

MINUTES OF THE LEWIS COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Monday, August 12, 2019

Date: August 12, 2019

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Kind of Meeting: Regular

Where Held: Administration Building

Presiding Officer: James Flesher, President

Members Present: Mike Holden, Vice President, Paul Derico, Phyllis Hinterer, Connie S. Riffle
Dr. Robin Lewis, Superintendent

Regular Meeting Attendance: Bruce Heater, John Clise, Anessa Griffith, Rick Smith, Renee Smith, Chris Burkhammer, LCHS Girls Soccer players; Staff Members: Danny Heater, Tommy Gettings, JR Dodson, Terry Sprouse, Denise Sprouse, John Riffle, Melissa Riley, Terry Cogar, Chris Derico, Jeff Tidd, Carol Williams, John Whiston, Monika Weldon, Julie Radcliff, Brian Fisher

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.

The pledge of allegiance was led by the LCHS Girls Soccer Team.

The following adjustments were made to the agenda:

1. Remove Agenda Item IV until another date: Personnel Achievement/Recognition and Student Achievement/Community Involvement: 1. Jason Drummond, Dominion Energy
2. Correction: Consent Agenda (B.1. – requested school is Roanoke Elem. School)

The board discussed the upcoming school excess levy.

After requesting and making corrections to the minutes of the meeting held on July 22, 2019, on motion by Connie S. Riffle and seconded by Mike Holden, the minutes were approved as corrected, with a 5-0 vote.

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

- A. Out of District Student Transfer Request:
 1. Jennifer Toms, requesting that her Pre-K child be permitted to attend

Leading Creek Elementary School for the 2019-2020 school year. Home School: Peterson-Central Elementary School.

On motion by Phyllis Hinterer and seconded by Connie S. Riffle, the board approved the following consent agenda items, with a 5-0 vote:

B. Out of County Student Transfer Requests:

1. Cortney Watson, requesting that her 1st grade child be permitted to continue attending Lewis County Schools (Peterson-Central Elementary School) for the 2019-2020 school year, pending release from Upshur County Schools.
2. Jordan and Matthew Margenau, requesting that their Kindergarten child be released from Lewis County Schools to continue attending Harrison County Schools for the 2019-2020 school year, pending acceptance to Harrison County Schools.
3. Elizabeth Shuman, requesting that her 1st grade child be released from Lewis County Schools to attend Upshur County Schools for the 2019-2020 school year, pending acceptance to Upshur County Schools.

On motion by Mike Holden and seconded by Phyllis Hinterer, the board approved the following consent agenda item, with a 5-0 vote:

C. Use of Buildings and Grounds:

1. Tim Cayton, Friends of Youth Soccer, LCHS gymnasium, Grades 9-12 Girls Basketball workouts, August 13, 2019 – October 31, 2019, Mondays, Wednesdays and Sundays, 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m., when Available. (paperwork will be mailed at a later date)

JR Dodson, LCHS Girls Soccer Coach, appeared before the board and individuals present to discuss the soccer team and their accomplishments.

Anessa Griffith appeared before the board and individuals present to discuss a student issue. Dr. Lewis requested an executive session to discuss a student issue.

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 “discuss a student issue”, and on motion by Mike Holden and seconded by Phyllis Hinterer, the board went into executive session at 6:42 p.m., with a 5-0 vote.

Dr. Lewis, Melissa Riley, Julie Radcliff and Anessa Griffith sat with the board in the executive session.

On motion by Paul Derico and seconded by Connie S. Riffle, the board adjourned the executive session at 7:27 p.m., with a 5-0 vote.

No action was taken in the executive session.

Rick and Renee Smith appeared before the board and individuals present as a delegation to speak about a personal issue. Dr. Lewis requested an executive session.

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 “discuss a personnel item”, and on motion by Connie S. Riffle and seconded by Phyllis Hinterer, the board went into executive session at 7:28 p.m., with a 5-0 vote.

Dr. Lewis, Rick Smith and Renee Smith sat with the board in the executive session.

On motion by Mike Holden and seconded by Connie S. Riffle, the board adjourned the executive session at 8:08 p.m., with a 5-0 vote.

No action was taken in the executive session.

On motion by James Flesher and seconded by Phyllis Hinterer, with Connie S. Riffle and Mike Holden voting in the negative, the board approved to increase adult meal prices from \$3.90 to \$4.00, effective for the 2019-2020 school year, with a 3-2 vote.

On motion by Connie S. Riffle and seconded by Phyllis Hinterer, the board advanced policy Chapter 3.58 – Employment of Retired Substitute Teachers in Areas of Critical Need and Shortage to the first reading, with a 5-0 vote.

On motion by Phyllis Hinterer and seconded by Paul Derico, with Mike Holden voting in the negative, the board approved Neola (Helping Districts Set Direction Through Policy), effective for the 2019-2020 school year, with a 4-1 vote.

On motion by Connie S. Riffle and seconded by Paul Derico, the board approved affiliation between Lewis County Schools and West Virginia University for the teacher preparation programs effective for five (5) years, with a 5-0 vote.

On motion by Paul Derico and seconded by Mike Holden, the board approved letter of agreement between WV Wesleyan College and Lewis County Board of Education for student teachers, 2019-2020 school year, with a 5-0 vote.

The following personnel have the recommendation of the Superintendent.

Dr. Lewis requested an executive session to discuss personnel.

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 “discuss personnel”, and on motion by Mike Holden and seconded by Connie S. Riffle, the board went into executive session at 8:28 p.m., with a 5-0 vote.

Dr. Lewis and Melissa Riley sat with the board in the executive session.

On motion by Paul Derico and seconded by Mike Holden, the board adjourned the executive session at 8:50 p.m., with a 5-0 vote.

No action was taken in the executive session.

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

- a. **Debra Wyman**, resignation, Saturday Detention Hall Monitor, Robert L. Bland Middle School, effective August 8, 2019.

On motion by Paul Derico and seconded by James Flesher, the board approved the following requests, with a 5-0 vote:

- a. Permission to post Technology Systems Specialist, effective 2019-2020 school year.

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

- b. **Stanley Marlow**, Electrician II/General Maintenance, pending background check.

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

- a. **Susan Moody**, pending background check and **Melissa Allison**, Remedial Specialists, St. Patrick’s School, effective for the 2019-2020 school year.

On motion by Connie S. Riffle and seconded by Mike Holden, the board approved the following parent volunteers for the 2019-2020 school year:

Jane Lew Elem. School: Krista Adkins, Barbara Boore, Terry Boyd, Patricia Bush, Stephanie Hawkins, Corey Lewis, Deena Lewis, Larry S. Montgomery, Jade Phillips, Sandra Strader, Christy Turner

Leading Creek Elem. School: Krista Adkins, Brittany Bonnett, Terry Boyd, Larry S. Montgomery, Chelsey Novak

Lewis County High School: Krista Adkins, Michele Atchison, Connie Barnette, Barbara Boore, Samantha Bowen, Terry Boyd, Laraya Conrad, Tammy Eagle, Stanley Lough,

Larry S. Montgomery, Sandra Strader, Susan Thompson, Christy Turner, Stephanie Westfall

Peterson-Central Elem. School: Krista Adkins, Jamie Church, James Fealy, Ronne Dee Fealy, Stanley Lough, Larry S. Montgomery, Tammy Shreve, Tiffany Smith, Linda Turner

Roanoke Elem. School: Krista Adkins, Allyson Bosely, Larry S. Montgomery,

Robert L. Bland Middle School: Heather Ables, Krista Adkins, Barbara Boore, Terry Boyd, Laraya Conrad, Misty Corley, Tammy Eagle, Jason Foster, Cory Lewis, Deena Lewis, Stanley Lough, Larry S. Montgomery, Tammy Shreve, Stephanie Westfall

The board received approved meeting requests.

Mike Holden gave a report on Tri-County.

On motion by Connie S. Riffle and seconded by Phyllis Hinterer, the board approved the payroll/payment of bills - \$119,197.84, with a 5-0 vote.

Monika Weldon discussed the PEIA/WISH \$ changes.

Melissa Riley gave the following construction updates:

Dr. Lewis shared the following school happenings with the board: board meeting dates for the 2019-2020 school year, letter from Dr. Paine regarding health rules, etc., levy update and WVSBA training in September.

The board received the following board information:

- a. WVDE Grant Award: \$4,341.00

There will be a special meeting held on Monday, August 19, 2019, at 6:00 p.m., at the Administration Building to conduct personnel and levy information.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, August 26, 2019, at 6:00 p.m., at the Administration Building.

On motion by Connie S. Riffle and seconded by Phyllis Hinterer, the board adjourned at 9:30 p.m., with a 5-0 vote.