

**Minutes**

The Barbour County Board of Education met in regular session at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, May 12, 2025, at the Board of Education Office, 45 School Street, Philippi, WV 26416.

Adam Starks, Joanne McConnell, David Everson, Ron Phillips, Martin Durst, Members, and Eddie Vincent, Secretary, were present. Also in attendance were: Ray Freeman, Joe Freeman, Mary Beth Hovatter, Annette Hughart, Jorey Carpenter, Julie Bibey, Bobbi Doner, Gabrielle Rhodes, Jessica Cale, Eleanore Lawrence, Christopher Derico, and Michelle Fleming.

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

Mr. Starks led the pledge to the flag.

Invocation by Mr. Starks

A motion was made by Mr. Everson to approve the minutes of the April 28, 2025 board meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Starks. After discussion, the motion passed five (5) to zero (0).

The board recognized the following:

Governor’s Honors Academy

The following delegations addressed the board:

Bobbi Doner – regarding student issue at Philippi Middle School

Mr. Starks made a motion to adjourn into executive session at 6:08 p.m. to discuss student issue. The motion was seconded by Mr. Durst. The motion passed five (5) to zero (0).

The board returned to open session at 6:18 p.m. (No votes or decisions were made in executive session).

Ray Freeman/Member of the Barbour County Agriculture Advisory Committee – regarding concerns with the CTE construction project

A hearing was conducted regarding the FY 2026 Budget.

Reports:

Facilities Report

**Superintendents Recommendations –**

1. Recommendation: Approve regular payroll in the amount of \$554,678.73.
2. Recommendation: Approve payment of bills in the amount of \$114,805.34.
3. Recommendation: Approve the final total of utility/copier bills in the amount of \$14,825.44.
4. Recommendation: Approve the final total of travel reimbursement check run in the amount of \$442.68.
5. Recommendation: Approve/Confirm fundraising activity requests as submitted (all candy sales will be done outside school hours)
  - A. Belington Middle School
    1. (8<sup>th</sup> Grade) - \$300.00
    2. (Cross Country) - \$1,000.00
    3. (Schoolwide) - \$1,500.00
    4. (Student Council) - \$500.00
  - B. Philip Barbour High School
    1. (Boy’s Basketball) - \$1,000.00
    2. (Football) - \$1,000.00
    3. (Track) - \$500.00
    4. (Wrestling) - \$1,000.00
  - C. Philippi Elementary School
    1. (3<sup>rd</sup> Grade) - \$300.00
    2. (3<sup>rd</sup> Grade) - \$800.00
  - D. Philippi Middle School
    1. (Schoolwide) - \$225.00

6. Recommendation: Approve/Confirm curricular trips.
- A. Junior Elementary School
    - 1. (1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> Grade) – to Lee Schwartz’s pond on May 20, 2025
  - B. Philip Barbour High School
    - 1. (Barbour County FFA) – to Taylor County High School on May 15, 2025
    - 2. (FBLA) – to Anaheim, California on June 28, 2025
  - C. Philippi Middle School
    - 1. (5<sup>th</sup> Grade) – to Hovatter’s Zoo on May 28, 2025
7. Recommendation: Adopt a curriculum for Social Studies/Deferred Math.

**Preschool (Course Code: 2610)**

**Frog Street Press, LLC**

- Frog Street Pre-K Plus English Teacher Guide Set
- Frog Street Annual Lilypad Digital Access
- Frog Street Pre-K English Kit
- Frog Street Preschool English Teacher Guide Set
- Frog Street Preschool

**Teacher Created Materials, Inc.**

- Explore & Learn: Complete Curriculum
- Explore & Learn: Hands-On Resources: Manipulatives for Learning

**Elementary Social Studies (Grades K–5)**

**Teacher Created Materials, Inc.**

- **7000 – Social Studies K:** Exploring Social Studies: West Virginia, Kindergarten (2nd Edition)
- **7001 – Social Studies 1:** Exploring Social Studies: West Virginia, First Grade (2nd Edition)
- **7002 – Social Studies 2:** Exploring Social Studies: West Virginia, Second Grade (2nd Edition)
- **7003 – Social Studies 3:** Exploring Social Studies: West Virginia, Third Grade (2nd Edition)
- **7004 – Social Studies 4:** Exploring Social Studies: West Virginia, Fourth Grade (2nd Edition)
- **7005 – Social Studies 5:** Exploring Social Studies: West Virginia, Fifth Grade (2nd Edition)

**Middle School Social Studies**

**Grade 6 (Course Code: 7006)**

**McGraw Hill LLC**

- Student Edition – West Virginia Edition
- Teacher Edition – West Virginia Edition
- Inquiry Journal Teacher Guide
- Student Bundle + Inquiry Journal with Actively Learn (1-year)
- Student Digital License (1-year)
- Teacher Digital License (1-year)

**Grade 7 (Course Code: 7007)**

**Cengage Learning, Inc.**

- World History: Great Civilizations (Survey)
  - Print Student Edition
  - Print Student Edition + MindTap (1 year)
  - MindTap only (1 year)
  - Student Field Journal
  - Teacher's Edition

**Grade 8 – West Virginia Studies (Course Code: 7008)**

**Gallopade International, Inc.**

- Print/Digital Classroom Set (25 students + 1 teacher, 1-year)
- Single Student Add-on (1-year)
- Consumable Student Book
- Teacher Resource Set (Teacher Edition Set, Tools Binder, Content Board Image Pack)

**High School Social Studies**

**Grade 9 – World Studies (Course Code: 7010)**

**McGraw Hill LLC**

- Student Edition – West Virginia Edition
- Teacher Edition – West Virginia Edition
- Inquiry Journal Teacher Guide

- Student Bundle + Inquiry Journal with Actively Learn (1-year)
- Student Digital License (1-year)
- Teacher Digital License (1-year)
- Student Inquiry Bundle with Actively Learn (1-year)
- Digital Student Bundle with Actively Learn (1-year)

**Grade 10 – Contemporary Studies (Course Code: 7011)**  
**McGraw Hill LLC**

- Student Edition – West Virginia Edition
- Inquiry Journal
- Teacher Edition
- Inquiry Journal Teacher Guide

**Grade 11 – U.S. Studies Comprehensive (Course Code: 7012)**  
**Houghton Education Company**

- Hybrid Student Resource Package (1-year Print + Digital)
- Hybrid Teacher Resource Package (1-year Digital)
- Student License Digital (1-year)
- Teacher License Digital (1-year)
- Student Edition
- Teacher Guide Bundle

**Grade 12 – Civics (Course Code: 7031)**  
**McGraw Hill LLC**

- Student Edition – West Virginia Edition
- Inquiry Journal
- Teacher Edition – West Virginia Edition
- Inquiry Journal Teacher Guide
- Student Digital License (1-year)
- Teacher Digital License (1-year)
- Print Inquiry Journal (5-year Fulfillment)

**Grade 12 – Economics (Course Code: 7032)**  
**McGraw Hill LLC**

- Student Edition
- Inquiry Journal
- Teacher Edition
- Inquiry Journal Teacher Guide
- Student Digital License (1-year)
- Teacher Digital License (1-year)
- Chapter Tests and Lesson Quizzes

**Geography (Course Code: 7033)**  
**McGraw Hill LLC**

- Exploring Geography and Global Issues, Student Bundle with Actively Learn (1-year)
- Inquiry Journal

**Sociology (Course Code: 7341)**  
**Cengage Learning, Inc.**

- Sociology In Our Times: Print Student Edition + MindTap (1-year)

**Deferred Math Curriculum Adoption**

**Trigonometry/Pre-Calculus (Course Code: 3064)**  
**Cengage Learning, Inc.**

- Precalculus with Limits, Teacher's Edition
- Precalculus with Limits, Print Student Edition
- Precalculus with Limits, Student Edition + WebAssign (1-year)
- Algebra & Trigonometry, Note Taking Guide
- Algebra & Trigonometry, Student Edition + WebAssign (1-year)

- Recommendation: Approve the change orders for the CTE Addition/Renovation Project.
- Recommendation: Approve building/ground modifications.
  - Kasson Elementary/Middle School
    - (Playground) – Install playground equipment
- Recommendation: Approve/Confirm requests for professional leave.

11. Recommendation: Accept the resignation of Brittany Freeman as an Assistant Volleyball Coach at Philip Barbour High School, effective May 2, 2025.
12. Recommendation: Accept the resignation of Thomas Lott as an English/Language Arts Instructor at Philippi Middle School, effective at the end of the 2024-2025 school year.
13. Recommendation: Rescind Rochelle Nestor's placement on the transfer list for the 2025-2026 school year, ensuring she remains in her current position of Mathematics Instructor at Belington Middle School for the 2025-2026 school year.
14. Recommendation: Assign the following professional employees from the transfer list directly to the listed positions for the 2025-2026 school year.

Name of Person	Location	Job ID: Position
Becky Kines	Junior Elementary School	Elementary Education 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade
Odie Haddix	Philippi Middle School	Elementary Education 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade
Matthew Bright	Philippi Middle School	Elementary Education 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade
Nina Norris	Philippi Elementary School	Elementary Education 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade
Angel Stull	Junior Elementary School	Elementary Education 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade
Amanda Sweet	½ Belington Elementary School & 1/2 Belington Middle School	Communities In Schools Coordinator
Toby Poling	Kasson Elementary/Middle School	Physical Education/Health
Miranda Smith	Belington Middle School	Science
Courtney McKenzie	Kasson Elementary/Middle School	English/Language Arts

15. 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
	Philip Barbour High School	JobID: 41645 Mathematics Instructor

Extra-Curricular Employee Assignments 2024-25 (FY25)		
Name of Person	Location	Job ID: Position
James Poling	Philip Barbour High School	JobID: 41494 (1) Credit Recovery Instructor, Summer School
Angel Stull	Philip Barbour High School	JobID: 41499 Kindergarten Summer Learning Instructor, Summer School
Linda Haller	Philip Barbour High School	JobID: 41500 Instructional Aide/Supervisory Aide (half-time), Summer School
Kim Swick	Philip Barbour High School	JobID: 41546 (1) Cook, Summer School
Kevin Snider	Philip Barbour High School	JobID: 41551 (1) Custodian, Summer School
Charla Reger	Barbour Board Office	JobID: 41559 Special Education Specialist - Extended School Year (Summer 2025)
Paula Townsend	Barbour Board Office	JobID: 41563 Speech-Language Pathologist - Extended School Year (Summer 2025)
Stephanie Moss	Barbour Board Office	JobID: 41565 Preschool Special Needs/Multi-Categorical w/Autism Instructor – Extended School Year (Summer 2025)
Melody Murphy	Barbour Board Office	JobID: 41569 Special Education

		Instructor for School Age Students – Home Based – Extended School Year (Summer 2025)
Tammy Austin	Philip Barbour High School	JobID: 41578 Cook, Summer Work Camp
Genia Delauder	Philip Barbour High School	JobID: 41637 Custodian, Summer Work Camp
Christopher Halterman	Philippi Middle School	JobID: 41640 (1) Supervisory Employee prior to/after School

16. Recommendation: Employ the following personnel for the 2025/2026 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)**

Substitute Employee Assignments 2025-26 (FY26)		
Name of Person	Location	Job ID: Position
Susan Hawkins, Tonya Baker	Barbour Board Office	JobID: 41675 Substitute Teacher(s)

Extra-Curricular Employee Assignments 2025-26 (FY26)		
Name of Person	Location	Job ID: Position
	Philip Barbour High School	JobID: 41646 Limited Sports Trainer
Carl Allen	Kasson Elementary/Middle School	JobID: 41662 Head Wrestling Coach
	Kasson Elementary/Middle School	JobID: 41665 Volunteer Assistant Wrestling Coach
	Philippi Middle School	JobID: 41671 Head Volleyball Coach

The Superintendent pulled item 9 off the agenda.

A motion was made by Mr. Phillips to approve agenda items 1-8 and items 10-16 as recommended. The motion was seconded by Mr. Starks. After discussion, the motion passed five (5) to zero (0).

The board acted upon or discussed the following items:

1. Food Bans

2. Other

Mrs. McConnell made a motion to adjourn into executive session at 7:47 p.m. to discuss personnel issue. The motion was seconded by Mr. Everson. The motion passed five (5) to zero (0).

The board returned to open session at 8:10 p.m. (No votes or decisions were made in executive session).

Next board meetings:

May 27, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at the Board of Education Office – (Regular Session)

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

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President

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Secretary