

Agenda

**CABELL COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
HUNTINGTON, WEST VIRGINIA**

January 31, 2019

5:30 P.M.

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January 31, 2019

Board of Education
County of Cabell
Huntington, West Virginia

Board Members:

The following items are offered for your consideration at an emergency meeting of the Board of Education of the County of Cabell scheduled for Thursday, January 31, 2019, at 5:30 p.m., in the Administrative Office of the Board of Education, 2850 Fifth Avenue, Huntington, West Virginia.

This meeting is a meeting of the Board of Education in public for the purpose of conducting the County School System's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. There is a time for public participation during the meeting as indicated in agenda item, **Delegations to be Heard**.

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The Board shall consider the following resolution regarding S.B. 451 or "The Omnibus Bill".

WHEREAS: West Virginia's entire Public Education system continues to be underfunded, leading to shortages in teachers, service personnel, nurses, librarians, psychologists, counselors, bus drivers and special education staff; and

WHEREAS: County Boards of Education budgets are already severely strained due to previous cuts made to appropriations to the school aid formula; and

WHEREAS: A bill has been originated by the Senate Education committee which proposes certain reforms to public education in West Virginia (the "Omnibus Bill"); and

WHEREAS: The legislature has a duty to provide a thorough and efficient system of free schools in the State and the Cabell County Board of Education has been delegated such duty for Cabell County, West Virginia; and

WHEREAS: To the extent reform to West Virginia's public education system is needed, such reform should have the goal of increasing student achievement for the most disadvantaged children that do not have the resources, parental guidance and general support to succeed in our current system; and

WHEREAS: The opioid problem has additionally put a strain on our educational system that has furthered the difficulty in educating our most disadvantaged children due to the increase in number and magnitude of behavioral issues in children; and

WHEREAS: Public schools are at the heart of the community well-being; and

WHEREAS: Reduction in State financial support will negatively impact our ability to serve the children and families of our community; and

WHEREAS: Research and experience across the country have shown that implementation of certain aspects of the bill has a high likelihood of adversely affecting the education of the most disadvantaged children in our system; and

WHEREAS: Certain provisions of the current proposed Omnibus Bill is detrimental to our public schools and the ability of the Cabell County Board of Education to provide a thorough and efficient system for all students in Cabell County; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Cabell County Board of Education opposes any and all efforts to use public funds for education reform or make any changes that does not lead to higher student achievement for the most disadvantaged students; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: Taxation and policy decisions which result in reduced revenues for public education and/or have a negative impact on our students and families must be avoided.

RECOMMENDATION:

MOTION:

SECOND:

VOTE:

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Ryan Saxe
Superintendent

RS/lp