

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**SCHOOL BUILDING AUTHORITY OF WEST VIRGINIA**  
**Special Meeting**  
**Friday, February 6, 2009**

**I.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Governor Joe Manchin, III called the School Building Authority of West Virginia (SBA) meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. on February 6, 2009. The following members were present: Mr. Steve Burton, Vice President; Mrs. Delores Cook; Mr. Louis Spatafore; Mrs. Burma Hatfield; Mr. Tom Lange; Mr. Robert Dunlevy; Mrs. Connie Perry; Dr. Steven Paine; Mr. Nicholas Preservati and Dr. Mark A. Manchin, Executive Director. Mr. Robert Holroyd was not in attendance at this meeting. Also present were the following SBA staff members: Mr. Garry Stewart; Mr. Scott Raines; Mr. Mike Pickens; Mr. Mike Hall; Mr. David Sneed; Ms. Sherry Grogg; Ms. Mary Blashford and Ms. Stella Gill.

The following individuals attended the SBA meeting: Sgt. Raymond Stonestreet, Department of Public Safety; Jimmy Gianato, Department of Homeland Security; Mike Clowser, Contractors Association of WV; Dr. Dee Cockrill, RESA I; Mr. Chuck Nicholas, RESA III; Gabriel Devono, RESA VII; Mr. Frank Blackwell, Wyoming County Superintendent; Audra Blackwell, Energy Systems Group; Dr. Larry Parsons, Mason County Superintendent; Tommy Young, McKinley & Associates; General James Hoyer, West Virginia National Guard and Mr. William Minear, West Virginia Military Authority.

**II.**

**SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

Dr. Mark A. Manchin welcomed Governor Manchin to this Special Meeting of the SBA and expressed his appreciation to the Governor for taking time out of his busy schedule to meet with the Authority.

**III.**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Upon motion by Dr. Steven Paine, with a second by Mrs. Connie Perry, the Authority approved the following items from the consent agenda:

Barbour County's CEFP Amendment

The Barbour County Board of Education requested approval of an amendment to their 2000 – 2010 CEFP. This amendment provides for an addition/renovations at the Junior Elementary School to include an addition of two new classrooms and renovation to the flooring and HVAC systems.

Fayette County's CEFP Amendment

The Fayette County Board of Education requested approval of an amendment to their 2000 – 2010 CEFP. This amendment provides for the construction of a new high school to house approximately 1,600 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade students from the existing Midland Trail, Fayetteville, Oak Hill and Mt. Hope High Schools.

Harrison County's CEFP Amendment

The Harrison County Board of Education requested approval of an amendment to their 2000 – 2010 CEFP. This amendment provides for the construction of a new Lumberport Elementary School.

Pleasants County's CEFP Amendment

The Pleasants County Board of Education requested approval of an amendment to their 2000 – 2010 CEFP. This amendment provides for an addition to St. Mary's High School which includes: two average size classrooms for Drivers Education and Health, a larger (40 ft. by 80 ft.) multipurpose classroom for Physical

Education and other activities, a classroom for weight training, restrooms, locker rooms, athletic trainer facilities, storage area and offices for seasonal coaches.

#### IV.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

#### **Alternate Construction Funding Scenario**

Dr. Mark A. Manchin and three of the Authority's Finance Committee Members: Mr. Nicholas Preservati, Mr. Louis Spatafore and Mr. Tom Lange traveled to New York in early January, 2009 to meet with Mr. Charles Ludlow of CSL Consulting, LLC. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the potential for an alternative method to finance school construction which would involve public private financing. Dr. Manchin and Mr. Preservati provided an overview of this meeting and presented the Authority with a copy of a proposal provided by Mr. Ludlow. Mr. Nicholas Preservati informed the Authority members that although the public private financing proposal appeared to be a viable method to finance school construction, he felt that the Authority needed to look at the WV Code to confirm what role the SBA could to play in the process.

#### **Governor Joe Manchin III To Address The Authority**

Governor Joe Manchin, III addressed the Authority and discussed various issues including the following:

- The Federal Stimulus Package and its affect on the state of West Virginia as a whole and the SBA.
- He expressed a concern that some counties may be looking at the Stimulus funds and not continuing to look for new or different avenues to fund projects and encouraged the Authority to do so.
- In regard to building schools, the Governor stated that safety should always be the first consideration.
- The Governor strongly encourages counties to continue to make a commitment to provide more local funding for projects. He said that he understood the challenges facing counties and that the SBA needed to continue to assure fairness in this area. He believes that every county has the ability to participate at some level of funding.
- In closing, the Governor informed the Authority that West Virginia was the only state east of the Mississippi that would end the year with a balanced budget without cutting services. He also assured the Authority that he continued to support the School Building Authority and their efforts to provide the children throughout West Virginia an environment that is safer, greener and technologically capable of delivering an education that will prepare our children for the challenges of the 21st Century.

#### **School Access Safety Update and School Security, Safety and Response**

Dr. Mark A. Manchin informed the Authority members that the School Access Safety Program was continuing to move forward. He directed their attention to the School Access Safety Report in Attachment F which provided details regarding how much money each county's expenditures to-date. He also advised them that work is progressing as quickly as possible on these projects and invoices for the balance of the available grant funds will be forthcoming.

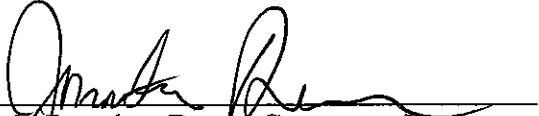
Next, Dr. Manchin advised the Authority that the SBA staff is now assisting the West Virginia Joint School Safety Task Force (WV JSSTF) with a school emergency response plan that will coordinate all emergency service organizations in the event of an emergency involving all hazards. He then introduced Mr. Jimmy Gianato with the WV Division of Homeland Security & Emergency Management to provide further details regarding this initiative. Mr. Gianato informed the Authority that the members of the task force were in the process of preparing this plan and will present a draft to the Authority once it has been finalized. Mr. Gianato stated that in addition to the SBA, they were also working with the state Department of Education and the RESA Directors in an effort to coordinate all agencies in this important endeavor.

V.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Upon a motion by Dr. Steven Paine, with a second by Mrs. Connie Perry the Authority voted to adjourn.

Minutes approved March 16, 2009



Mr. Jonathan Deem, Governors Designee  
School Building Authority of West Virginia