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DATE: August 29, 2024
TO: Members, Weakley County School Board
FROM: Jeff Cupples, Director
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Joshua Moore, Chairman
Weakley County School Board
RE: September School Board Meeting

The mission of Weakley County Schools is to provide an educational environment that will encourage students to “achieve their full potential” as they prepare for unique roles as contributing members of our complex and changing society.

The Weakley County School Board will meet at 5:00 P.M. on Thursday, September 5, 2024 at the Personal Development Center.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Weakley County School Board will meet on Thursday, October 3, 2024, at 5:00 P.M. at Dresden Elementary School.

Sympathy is extended to Beth Hatler for the loss of her father & to LaTessi Shane for the loss of her sister.

AGENDA:

1. Approval of the Agenda.
2. Approve the minutes of the August 1, 2024 School Board Meeting.
3. Public Comment.
4. Election of School Board Chairman, Vice-Chairman and TLN.
5. Consider/approve hiring the following volunteer coaches:
Jayson Ritz, Dresden Middle School (football)
Will Lemons, Westview High School (golf)

6. Consider/approve revising Board Policy 6.310 (Add Solid Color T-Shirts)
1st Reading
7. Consider/approve budget resolutions:
Resolution No. 2025-11: Add funding for additional teaching position at Martin Primary School.
Resolution No. 2025-12: Add funding for the renovation to the Gleason School pressbox.
Resolution No. 2025-13: Funding for dental & vision insurance for bus drivers.
Resolution No. 2025-14: Funding for local portion of E-rate project to upgrade internet cabling & access points.
Resolution No. 2025-15: Carryover funding from the PreK Grant.
Resolution No. 2025-16: Carryover from the SPARC Grant.
Resolution No. 2025-17: Funding from AG TAG Grant.
Resolution No. 2025-22: Carryover from the Public Schools Security Grant.
8. Discuss Athletic Passes for Retired Teachers.
9. Committee Reports
10. Consent Items:
 - A) Consider/Approve Foreign Exchange Student from Spain to attend Dresden High School for the 24/25SY.
 - B) Field Trips:
 1. DHS FCCLA to attend Camp Widjiwagan in Antioch, TN September 16-18, 2024.
 2. WHS Lady Chargers Soccer to travel to Gatlinburg, TN September 13-15, 2024.
 3. WHS FCCLA to attend Camp Widjiwagan in Antioch, TN September 16-18, 2024.
 4. WHS Cheerleaders to travel to and compete in competitions: Brentwood, TN-September 28; Southhaven, MS-October 26; Knoxville, TN-November 16; Lebanon, TN-November 23; Orlando, FL-February 5-12, 2025.
 5. WHS FFA to travel to Indianapolis, IN to attend FFA National Convention October 22-26,2024; travel to Doyle, TN to attend Camp Clements November 22-23, 2024.
 6. WHS HOSA to travel to Chattanooga, TN to attend HOSA State Competition March 30-April 2, 2025.

The Weakley County School Board welcomes public comments during regular board meetings. Requests to address the Board in Public Comment must be received by the Board Secretary at least 24 hours prior to the Board meeting, or by 5:00PM the date before the meeting. Request for comments must pertain to a specific actionable item that is listed on the agenda. Remarks will be made during the Public Comment period as it is listed on the agenda. The acting Board Chairperson will select comments in the order in which they were received. Public comment speakers will share the 12 minutes time slot, in equal increments of time, not to exceed three (3) minutes per person. In the event that a public comment is not read in its entirety within the individual allotted time, a full copy can be made accessible to the Board. Upon the conclusion of the Public Comment portion of the meeting, Board business will resume to the next item on the agenda.

Public Comment Request form can be accessed weakleycountyschools.com/schoolboard or by calling the Board Secretary at 731-364-2247.

WEAKLEY COUNTY SCHOOLS

Central Office

August 1, 2024

5:00 – 5:30 P.M.

Board Members: Wendell Cates, Jeff Floyd, Martin Hamlin, John Hatler, Gath Meeks, Joshua Moore, Doug Sims & Steve Vantrease. (Absent-Beau Atkins)

Administrative Staff Present: Brian Allen, Michelle Clements, Jamie Doster, Scott Killebrew, David Lewellen, John Lifsey, Melanie Needham, Patresa Rogers, Kris Bodwell, Eva Essary, Betsi Foster, Jon Gardner, Donald Ray High, Kandace Jackson, Jamie Knott, Krystle Smith & Terri Stephenson.

Media Present: *Dresden Enterprise & Weakley County Press*

Meeting Called To Order: Chairman Moore called the meeting to order.

- I. Agenda Additions Approved** – Motion by Floyd, seconded by Cates to approve the August 1, 2024 agenda additions. Motion carried.
- II. Agenda Approved** – Motion by Vantrease, seconded by Hamlin to approve the August 1, 2024 agenda. Motion carried.
- III. Minutes Approved** - Motion by Meeks, seconded by Floyd to approve June 6, 2024 & June 20, 2024 minutes. Motion carried.
- IV. Public Comment** – None given.
- V. Sick Leave Bank** – Motion by Hatler, seconded by Vantrease to re-appoint Wendell Cates and motion by Sims, seconded by Floyd to re-appoint John Hatler as the new Trustees to the Sick Leave Bank. Motion carried.
- VI. Approve Board Policy 3.501 (Meal Charge)** – Motion by Meeks, seconded by Hamlin to approve Board Policy 3.501. Motion carried. 1st Reading
- VII. Volunteer Coaches** – Motion by Hatler, seconded by Floyd to approve hiring the following volunteer coaches. Motion carried.

Dresden Middle School
Dustin Rainey, Cross Country
Kenneth Coker, Cross Country

Dresden High School
Wendi Maxey, Cross Country
Matthew Bane, Football

Bobby Hampton, Football
Dale Hutcherson, Football
Collin Williams, Basketball

Jerry Gallimore, Softball

Gleason School
McKayla Ivy, Softball

Greenfield School
Carrie Arant, JH & HS Cross Country
Keith Tucker, JH & HS Cross Country
Justin Nichols, JH Baseball
Andrew Porter, HS Boys Basketball
Don Durden, HS Boys Basketball
Tara Tansil-Gentry, HS Girls Basketball
John Liggett, HS Girls Basketball
Jason Sullivan, HS Baseball
Grant Huffstetler, HS Baseball
Bill McCall, HS Tennis
Audrie Washburn, HS Softball

Martin Middle School
Alan Davis, Football
Kenneth Edwards, Boys Basketball
Clinton Smith, 6th Grade Basketball
Morgan Goodman, Boys Soccer
Steve Reynolds, Softball
Jackson Horton, Boys Soccer
Greg Williams, Softball

Westview High School
Sam Brent, Boys Basketball
Tracy Bruff, Baseball
Sam Freeman, Volleyball
Dusty Gibson, Cross Country/Track
Nate Holmes, Boys Basketball
Blake McCollum, Golf
Randy Moore, Girls Basketball
David Soloman, Girls Soccer
Mike Swaim, Girls Basketball

- VIII. Approve Middle School Baseball** – Motion by Cates, seconded by Meeks to approve adding middle school baseball as a sport at Gleason School. Motion carried.
- IX. Visitor Code of Conduct Discussion** – Director Cupples explained to the board about the Visitor Code of Conduct’s rough draft being sent to our county attorney & how it will work once it is finalized & then be placed in all the schools. The board agreed that the Visitor Code of Conduct was fine as is, with no changes needed.
- X. Approve Greenfield School Football As Co-op Host** – Motion by Floyd, seconded by Vantrease to approve Greenfield School football to host as Co-op with Bradford Special School District. Motion carried.
- XI. Committee Reports** – None given.
- XII. Consent Items** – Motion by Floyd, seconded by Cates to approve the following consent items. Motion carried.

A. Approve Foreign Exchange Students from Spain & Germany to attend Westview High School for the 2024-2025SY.

B. Approve Course Lists - To approve Course Lists for Grades 9-12.

C. Field Trips – To approve the following field trips. (1-4 trips are not over 100 miles or overnight stay)

1. All CTE trips for the 2024-2025SY.
2. All Band trips for the 2024-2025SY.
3. All Athletic trips for the 2024-2025SY.
4. All Special Education trips for the 2024-2025SY.
5. Westview FFA to travel to Lebanon, TN to the TN State Fair August 18-19, 2024.

D. Non-faculty Coaches- The following non-faculty coaches were approved.

Dresden Middle School

Todd Maxey, Cross Country/Track

Scott Hewett, Football

Dresden High School

Todd Maxey, Cross Country/Track

Westview High School

Dusty Gibson, Cross Country

Chase Manley, Boys Soccer

Gleason School

Luke Hughes, Girls/Boys Basketball

Adjourn – Josh Moore adjourned the meeting at 5:30 PM.

Josh Moore, Chairman

Jeff Cupples, Director of Schools

Weakley County Board of Education



Monitoring:

Descriptor Term:

Dress Code

Descriptor Code:

6.310

Revised Date:

4-7-22

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2 As stated earlier in policy, the mission of Weakley County Schools is "...to provide an education
3 environment that will encourage students to achieve their full potential as they prepare for unique
4 roles as contributing members of our complex and changing society."

5 It is with this important mission in mind that the following improvements shall be adopted to prepare
6 our students, in the least disruptive setting possible, to take their place in the ever-changing, ever-
7 competitive workplace.

8 **Shirts:**

- 9 • Shall be in any solid color, including T-shirts, or with a collar and sleeves (a polo type shirt
10 is an example, but **not** the only alternative). Shirts shall be designed to button up to the neck.
11 On shirts with buttons, the top button is the **only** button which may remain unfastened.
12 Turtle-neck or mock turtle-neck shirts may not be worn alone but may be worn as an
13 undergarment. (They must be a solid color.)
- 14 • The color of the shirt worn will contrast with the color of the pants worn on any given day.
- 15 • Shirts shall be sized to fit, neither skintight, nor oversized. No skin must show between
16 the shirt and pants in any position.
- 17 • Shirts may have a small design or logo provided it is no larger than a 3 ½"x 2" business
18 card. (The logo of Weakley County Schools is exempt from this size requirement.)
- 19 • Shirts shall be in good condition, free of tears and holes.

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21 **Pants:**

- 22 • Pants shall be sized to fit and hang free at the ankle, neither skintight, oversized, sagging, nor
23 dragging the ground or floor.
- 24 • Pants shall have **no** embroidery, sequins, beads, appliques, patches or other decorations.
- 25 • Pants shall be in good condition, free of tears and holes.
- 26 • Pants shall be a solid color. Khaki, black, brown, blue denim, olive, stone or navy are colors
27 which will be accepted at schools throughout the county. The color of the pants worn will
28 contrast with the color of the shirt worn on any given day. Cargo pants are not considered
29 acceptable attire.
- 30 • Pants are to have no more than two side pockets and two back pockets.
- 31 • Shorts, which touch the top of the knee when standing, and are one of the solid colors listed
32 previously (Khaki, black, brown, blue denim, olive, stone or navy) will be accepted at
33 schools throughout the county. Cargo shorts are not considered acceptable attire.
- 34 • Capri pants will be accepted in the approved colors.
- 35 • Sweatpants, pajama pants, wind pants or other leisure/sports attire are to be reserved for
36 after school hours for events/team travel.
- 37 • For safety reasons, belt buckles are to be **no larger than a credit card**. Belts are to be
38 either black or brown, and solid in color.
- 39 • Suspenders are not allowed.

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2 **Skirts and Jumpers:**

- 3 • Skirts shall be solid in color (Khaki, black, brown, blue denim, olive, stone or navy).
4 Acceptable hemlines will touch the top of the knee or longer when standing.

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6 **Outer Garments:**

- 7 • Solid colored sweaters may be worn, provided they are free of writing, symbols
8 embroidery, sequins, beads, appliques, patches or other decorations. Sweaters which
9 rest at the hip are acceptable.

10 A sweater is considered cotton, cotton/poly blend or of fleece style. A sweater may be
11 of any solid color, may be short or long sleeved, may have a full or ¼” zipper, and may
12 be a vest style. A sweater may have a hood, but the hood may not be worn inside of the
13 school building.

- 14 • If a sweater is worn, an approved style shirt or turtleneck/mock turtleneck must be worn
15 underneath.

- 16 • School spirit wear will be allowed to and from each campus, and to school events.
17 Students will be expected to store their outer garments in their lockers daily. Other school
18 spirit wear (sweatshirts, t-shirts or other team, club, or school extracurricular activity
19 items) will be allowed when approved by the school administrator or designee. **For safety**
20 **reasons, hoodies may be worn, but the hood may not be worn inside of the school**
21 **building.**

- 22 • Due to varying classroom temperatures, heavy jackets/raincoats/coats may be *carried* by
23 students throughout the instructional hours of the day. All jackets will be consistent with
24 school/team or otherwise approved solid colors previously mentioned. All jackets will
25 fall no longer than at the hip. Jackets/coats may have a hood, but the hood may not be
26 worn inside of the school building.

- 27 • Name brand jackets may have a small design or logo provided it is no larger than a 3-1/2”
28 x 2” business card.

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30 **Shoes:**

- 31 • For safety reasons, shoes will be laced, tied, strapped, or hooked if intended. Sandals,
32 tennis shoes, loafers and boots will be accepted. House shoes will not be permitted. Flip
33 flops are not considered appropriate attire.
34 • For safety reasons, heel height will be limited to 1 ½”.
35 • Socks, worn with shoes, will be solid in color and matching.

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37 **Headwear/Jewelry/Accessories, etc.:**

- 38 • Hats, hoods, toboggans, bandannas, scarves, sweatbands, stocking caps, hair rollers or
39 combs will not be considered acceptable in the school building.
40 • Ear piercing, a maximum of two per ear, is the only form of acceptable displayed
41 piercing.

42 **Religious Exemptions:**

1 A religious exemption may be based upon the religion of the parent/guardian or student, but the
2 custodial parent/guardian must apply for the exemption in writing in any case.¹

3 Application shall be made to the school to which the student attends. A response to the exemption
4 request may be expected within one week. If the request is denied, a written explanation will be
5 provided by the school principal.

6 An appeal to the principal's decision may be made to the Director of Schools office within two (2)
7 days. The office of Director of Schools will arrange a meeting with the custodial
8 parent(s)/guardian within five (5) school days of the receipt of the request for appeal. If this
9 appeal is denied, a written explanation will be provided in writing.

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11 **Transfer Students:**

12 Students transferring into the Weakley County Schools system will be allowed up to two (2) weeks
13 to acclimate to the standardized dress code policy as set forth above.

Legal Reference

¹ TCA 49-6-4215

Cross References

6.313 Discipline Procedures
6.316 Suspensions