The Mercer County Board of Education met in special session at 6:00 P.M. for Local School Improvement Council and for other business at 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, November 3, 2015, in the Mercer County Technical Education Seminar Center, Princeton, WV.

Members present were Gregory Prudich, Gilbert Bailey, Mary Alice Kaufman, Paul Hodges, and Deborah S. Akers, Secretary. Absent was J.B. Hurt.

The Board met with Local School Improvement Councils from Bluefield High School, Montcalm High School, PikeView High School, Princeton Senior High School, and Mercer County Technical Education Center. Principals from each of these facilities introduced school staff and LSIC members and reviewed some of their school’s accomplishments from the past year. Faculty needs, curriculum goals and instructional topics were discussed. Meeting the needs of low-achieving students, overall instructional programs, and specific programs at individual schools were discussed with school staff and Board Members.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Joe Turner, Assistant Superintendent, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

RECOGNITIONS / PRESENTATIONS

None

CITIZENS INPUT

Mandy Brown addressed the Board concerning the selection of a basketball coach for Princeton Middle School.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Mr. Bailey, seconded by Mr. Hodges, and by a 4-0 vote, the Board withdrew into Executive Session from 7:23 P.M. to 8:10 P.M. according to WV Code6-9A-4(A) matter relating to personnel issue and WV Code 6-9A-4(9) matter relating to purchase of real estate.

NEW BUSINESS

Personnel
Board Memo #123

On motion of Mr. Bailey, seconded by Mrs. Kaufman, and by a 4-0 vote, the Board approved the following personnel agenda and addendum, contingent upon the return of an acceptable background check:
Personnel Agenda  
November 3, 2015  

Professional  

Note: Employment is contingent upon acceptable background checks and drug testing.

Transfers:  

Jeffery Johnson, from Assistant Principal, (214 day), Bluefield Middle School, to Principal, Bluefield Intermediate School, (220 day), effective upon position being filled.

Edith Bennett, from Title I Reading Teacher, (200 day), to Principal, Melrose School, (217 day), effective January 4, 2016.

Yvonne Sigman, from Double-Shot, (part-time), Princeton Middle School, to Math Teacher, Bluefield Middle School, effective upon position is filled.

Employment:  

Jerri Vance, Teacher, Whitethorn Primary School, (for the remainder of the 2015-2016 school year), effective November 9, 2015.

Coaching  

(All coaching positions are pending WVSSAC receipt of certification)

Bluefield High School:  
Volunteer: Eric Beggs, Girls’ Basketball  
Employment: Kevin Baylor, Head Wrestling Coach  
Employment: Tony Mallamaci, Head Boys’ Tennis Coach  

Bluefield Middle School:  
Substitute: Greg Sowder, Assistant Girls’ Basketball Coach  
Employment: Libby Salyers, Golf Coach  

PikeView High School:  
Resignation: Jason Matney, Assistant Weightlifting Coach  
Employment: Robert Crawford Assistant Girls’ Track Coach  

PikeView Middle School:  
Employment: Zack Meadows, Assistant Boys’ Basketball Coach  

Princeton Middle School:  
Employment: Robert Crawford, Head Boys’ Basketball Coach  

Professional Substitutes
Remove:
Katrina Angell

Reading Tutor
Gear-Up Grant

Glenwood School
Joey Riffe

Math Tutor
Gear-Up Grant

Glenwood School
Joey Riffe

Winter/Spring 2016 Adult Ed Evening Classes

Kim Rotenberry-Computer Literacy
Tim Saddler-Welding
Don Brown-Pipe Welding
Beaufort Saddler-Substitute Welding
Brenda Stratton-Medical Registration
Tammy Spencer-Phlebotomy
Lesia Bowling-Phlebotomy
Tabitha Billings-Nursing Assistant
Tabitha Mathena-Nursing Assistant
Jimmy Meadows-HVAC
Barry Jones-Drafting/CADD
Alice Shrewsbury-Medical Terminology
Lynn Punturi-Medical Billing & Coding
Max Hudson-Basic Residential Electrician
Brian Lively-Machining
Bobby Poore-Small Engine Repair
Mike Adams-Home Carpentry
Brittany Greenlief-Pharmacy Technology

Volunteers

Bluewell School:
Mary Musolin
Teeia Burton
Richelle Davis
Richard Davis
Betty Davis
Dexter Moore
Teresa Steele
Larry Steele
James Steele
Shelby Steele
Amanda Buchanan
Diane Woods

**Princeton Middle School:**
Elizabeth Veneri
Richard Fink
Lois Fink

**Spanishburg School:**
Linda Shrader

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**Service Personnel**

**Resignations:**

*Vanessa Cline,* Cook/Custodian, Mercer County Early Learning Center, Princeton, effective October 29, 2015.
Reason: Resignation

**Transfers:**

*Michael D. Cox,* from Custodian III, (240 day), shift-time: 10:00 A.M. – 6:00 P.M., PikeView Middle School, to Custodian IV, (240 day), shift-time: 6:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M., PikeView Middle School, effective November 17, 2015.

**Employment:**

*Shirley Jennelle,* Special Education Aide, Spanishburg School, (for the remainder of the 2015-2016 school year), effective November 4, 2015.

*Tammy Rotenberry,* Special Education Aide, (part-time), Bluewell School, (for the remainder of the 2015-2016 school year), effective November 9, 2015.

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**Administration of Medication Aides**

**Spanishburg School**

Allison Clark

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**Extra-Duty Assignments**
On motion of Mr. Bailey, seconded by Mrs. Kaufman, and by a 4-0 vote, the Board approved the agreement to rent a portion of the former IPM building, located at 301 Princeton Avenue, Princeton, WV, from LJN Properties, LLC. The area totals approximately 40,000 square feet and includes offices, maintenance and warehouse spaces along with parking spaces for approximately 50 vehicles. The term of this lease is 12 months, from November 4, 2015 to November 3, 2016. Rental expense is $9,000 per month with the Board responsible for all utilities.

DISCUSSION / WORK SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

Nothing further appearing, Mr. Bailey made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Hodges and the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

Deborah S. Akers, Secretary