



McDowell County Board of Elections

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Dean Buff, Chairman
JR Hachadurian, Secretary
Kim Welborn, Director of Elections

MEMBERS

Dean Buff
JR Hachadurian
Tom Cline
Kay House
Della Watson

Meeting Date:

Tuesday, December 19, 2023

Board Members Present:

Dean Buff

MB

JR Hachadurian

Kay House

KBH

Della Watson

DJW

Tom Cline

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Board Members Absent:

Staff Present:

Kim Welborn, Director

Jane Propst, Deputy Director

Public Attendees:

Barbara Hilty

Marty & Susan Elliott

Opening

Quorum is present.

Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting, November 17, 2023 were presented. Kay House motioned to approve, seconded by JR Hachadurian. No discussion. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.

Old Business

New Business

1. Early voting officials for the March 5, 2024 Primary were presented. The staff recommendations of names and positions were discussed. A split of 5 Democrats and 5 Republicans with two additional will be trained in case of emergency. With the new state policy an early voting site held at the county board of election office does not require a named Chief and two Judges. Tom Cline motioned to approve the list as presented, seconded by Della Watson. No discussion. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.
2. 25 Student Election Assistant applications were presented. The students attend Early College and will be trained as an Election Assistant. JR Hachadurian motioned to approve, seconded by Kay House. No discussion. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.

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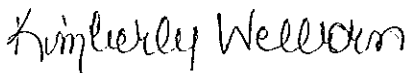
3. Gail Draper, new temporary employee through end of March, 2024 was introduced to board.
4. Calendars for January- March with pertinent board meetings was distributed to the board.
5. MAT (Multipartisan Assistant Team) team party recommendations from the Party Chairs were presented. Kay House motioned to approve, seconded by Tom Cline. No discussion. The motion carried unanimously 5-0. Training is scheduled on January 9, 2024 for all MAT volunteers.
6. The Quarterly Report was sent to the board email.
7. Overtime for the Director and staff from February 1 through March 15, 2024 was discussed. Kay House motioned to approve the request to HR, seconded by Della Watson. No discussion. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.
8. The resolution to count all absentees at 2:00 p.m. on election day was presented. Della Watson motioned to approve, seconded by Tom Cline. No discussion. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.
9. NCOA (National Change of Address) mailings will be sent January 8, 2024. This will be sent to all registered voters that have completed a change of address form within the United States Postal Service.
10. The Unaffiliated petition process for Beth Silver for Board of Education is ongoing, and Jeff Dreibus for County Commissioner is currently working on a petition as well.

Public Comments

Adjournment

Kay House motioned to adjourn at 1:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kimberly Welborn, Director

January 2, 2024