

MINUTES OF THE LEWIS COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Monday, April 13, 2020

Date: April 13, 2020

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Kind of Meeting: Regular

Where Held: Administration Building

Presiding Officer: James Flesher, President – via phone

Members Present: Mike Holden – via Phone, Paul Derico – via Phone, Phyllis Hinterer – via Phone, Connie S. Riffle – via Phone

Dr. Robin Lewis, Superintendent

Regular Meeting Attendance: Rebecca Young – via phone, Kari Conaway – via phone; Staff Members: Kim Bozic – via phone, Bob Stewart – via phone, Gerry Paugh – via phone, Melissa Riley – via phone, Jeff Tidd, John Whiston – via phone, Beverly Butcher – via phone, Terry Sprouse – via phone, Rex Helmick, via phone

The board on motion duly seconded, and unanimously approved, unless otherwise noted, the following action was taken and business transacted.

The meeting was called to order by James Flesher, Board President, at 6:00 p.m.

The pledge of allegiance was led by Dr. Robin Lewis, Superintendent.

The following adjustments were made to the agenda:

Move item XI – Finance to take place after Item X – Personnel.

Dr. Lewis commented that she is missing all staff and students during this COVID-19 and keeping everyone in her thoughts and prayers.

Board President, James Flesher informed the board and individuals present as per West Virginia Code 6-9A-4 that it would be necessary for the board to go into executive session to “conduct a student expulsion hearing/agreement for Student (19-20CH)”, and on motion by Mike Holden and seconded by Connie S. Riffle, the board went into executive session at 6:09 p.m., with a 5-0 vote.

Jeff Tidd, Technology, sat with the board in executive session to take care of the technology to record the hearing.

John Whiston, Principal, Lewis County High School, was in the executive session via phone.

On motion by Phyllis Hinterer and seconded by Mike Holden, the board adjourned the executive session at 6:15 p.m.

No action was taken in the executive session.

On motion by Phyllis Hinterer and seconded by Connie S. Riffle, the board approved the Student Expulsion Agreement for Student (19-20CH). Student (19-20CH) is expelled for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year and for the first semester of the 2020-2021 school year. Student (19-20CH) will be required to attend alternative education at Lewis County High School. Student (19-20CH) will not be permitted to be on school property during the time of the expulsion except to attend alternative education. The Superintendent will have the right to review and adjust the length of the expulsion of the expulsion at any time. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

After requesting and making no corrections to the minutes of the meetings held on March 9, 2020 and March 16, 2020, on motion by Connie S. Riffle and seconded by Phyllis Hinterer, the minutes were approved as submitted, with a 5-0 vote.

Dr. Lewis discussed WVSBA training, COVID-19 updates and LCHS Prom and Graduation Dates.

Bob Stewart appeared before the board and individuals (via phone) as a delegation to speak about Policy Chapter 8.2.6 Extracurricular Transportation.

Gerry Paugh appeared before the board and individuals present (via phone) as a delegation to speak about Policy Chapter 8.2.6 Extracurricular Transportation and extracurricular compensation during the COVID-19.

On motion by Phyllis Hinterer and seconded by James Flesher, with Mike Holden and Connie S. Riffle voting in the negative, the board advanced Policy Chapter 8.2.6 – Extracurricular Transportation to the second reading, with a 3-2 vote.

On motion by Phyllis Hinterer and seconded by Connie S. Riffle, with Mike Holden voting in the negative, the board approved the Deed for the Right-of-Way of the road at the Transportation Department to the WV Department of Highways, with a 4-1 vote.

The following personnel have the recommendation of the Superintendent.

On motion by Connie S. Riffle and seconded by Phyllis Hinterer, the board accepted the following resignations, with a 5-0 vote:

- a. **Bertha Benedum**, resignation, Transitional/In-School Suspension Teacher, Robert L. Bland Middle School, effective June 30, 2020.

b. **Mikayla Blake**, resignation, Day-to-Day Substitute Aide, effective March 9, 2020.

On motion by Connie S. Riffle and seconded by Mike Holden, the board approved the following requests, with a 5-0 vote:

a. **Loretta Workman**, approve non-paid medical leave of absence March 3, 2020, and March 9-10, 2020.

b. **Terry Minney**, approve request for non-paid medical leave of absence March 9, 2020.

c. Request permission to post County-wide School Psychologist for one year only.

On motion by Phyllis Hinterer and seconded by Connie S. Riffle, the board employed the following professional, with a 5-0 vote:

m. **Bertha Benedum**, Substitute Teacher, effective 2020-2021 school year.

On motion by Phyllis Hinterer and seconded by Mike Holden, the board employed the following extracurricular professional personnel, with a 5-0 vote:

c. **Sheila Bennett**, Student Evaluator for Energy Express, effective June 22, 2020. There were no parent volunteers for approval.

Melissa Riley gave a construction update on the roofing project at Lewis County High School. Ms. Riley also reported that the CEFPP will be due November, 2020.

On motion by Phyllis Hinterer and seconded by Paul Derico, with Mike Holden abstaining, the board approved the payroll/payment of bills - \$912,742.34, with a 4-0 vote.

The board discussed the property/flood insurance report.

Dr. Lewis gave the following Superintendent update: LCHS Graduation.

The following was for board information:

a. WVDE Grant Awards: Title I - \$292,000.00; Title IV - \$59,495.04; \$14,941.00.

There will be a special meeting held on April 21, 2020, at 6:00 p.m., to reconvene the statutory meeting held on March 9, 2020.

The second regular meeting in April will be held on Monday, April 27, 2020, at 6:00 p.m., at the Administration Building.

On motion by Connie S. Riffle and seconded by Paul Derico, the board adjourned at 7:49 p.m., with a 5-0 vote.