

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE COUNTY OF ROANE, HELD FEBRUARY 16, 2026, AT 2:00 PM, AT ROANE COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL, SPENCER,

Present: Dennis Carpenter, Daris Harper, Jeffrey Mace, James Minney, Eileen Richardson

Absent: (none)

Meeting called to order by Jeffrey Mace (2:03 pm)

This meeting could be joined remotely. The public could join by calling 1-304-553-7794 and entering the provided conference ID or on Microsoft Teams using the provided link.

Training

1. House Bill 2499 Training - Board Members, Administrators, Teachers, Interventionists, ECCATs, Aides and Counselors

Board members and administrators provided required House Bill 2499 training to teachers, ECCATs, interventionists, aides, and counselors, with attorney Rick Boothby of Bowles Rice delivering the session. Boothby reviewed key components of state and federal special education law, including IDEA, Policy 2419, least restrictive environment requirements, integrated classroom responsibilities, disciplinary procedures for students with disabilities, and educator rights such as requesting IEP meetings, accessing training, and advocating for students without penalty. The training emphasized legal timelines, procedural safeguards, and the growing number of students with disabilities statewide, highlighting the increasing impact on classroom instruction.

New Business for Consideration and Potential Action

1. Consideration and possible action on the superintendent's recommendation that, due to an error, the Board rescind its prior decision to grant continuing contract status to a professional employee.

Motion by James Minney and seconded by Daris Harper to go into an executive session to discuss this personnel item under WV Code 6-9A-4(b)(2)(A). Motion carried. (3:29 pm)

Motion by Daris Harper and seconded by Dennis Carpenter to return to open session. Motion carried. No action was taken in closed session. (4:08 pm)

Motion by James Minney and seconded by Daris Harper to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the Board rescind its decision on April 24, 2025 to grant Kaylin Morris a continuing contract because it was granted in error. Motion carried. (4:09 pm)

~~Withdrawn Personnel Hearing(s)~~

Personnel Consent Agenda - (Action)

Motion by Dennis Carpenter and seconded by James Minney to approve the following personnel items as recommended by Michelle Stellato, Superintendent. Motion carried. (4:18 pm)

1. Create New Position(s)
 - a. Teacher / Special Education (RCHS), 200 days, effective July 1, 2026, Itinerant - Self Contained
 - b. Teacher / Special Education (SES), 200 days, effective July 1, 2026

2. Resignation(s)
 - a. Salvucci, Samuel - Coach, Softball (Roane County High School), effective February 10, 2026
 - b. Smelko, Jessalynn - Assistant Coach, Softball (Roane County High School), effective February 10, 2026
3. Rescind action(s)
 - a. Transfer of Boggs, Curtis - Custodian III (Geary Elementary / Middle School) to Custodian III (Spencer Middle School), effective August 3, 2026, Created due to the closure/consolidation & influx of students [from January 08, 2026]

Adjournment

Mr. Minney shared that Howard O'Cull of WV School Board Association is currently gathering a group to take to meet with legislators. It may be a great opportunity to make an impact as a group.

1. Adjourn until the next regular board meeting on Thursday, February 19, 2026, at 6:00 pm at Roane County High School

Motion by Daris Harper and seconded by Dennis Carpenter to approve. Motion carried. (4:20 pm)