓
Lahew-Davis, Gina	1 / 2 Split Teacher	Valley Elementary School	August 10, 2015	State Aid/Local	✓
Shaffer, Kimberly	Art Teacher	County Itinerant current	August 10, 2015	State Aid/Local	✓

		assignment West Preston Middle School and Fellowsville School			
Knowlton, Katrina	Parent Community Volunteer Liaison	South Preston School	August 11, 2015	Title I funds	✓
Sisler, April	Parent Community Volunteer Liaison	Fellowsville School	August 11, 2015	Title I funds	✓

**Reassignment of employees for 2015-2016 school year (reason for action no longer exist.)**

Name	Position	Location	Effective Date	Funding Source	Credential
Meikle, Kamela	Special Education Teacher	Preston High School	2015-2016 school year	State Aid/Local	Pending renewal

**Employment of Substitute Teachers for the 2015-2016 school year (paid from State Aid/Local funds)**

Name	Credential
Adams, Keaton	✓
Auvil, Dyanna	✓
Barlow, William	✓
Barron, Casey	✓
Baumgardner, Carolyn	✓
Bell, Susan	✓
Bern, Thomas	✓
Boley, Earl	✓
Bohon, Aneva	✓
Boley, Alysia	✓
Blydenburgh, Christopher	✓
Bott, June	✓
Babb, Natalie	✓
Carr, Betty	✓
Chambers, John	✓
Hough, Jennifer	✓

Creatic, Allyson	✓
Coolley Marcela	✓
Cowell, Chad	✓
Craft Dianne	✓
Craig Anna	✓
Cramer, Stacy	✓
Crawford, Debbie	✓
Culbertson, Annette	✓
Cummings, Bianca	✓
Cummings, Cameron	✓
Daley, Susanne	✓
Davis, Cathy	✓
Davis Renee	✓
Day Linda	✓
Deal, Donald	✓
Deberry Amber	✓
Dewitt, Emma	✓
Dixon, Leora	✓
Dixon, Michael	✓
Dolan, Thomas	✓
Driestach, Jeffrey	✓
Dulaney Cheryl	✓
Dunaway, Mark	✓
Dusing, Jens	✓
Eanes Jeff	✓
Eanes, Marcy	✓
Eilers Jerry	✓
Edinger, Lesha	✓
Echason, Susan	✓
Farbanks Barbara Jo	✓
Fanning Kendra	✓



Ferrell, Gary	✓
Ferguson, Angela	✓
Firewater Helen	✓
Floyd, Susan	✓
Foley Elizabeth	✓
Fourney Edwin	✓
Foy John	✓
Fulk, May	✓
Gaither Emily	✓
Gazaway Melarne	✓
Graham Donald	✓
Grimes, Debbie	✓
Harmon, Claudia	✓
Harris Lester	✓
Harvey, Keith	✓
Harvey Kelley	✓
Hayes, Vanessa	✓
Heater, John	✓
Hentline Gary	✓
Herbert, Marissa	✓
Huffman Karen	✓
Huggins Susie	✓
Jacobs, Grant	✓
Jenkins, Rhonda	✓
Johnston Tara	✓
Kerr, Denise	✓
Kimble William	✓
Kiotta, Edward	✓
Koch, Frederick	✓
Kuhn, Rebekah	✓
Lantz, Maymar	✓
LeMasters Jeanne	✓

Lindsay Mariamne	✓
Long, Shirley	✓
Lowthur, Beth	✓
Martin, Kimberly	✓
Mathias, Leslie	✓
Mathias William	✓
McElroy, Kathleen	✓
McNeill David	✓
McGinnis, Brandon	✓
McLaughlin Wendy	✓
Messenger Gregory	✓
Metheny, Marylee	✓
Metheny Twyla	✓
Morgan, Britany	✓
Mullins Allen	✓
Myers, Deborah	✓
Neuman, Shelby	✓
Nichols, Melanie	✓
Noland Laurie	✓
Perrine Gail	✓
Plum Deborah	✓
Post Donald	✓
Pratt-Lilly, Linda	✓
Rhodes, Anna	✓
Price, Arielle	✓
Ridencour Donni	✓
Rochester, Dawna	✓
Robtbaugh, Jennifer	✓
Roscoe, Darby	✓
Sanders Barry	✓

Schooley Julie	✓
Shaffer Brent	✓
Shaffer Katharine	✓
Shaffer, Kimberly	✓
Short Jennifer	✓
Shultz Carolyn	✓
Shultz Lisa	✓
Sisler Donetta	✓
Snyder, Earl	✓
Siodomick, Jenny	✓
Spiker, Jennifer	✓
Stemple, Janet	✓
Stiles Jonathan	✓
Stultz, Molly	✓
Swager Georgann	✓
Sypolt, Kasandra	✓
Thoen, Rhonda	✓
Upole Stacie	✓
Warman, William	✓
Warrick Elizabeth	✓
Weaver Loretta	✓
Wellon Rebecca	✓
White, Rebecca	✓
Wilson Stacia	✓
Wolfe Jerry	✓
Warring Carolyn	✓
Warring Ron	✓
Yates, Michael	✓
Zigray, Jeff	✓

## Service Personnel Agenda 08/10/15

### Employ Service Personnel

Name	Position	Location	Effective	Funding Source	Credential
Bolyard, Steven	Bus Operator	V77	08/11/15	State Aid/Local	√
Watkins, Mary	Summer Cook	PHS	08/03/15	Federal Reimbursement	√
Hare, Donna Lynn	Cook II, during LOA	Valley	08/13/15	State Aid/Local	√
Bell, Richard	Custodian IV	TAEP	08/11/15	State Aid/Local	√

### Resignation of Service Personnel

Name	Position	Location	Effective
Murray, Joseph	Special Education Aide	Valley Elementary	08/07/15