

**MINUTES
SPECIAL EMERGENCY MEETING
The Board of Education of the County of Gilmer
Monday, February 5, 2018 – 4:30 p.m.
Central Office**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by President R.W. Minigh.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Nicole Moyers, Christina Minigh, Sharon Jones, Nancy Minney, Tina Foster, Lora Stump, Kaitlin Frymier, Charlene Montgomery, Tracy Thorne, Shelly Mason, Blair Fisher, Dan Minney, Janet Coombs, Toni Bishop, Vickie Allman, Rosey Lyons, Darlene Smithson, Vada Woodford, Brittany Duelley, Jeanie Swanson, Becky Minigh and David Corcoran, Jr.

ROLL CALL

Members present: Dave Ramezan, Mike Triplett, Norma Hurley, Carl Armour, President R.W. Minigh and Patricia Lowther, Secretary.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

R.W. Minigh led the Pledge of Allegiance.

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT/LEGAL ISSUES

Superintendent Lowther went over legal issues concerning striking/walk-outs with those present. She shared information from the State Superintendent, Steven Paine, concerning what is/is not permitted under West Virginia Law, whether or not personal leave could be used, seniority during a work stoppage, behavior by picketers, rescheduling lost instructional time and open meeting discussions.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Questions and concerns by teacher and staff were addressed. They believe that a letter of public support from the board is greatly needed at this time. The majority focus is not a pay raise but rather the cuts to PEIA benefits and the premium/deductible increases.

PROCEDURAL VOTE

Mrs. Hurley made a motion that in the event of a work stoppage, the Gilmer County Board of Education would be in full compliance of all West Virginia state laws, policies and procedures and would follow all statutes in the event of a strike or work stoppage. Motion was seconded by Carl Armour. Motion passed 5-0.

ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Carl Armour and seconded by Mike Triplett at 6:13 p.m. Motion passed 5-0.