

MINUTES

Superintendent Interviews SCHOOL BUILDING AUTHORITY OF WEST VIRGINIA

Held At:

**West Virginia Board of Education
Capitol Building 6, Room 353
1900 Kanawha Boulevard, East
Charleston, West Virginia**

March 15, 2021

8:30 A.M.

March 16, 2021

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I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Brian Abraham called the School Building Authority of West Virginia's (SBA) meeting to order at 8:30 A.M. on Monday, March 15, 2021. The following members were present: Chairman Brian Abraham, Clayton Burch, Debra Sullivan, Secretary, Victor Gabriel, Vice-Chair, Chris Morris, Kenny Mann, Steve Burton, and Robert Dunlevy, with Miller Hall and Sandra Hamilton attending via telephone. The following SBA staff were also present: Executive Director David Roach, Ben Ashley, Dana Womack, Joyce VanGilder, Tommy Young, Angie Bradley, CFO Heather Brunton, Sue Chapman, with Shannon Driver, Lisa Wilkinson, and Tammy Brewer attending via telephone.

II. ACKNOWLEDGMENTS AND RECOGNITIONS

Chairman Brian Abraham provided the Oath of Office for the School Building Authority's new Authority member, Mr. Kenny Mann, on Tuesday, March 16, 2021.

Attending Monday, March 15, 2021: Superintendent Ryan Saxe, Kim Cooper, and Drew Rottgen of the Cabell County Board of Education; John Green of WSAZ, Superintendent Tom Williams and Chuck Smith of the Kanawha County Board of Education; Superintendent Jeff Kelley of the Lincoln County Board of Education; Superintendent Richard Duncan of the Roane County Board of Education; Amanda Chevrount and Bill Ratcliffe of Thrasher Architects; Superintendent Joetta Basile and Everett Fraley of the Monroe County Board of Education; Superintendent Debbie Schmidlen and Jamie Newton of the Randolph County Board of Education; Superintendent Jim Brown, Torie Jackson, and Tommy Cloer of the Ritchie County Board of Education; Superintendent Dr. Kimberly Miller, and Assistant Superintendent Rick Jones of the Ohio County Board of Education; Superintendent Scott Cochran of the Webster County Board of Education; Superintendent Troy Ravenscroft and Tom Denne of the Mineral County Board of Education; Superintendent Bondy Gibson and Kathy Skinner of the Jefferson County Board of Education; Randy Jones of ZMM; Superintendent Doug Lambert and Brent Nelson of the Grant County Board of Education; Superintendent Patricia Lowther and Joe Frashure of the Gilmer County Board of Education; Superintendent Terrence Beam of the Pocahontas County Board of Education; and Andy Cocina and Samuel Marolth of Wendel Construction, Inc.

Attending Tuesday, March 16, 2021: John Green of WSAZ, Superintendent David Warvel and Lauren Crook of the Summers County Board of Education; Superintendent John McKown, Jeff Smith, and Curt Moore of the Wirt County Board of Education; Superintendent Todd Alexander of the Wayne County Board of Education, Superintendent Michael Wells, Heather Straights, and Jeff Sole of the Pleasants County Board of Education, Superintendent Deborah Akers, Amy Harrison, and Paul Hodges of the Mercer County Board of Education; Tim Derico, Erin Anderson, Tristen Gray, and Jeffrey Perkins of the Upshur County Board of Education, Superintendent Robin Lewis and Jim Flesher of the Lewis County Board of Education; Assistant Superintendent Amanda Fragile Peyton, William Chapman, and David Williams of the McDowell County Board of Education of the McDowell County Board of Education; Superintendent Jeff Bryant, Christy Clemons-Rodgers, and David McClure of the Greenbrier County Board of Education; Matt Breakey of Thrasher Architects; Allen Laugh of the Taylor County Board of Education; Superintendent Kelli Whytsell of the Calhoun County Board of Education; Superintendent Randall Farley and Mary Jo Thomas of the Marion County Board of Education; Superintendent Eddie Campbell, Amanda Washington, and Nicole Kemper of the Monongalia County Board of Education; and Blair Frier of ZMM Architects.

III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Upon a motion by Debra Sullivan with a second by Sandra Hamilton, the Authority voted to approve the SBA Quarterly Meeting Minutes for the January 29, 2021 Special Meeting.

V. **FINANCIAL REPORTS**

- A. SBA Budget vs Actual Financial Report - (Information) – **ATTACHMENT B**
CFO Brunton presented the SBA's Profit and Loss Statement for the period ending March 1, 2021.
- B. SBA Grant Awards Report – (Information) – **ATTACHMENT C**
CFO Brunton presented the Grant Awards Report for all SBA Active Grants.
- C. Update on Tax Credit Bonds - (Information)
Special Projects Manager Sue Chapman provided the Authority with an update regarding the School Building Authority's tax credit bonds.

VI. **2020-2030 CEFP Approvals**

Ben Ashley advised the Authority that the West Virginia Board of Education (WVBE) Policy 6200 Handbook on Planning School Facilities requires county boards of education to submit a 10-year Comprehensive Educational Facilities Plan (CEFP) to the WVBE and the School Building Authority (SBA) for approval. Approval of the 10-year CEFP is required before a county can be considered for funding from the SBA. The 10-year CEFPs for Doddridge, Hancock, Lincoln, Marion, Marshall, McDowell, Pendleton, Wetzel, Brooke, Hardy, Harrison, Jefferson and Wirt Counties and the Mid-Ohio Valley Technical Institute, the James Rumsey Technical Institute and the WV School for the Deaf and Blind have been reviewed by the WVDE School Facilities Services staff and the SBA for compliance with Policy 6200 and the SBA Policy & Procedures Handbook. The local boards of education and the WVBE have approved each of these CEFPs. Approval of these CEFPs do not necessarily reflect support for funding the projects within the plan; it means the county followed the

proper planning processes. The counties' complete submittal is logged in the electronic database and will be available upon request.

Doddridge, Hancock, Lincoln, Marion, Marshall, McDowell, Pendleton, Wetzel, Brooke, Hardy, Harrison, Jefferson and Wirt Counties and the Mid-Ohio Valley Technical Institute, the James Rumsey Technical Institute and the WV School for the Deaf and Blind have complied with the SBA CEFP Process, and as such, Executive Director Roach respectfully recommended approval of these CEFP's.

Upon a motion by Victor Gabriel with a second by Chris Morris, the Authority voted to collectively approve all CEFP's.

VII.

CEFP AMENDMENTS

Ben Ashley advised the Authority that the following amendments to County Comprehensive Educational Facilities Plans (CEFPs) have been reviewed and are recommended for approval by the SBA Staff. The State Board of Education has acted on these amendments. Approval of these amendments does not necessarily reflect support for funding of the projects within the Amendment; it means the county followed the proper Amendment Process. The county's complete Amendment submittal will be available upon request. The following Amendments were submitted for review and approval:

A. McDowell County Board of Education CEFP Amendment – (Action) – **ATTACHMENT T**

The McDowell County Board of Education requested to amend their 2020-2030 CEFP to change the status of Sandy River Middle School. In the county's originally approved CEFP, Sandy River Middle School was slated for closure and consolidation into River View High School by 2026. McDowell County wishes to change this to a relocation of Sandy River Middle School to operate as a separate school at the River View High School facility at the conclusion of the 2020-21 school year. The two schools would operate independently, with two administrations and separate reporting functions.

McDowell County Board of Education has complied with the SBA CEFP Amendment Process, and as such, Executive Director Roach respectfully recommended approval of this amendment.

B. Monongalia County Board of Education CEFP Amendment – (Action) - **ATTACHMENT U**

The Monongalia County Board of Education requested approval for a revision to their CEFP to change the county's first priority project to include an addition of three STEM classrooms to the existing Monongalia County Technical Education Center (MTEC) facility. The MTEC project would also include a safe schools entrance to the building.

Monongalia County Board of Education have complied with the SBA CEFP Amendment Process, and as such, Executive Director Roach respectfully recommended approval of this amendment.

Upon a motion by Victor Gabriel with a second by Steve Burton, the Authority voted to approve Monongalia County Board of Education and Monongalia County Board of Education's CEFP Amendments.

VIII.

NEW BUSINESS

Roane-Jackson Technical Center Requests an Extension – (Action) – ATTACHMENT V

Roane-Jackson Technical Center requested an extension of the liquidation date for the SBA funds currently assigned to them. The water plant replacement is the final portion of the current project and has been held up in design due to regulatory issues until now. As a result, Roane-Jackson Technical Center requests that the funds liquidation date be extended from June 30, 2021 until June 30, 2022.

Executive Director Roach respectfully requested that the Authority approve Roane-Jackson Technical Center's request to extend the funds liquidation date from June 30, 2021 until June 30, 2022.

Upon a motion by Debra Sullivan with a second by Robert Dunlevy, the Authority voted to approve Roane-Jackson Technical Centers extension request, extending the funds liquidation date from June 30, 2021 to June 30, 2022.

IX.

PROJECT REVIEWS AND SUPERINTENDENT INTERVIEWS

Ben Ashley advised the Authority that the SBA Staff have worked closely with the counties submitting NEEDS Projects for funding consideration this year. Attachment W contains a summary of the projects, finance plans, and staff comments. Superintendents and Board Presidents were invited to present their projects to the Authority and answered questions.

KANAWHA COUNTY

Dr. Tom Williams, Superintendent

Kanawha County requested up to \$8,209,886 in SBA funding for renovations and additions to the Cedar Grove Middle School facility which will transition to serving the Cedar Grove Elementary School students. These funds will be used in partnership with a local contribution of \$2,052,471 for a total project cost of \$10,262,357. Upon completion of this project, the middle school portion of the Cedar Grove facility will close, and middle school students will attend Dupont Middle School.

CABELL COUNTY

Mr. Ryan Saxe, Superintendent

Cabell County requested up to \$10,000,000 in SBA funding for a new Meadows Elementary School. These funds will be used in partnership with a local contribution of \$6,999,000 for a total project cost of \$16,999,000. Upon the completion of this project, the existing Meadows Elementary School facility will be demolished.

LINCOLN COUNTY

Mr. Jeff Kelley, Superintendent

Lincoln County requested up to \$26,307,509 in SBA funding for a new Duval-Midway PK-8 School. The county is unable to commit any funds to this project. Upon completion of this project, the existing Midway Elementary School and Duval PK-8 school facilities will close, and students will attend the new PK-8 facility.

ROANE COUNTY

Dr. Richard Duncan, Superintendent

Roane County requested up to \$15,500,100 in SBA funding for a new Spencer Middle School. The county is not able to commit local funds to this project. Upon the completion of this project, the existing Spencer Middle School will close, and students will attend the new facility.

MONROE COUNTY

Ms. Joetta Basile, Superintendent

Mr. Everett Fraley, Vice President of the Monroe County Board of Education

Monroe County requested up to \$1,153,170 in SBA funding for a roof replacement at James Monroe High School and roof drain replacements at Mountain View PK-8 School. These funds will be used in partnership with a local contribution of \$193,141 for a total project cost of \$1,346,311.

RANDOLPH COUNTY

Ms. Debbie Schmidlen, Superintendent

Mrs. Janie Newlon, Vice President of the Randolph County Board of Education

Randolph County requested up to \$5,421,157 in SBA funding for an addition and renovations to the Randolph County Technical Center. These funds will be used in partnership with a local contribution of \$100,000 for a total project cost of \$5,521,157.

RITCHIE COUNTY

Mr. James Brown, Superintendent

Ms. Torie Jackson, President of the Ritchie County Board of Education

Ritchie County requested up to \$17,160,000 in SBA funding for a new Harrisville Elementary School and a new Creed Collins Elementary School. These funds will be used in partnership with a local contribution of \$4,610,000 and bond funding in the amount of \$4,630,000 for a total project cost of \$26,400,000. Upon the completion of the project, the existing facilities will be demolished, and students will attend the new facilities.

OHIO COUNTY

Dr. Kimberly Miller, Superintendent

Mr. Rick Jones, Assistant Superintendent

Ohio County requested up to \$18,000,000 in SBA funding for renovations at six schools. These funds will be used in partnership with a local contribution of \$5,301,212 for a total project cost of \$23,301,212. These projects are part of a capital improvement bond that was passed in May 2018.

WEBSTER COUNTY

Mr. Scott Cochran, Superintendent

Webster County requested up to \$3,634,408 in SBA funding for HVAC renovations, façade improvements, and sidewalk replacements at Webster Springs Middle/High School. These funds will be used in partnership with a local contribution of \$100,000 for a total project cost of \$3,734,408.

MINERAL COUNTY

Mr. Troy Ravenscroft, Superintendent
Dr. Tom Denne, Board Member

Mineral County requested up to \$19,147,590 in SBA funding for a new Frankfort Area PK-4 School. These funds will be used in partnership with a local contribution of \$2,127,510 for a total project cost of \$21,275,100. Upon the completion of this project, the existing Fort Ashby Primary K-2, Wiley Ford Primary PreK-2, and Frankfort Intermediate School will close.

JEFFERSON COUNTY

Dr. Bondy Shay Gibson, Superintendent

Jefferson County requested up to \$7,508,668 in SBA funding for a new Shepherdstown Elementary School and a new Ranson Elementary School. These funds will be used in partnership with a local contribution of \$32,505,000 for a total project cost of \$40,013,668. Upon the completion of this project, the former Shepherdstown Elementary School facility will close, and the property will be sold. The former Ranson School will be repurposed as alternative programming for special needs, adult education, or a combination of multi-generational learning.

GRANT COUNTY

Mr. Doug Lambert, Superintendent
Mr. Brent Nelson, Director of Facilities

Grant County requested up to \$3,166,259 in SBA funding for a roof replacement and HVAC renovations at Petersburg Elementary School. These funds will be used in partnership with a local contribution of \$200,000 for a total project cost of \$3,366,259.

GILMER COUNTY

Ms. Patricia Lowther, Superintendent
Mr. Joe Frashure, Director of Facilities

Gilmer County requested up to \$2,787,399 in SBA funding for renovations at Gilmer County Middle/High School. These renovations include a new safe school entrance, Phase 3 of HVAC replacement, and half of the Vocation Shop will be renovated into a meat lab classroom. These funds will be used in partnership with a local contribution of \$309,711 for a total project cost of \$3,097,110.

POCAHONTAS COUNTY

Mr. Terrence Beam, Superintendent

Pocahontas County requested up to \$4,850,000 in SBA funding for a county-wide HVAC, electrical, window, door, and sprinkler system upgrades as a part of an Energy Savings Performance Contract. These funds will be used in partnership with a local contribution of \$2,810,929 of loan proceeds for a total project cost of \$7,660,929.

SUMMERS COUNTY

Mr. David Warvel, Superintendent
Mr. Stan Duncan, Summers County Board of Education President
Ms. Lauren Crook, Coordinator of Accounting Services

Summers County requested up to \$8,199,876 in SBA funding for an addition and renovations at Summers County High School. The county is not able to commit local funds to this project.

WIRT COUNTY

Mr. John McKown Superintendent
Mr. Jeff Smith, Attendance Director
Mr. Curtis Moore, Maintenance Supervisor

Wirt County requested up to \$638,000 in SBA funding for window replacement for the entire facility, new front entry doors, and restroom renovations at Wirt County High School. These funds will be used in partnership with a local contribution of \$132,000 for a total project cost of \$770,000.

WAYNE COUNTY

Mr. Todd Alexander, Superintendent
Ms. Missy Hall, President of the Wayne County Board of Education
Mr. Jeff Riner, Treasurer of the Wayne County Board of Education

Wayne County requested up to \$23,935,788 in SBA funding for renovations and additions to the Buffalo Middle School facility which will transition to serve as the new Buffalo PK-8 School facility. These funds will be used in partnership with a local contribution of \$1,000,000 for a total project cost of \$24,935,788. Upon completion of this project, the existing Buffalo Elementary School facility will be demolished.

PLEASANTS COUNTY

Mr. Mike Wells, Superintendent
Dr. Heather Straight, President of the Pleasants County Board of Education
Mr. Jeff Sole, Director of Facilities

Pleasants County requested up to \$1,174,513 in SBA funding for electrical, lighting, and sprinkler system replacement and upgrades at Pleasants County Middle School. This project also includes freezers/coolers at Pleasants County Middle School and St. Mary's Elementary School. These funds will be used in partnership with a local contribution of \$207,267 for a total project cost of \$1,381,780.

MERCER COUNTY

Dr. Deborah Akers, Superintendent
Mr. Paul Hodges, President of the Mercer County Board of Education
Ms. Amy Harrison, Information Specialist

Mercer County requested up to \$11,501,524 in SBA funding for the construction of a new elementary school for the Bluewell/Brushfork area. These funds will be used in partnership with a local contribution of \$3,000,000 for a total project cost of \$14,501,524. Upon the completion of this project, the existing Bluewell Elementary School and Brushfork Elementary School will close.

UPSHUR COUNTY

Dr. Sara Lewis-Stankus, Superintendent
Mr. Tristan Gray, Principal of Tennerton Elementary School
Mr. Jeff Perkins, Treasurer of the Upshur County Board of Education

Upshur County requested up to \$2,737,606 in SBA funding for renovations and additions to Tennerton Elementary School. These funds will be used in partnership with a local contribution of \$196,716 for a total project cost of \$2,934,322.

LEWIS COUNTY

Dr. Robin Lewis, Superintendent

Mr. James Flesher, President of the Lewis County Board of Education

Lewis County requested up to \$241,364 in SBA funding for construction of safe school entrances at Peterson Central Elementary School and Roanoke Elementary School. These funds will be used in partnership with a local contribution of \$241,364 for a total project cost of \$482,728.

MCDOWELL COUNTY

Ms. Amanda Fragile Peyton, Assistant Superintendent

Mr. William Chapman, Director of Facilities

Mr. David Williams, President of the McDowell County Board of Education

McDowell County requested up to \$18,665,600 in SBA funding for the construction of a new elementary school for the Fall River, Kimball, and Welch areas. The county is unable to commit any funds to the project. Upon completion of this project, Fall River Elementary, Kimball Elementary, and Welch Elementary School facilities will close, and students will attend this new school.

GREENBRIER COUNTY

Mr. Jeff Bryant, Superintendent

Mr. David McClure, CEO

Greenbrier County requested up to \$8,000,000 in SBA funding for renovations to the Alderson Community Center (former Alderson Middle/High School) which will become the new Alderson Elementary School. These funds will be used in partnership with a local contribution of \$3,000,000 for a total project cost of \$11,000,000. Upon completion of this project, the existing Alderson Elementary School will be conveyed to the town of Alderson and will serve as the new Community Center.

TAYLOR COUNTY

Mr. Allen Lough, Assistant Superintendent

Taylor County requested up to \$820,200 in SBA funding for a roof replacement at Grafton High School. These funds will be used in partnership with a local contribution of \$273,408 in local funds for a total project cost of 1,093,608.

CALHOUN COUNTY

Ms. Kelli Whytsell, Superintendent

Ms. Jenna Jett, President of the Calhoun County Board of Education

Mr. Michael Fitzwater, COO of Transportation and Facilities

Calhoun County requested up to \$5,236,360 in SBA funding for new roof and HVAC renovations at Calhoun County Middle/High School. These funds will be used in partnership with a local contribution of \$60,000 for a total project cost of \$5,296,360.

MARION COUNTY

Mr. Randall Farley, Superintendent

Ms. Mary Joe Thomas, President of the Marion County Board of Education

Marion County requested up to \$1,080,040 in SBA funding for a roof replacement at East Fairmont High School. These funds will be used in partnership with a local contribution of \$500,000 for a total project cost of \$1,580,040.

MONONGALIA COUNTY

Mr. Eddie Campbell, Superintendent

Ms. Amanda Washington, Executive Director of Facilities

Ms. Nicole Kemper, Treasurer of the Monongalia County Board of Education

Monongalia County requested up to \$1,665,150 in SBA funding for a STEM classroom/lab additions and secure entrance to Monongalia County Technical Center. These funds will be used in partnership with a local contribution of \$1,665,150 for a total project cost of \$3,330,300.

TUCKER COUNTY

Ms. Alicia Lambert, Superintendent

Tucker County requested up to \$927,722 in SBA funding for a door replacement project at Davis Thomas Elementary School and Tucker County High School. These funds will be used in partnership with a local contribution of \$50,000 in local funds for a total project cost of \$977,722.

TYLER COUNTY

Mr. Shane Highley, Superintendent

Tyler County requested up to \$5,794,244 in SBA funding for Phase II HVAC and lighting upgrades at Tyler Consolidated Middle/High School. These funds will be used in partnership with a local contribution of \$1,931,415 for a total project cost of \$7,725,659.

BERKELEY COUNTY

Dr. Patrick Murphy, Superintendent

Berkeley County requested up to \$2,687,500 in SBA funding for safe school entrances at fourteen (14) schools. These funds will be used in partnership with a local contribution of \$2,687,500 for a total project cost of \$5,375,000.

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FUTURE MEETINGS

Chairman Brian Abraham advised the Authority of the future meeting dates below:

April 19, 2021

June 28, 2021

September 27, 2021

November 1-2, 2021

December 13, 2021

Locations to be determined

Meeting dates are tentative and subject to change due to COVID-19

XI.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Authority and upon a Motion by Steve Burton with a second by Chris Morris, the Authority voted to adjourn the March 15, 2021 and March 16, 2021 meetings of the School Building Authority of West Virginia.

Minutes Approved April 19, 2021



Mr. Brian Abraham, Governor's Designee
School Building Authority of West Virginia