

Philippi WV 26416

July 18, 2016

Minutes

The Barbour County Board of Education met in special session at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, July 18, 2016 at the Philip Barbour High School Complex, 99 Horseshoe Drive, Philippi, WV 26416.

Joanne McConnell, Ron Phillips, David Everson, Eric Ruf, Adam Starks, Members, and Jeff Woofter, Secretary, were present. Also in attendance were: Jeff Kittle, Michael Ferguson, Connie Mundy, Teresa Childers, Debra L. Conover, Glenn Sweet, Marjorie George, Mary Anne Woofter, Kelly Anglin, Allison Pugh, Sandra Haller, Doug Haller, Luella Saffle, Bonnie Branciaroli, Julie Bibey, Ashley Workman and Homer Talbott.

Mr. Ruf called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Mr. Ruf led the pledge to flag

Invocation by Mr. Ruf

The board conducted a public hearing in the Auditorium at Philip Barbour High school which was moderated by Dr. Michael Bobic regarding the closing of Volga-Century Elementary School and it's consolidation with Philippi Elementary School for the 2017/2018 school year.

Mr. Woofter presented a small power point presentation explaining his reasoning for recommending the closing of Volga-Century Elementary and Mount Vernon Elementary Schools at the end of the 2016/2017 school year and their consolidation with Philippi Elementary School for the 2017/2018 school year.

Dr. Bobic stated that no one signed up to speak to the board regarding closing of Volga-Century Elementary School.

The board then asked questions of Mr. Woofter and other Central Office Staff in regards to the closing of Volga-Century Elementary School and it's consolidation with Philippi Elementary School for the 2017/2018 school year.

With all questions asked and answered the board then recessed at 10:08 a.m.

The board reconvened at 2:00 p.m.

The board conducted a public hearing in the Auditorium at Philip Barbour High School which was moderated by Dr. Paul Bennett regarding the closing of Mount Vernon Elementary School and it's consolidation with Philippi Elementary School for the 2017/2018 school year.

Mr. Woofter presented a small power point presentation explaining his reasoning for recommending the closing of Volga-Century Elementary and Mount Vernon Elementary Schools at the end of the 2016/2017 school year and their consolidation with Philippi Elementary School for the 2017/2018 school year.

The Board of Education gave consideration to the comments/questions of the following individuals who registered and did speak at this meeting: Deneise Bray, Sonja Mitchell, Chrissy Knapp, Ashley Workman, Nancy Curkendall and Melody Faulkner

Mrs. McConnell made a motion to adjourn into executive session at 3:11 p.m. to discuss the closing of Volga-Century Elementary and Mount Vernon Elementary Schools at the end of the 2016/2017 school year and their consolidation with Philippi Elementary School for the 2017/2018 school year. The motion was seconded by Mr. Phillips and passed five (5) to zero (0).

The board returned to open session at 3:53 p.m. (No votes or decisions were made in executive session).

Superintendents Recommendations:

1. Recommendation: Volga-Century Elementary School be closed at the conclusion of the 2016-2017 school year and that all students in the Volga-Century attendance zone be transferred to Philippi Elementary School beginning with the 2017-2018 school year.
2. Recommendation: Mount Vernon Elementary School be closed at the conclusion of the 2016-2017 school year and that all students in the Mount Vernon attendance zone be transferred to Philippi Elementary School beginning with the 2017-2018 school year.
3. Recommendation: Amend the Comprehensive Educational Facilities Plan (CEFP) to reflect the closing of Volga-Century Elementary School effective at the conclusion of the 2016-2017 School Year.

4. Recommendation: Amend the Comprehensive Educational Facilities Plan (CEFP) to reflect the closing of Mount Vernon Elementary School effective at the conclusion of the 2016-2017 School Year.
5. Recommendation: Amend the Comprehensive Educational Facilities Plan (CEFP) to reflect the consolidation of Philippi Elementary School with Volga-Century Elementary School and/or Mount Vernon Elementary School.

A motion was made by Mr. Ruf to approve agenda item 1 as recommended. The motion was seconded by Mr. Everson. After discussion the motion passed five (5) to zero (0).

A motion was made by Mr. Ruf to approve agenda item 2 as recommended. The motion was seconded by Mr. Phillips. After discussion the motion passed five (5) to zero (0).

A motion was made by Mrs. McConnell to approve agenda items 3-5 as recommended. The motion was seconded by Mr. Starks. After discussion the motion passed five (5) to zero (0).

A motion was made by Mr. Everson, seconded by Mr. Phillips and passed five (5) to zero (0) to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 4:03 p.m.

President

Secretary