

MINUTES OF THE LEWIS COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Monday, August 24, 2020

Date: August 24, 2020

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Kind of Meeting: Regular

Where Held: Administration Building

Presiding Officer: James Flesher, President

Members Present: Mike Holden – via phone, David Bush, Phyllis Hinterer, Kenny Lowther
Dr. Robin Lewis, Superintendent

Regular Meeting Attendance via phone: 304-917-6166, 304-657-7747, 304-269-7655, 304-629-1519, Pam Morrison, Rebecca Young; Staff Members: Bob Stewart

Regular Meeting in attendance: Staff Members: Terry Sprouse, Melissa Riley, Chasidity Rittenhouse, Allen Heath, Carla Griekspoor, Monika Weldon

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 Terry Sprouse, Bus Operator.

There were no agenda adjustments.

Terry Sprouse, Bus Operator/WVEA Representative, appeared before the board and individuals present as a delegation to discuss the Neola Policies – 40-hour work week employees.

Dr. Lewis thanked Dominion for the donation of furniture.

Jeff Tidd explained that LC Schools and FRN are working together to work with the community to get “Hot Spots” WiFi for students to have access to.

After requesting and making no corrections to the minutes of the meetings held on July 27, 2020, and August 10, 2020, on motion by Phyllis Hinterer and seconded by David Bush, the minutes were approved as submitted, with a 5-0 vote.

On motion by Kenny Lowther and seconded by Phyllis Hinterer, the board approved the consent agenda in its entirety, with a 5-0 vote:

A. Out of County Student Transfers:

1. Dezirae Brady, requesting that her 8th grade child be permitted to attend

Lewis County Schools (Robert L. Bland Middle) for the 2020-2021 school year. Home School County: Harrison.

On motion by Mike Holden and seconded by Phyllis Hinterer, the board approved the Covid-19 Parent Guide (Plan B) for the 2020-2021 opening of schools, with a 5-0 vote.

On motion by Phyllis Hinterer and seconded by David Bush, the board approved the Comprehensive Full Operational Re-Entry Plan for the 2020-2021 opening of schools (WVDE School Re-Entry Metrics & Protocols), with a 5-0 vote.

On motion by David Bush and seconded by Phyllis Hinterer, the board approved the Lewis County Instructional Framework for Blended/Distance and Remote Learning for the 2020-2021 school year, with a 5-0 vote.

Chasdity Rittenhouse and Allison McWhorter discussed the Covid-19 back to school plan.

Mike Holden discussed purchasing a sponsorship/advertising from a local radio station during high school sports broadcasting for the 2020-2021 football season during

On motion by Phyllis Hinterer and seconded by David Bush, with Kenny Lowther voting in the negative, the board gave permission to publish Neola Policy Resolution which was adopted on August 10, 2020, with a 4-1 vote. * The board by unanimous consent agreed to post Mr. Holden's comments in the minutes, they are as follows: **Per Mr. Mike Holden, "At the board of education meeting (8/24/20) I voted on a item on the agenda that I previously voted no on. The neola policy resolution. I fully intended to vote no on this agenda item and by mistake I voted yes on it. I TAKE FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR MY MISTAKE AND I APOLOGIZE TO EVERYONE THAT THIS INVOLVES. Bottom line is that it was my fault. For this I am deeply sorry."

On motion by Phyllis Hinterer and seconded by Kenny Lowther, the board approved the West Virginia School Boards Association FY21 Membership Subscription Fees - \$3,006.00, with a 5-0 vote.

On motion by Kenny Lowther and seconded by David Bush, the board approved agreement between West Virginia Wesleyan College and Lewis County Schools for the academic year 2020-2021, pending approval/guidance from local health department due to Covid-19, with a 5-0 vote.

On motion by David Bush and seconded by Kenny Lowther, the board approved agreement between Glenville State College and Lewis County Schools for College Student Pre-Service Teachers and Interns for the 2020-2021 school year, pending approval/guidance from local health department due to Covid-19, with a 5-0 vote.

On motion by Phyllis Hinterer and seconded by Mike Holden, the board approved contractual arrangement for the placement of teacher candidates and other school professionals between

Marshall University and Lewis County Schools for the 2020-2021 school year, pending approval/guidance from local health department due to Covid-19, with a 5-0 vote.

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 items I-a and I-b”, and on motion by Phyllis Hinterer and seconded by David Bush, the board went into executive session at 6:55 p.m., with a 5-0 vote.

Dr. Robin Lewis, Superintendent and Melissa Riley, Personnel Director sat with the board in the executive session.

On motion by Phyllis Hinterer and seconded by David Bush, the board adjourned the executive session at 7:15 p.m., with a 5-0 vote.

No action was taken in the executive session.

The following personnel have the recommendation of the Superintendent.

On motion by David Bush and seconded by Kenny Lowther, the board accepted the following resignations/retirements, with a 5-0 vote:

- a. **Tara Wine-Queen**, resignation, Grade 7/8 Reading Language Arts Teacher, Robert L. Bland Middle School, effective August 10, 2020.
- b. **Adam Loudin**, resignation, Band and Choir Teacher, Robert L. Bland Middle School, pending certified replacement.
- c. **Nancy Finster**, retirement, Aide, Robert L. Bland Middle School, effective August 24, 2020.

On motion by Phyllis Hinterer and seconded by David Bush, the board approved the following requests, with a 5-0 vote:

- a. Permission to post school nurse and two (2) Itinerant LPN/Aides.

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

- f. **Brenda Riffle**, Grade 6 Teacher, Robert L. Bland Middle School, effective 2020-2021 school year.
- g. **Jessy Moore**, Health Teacher, Robert L. Bland Middle School, effective 2020-2021 school year, pending background check.
- h. **Kitric Moore**, Itinerant Guidance Counselor, Leading Creek Elementary School, effective 2020-2021 school year, pending permit and background check.
- i. **Samuel Bellotte**, Special Education Teacher, Jane Lew Elementary School, pending

background check and release from Upshur County Schools.

m. **Carolyn Rittenhouse**, Grade 7/8 Math Teacher, Robert L. Bland Middle School, pending background check and release from Upshur County Schools.

n. **Tara Wine-Queen** and **J'Aime Shearer**, Substitute Teachers, effective 2020-2021 school year.

On motion by David Bush and seconded by Phyllis Hinterer, the board employed the following service personnel, with a 5-0 vote:

b. **Vera Butcher**, **Loria Brown** and **Candace Hawkins**, Day-to-Day Substitute Cooks, Lewis Schools, pending training and background checks.

On motion by David Bush and seconded by Kenny Lowther, the board employed the following extracurricular vacancies, with a 5-0 vote:

b. **Pam Minigh**, Girls JV Basketball Coach, Robert L. Bland Middle School, effective 2020-2021 school year.

On motion by Phyllis Hinterer and seconded by Kenny Lowther, the board approved the following parent volunteers for the 2020-2021 school year, with a 5-0 vote:

Lewis County High School: Ryan Post-Overton

On motion by Phyllis Hinterer and seconded by David Bush, the board approved the payroll/payment of bills - \$103,643.27, with a 5-0 vote.

Monika Weldon shared the Levy Money Report with the board.

Melissa Riley gave the following reports/updates: gravelling the school parking lots, custodial training from Lewis County Health Department and the Comprehensive Educational Facilities Plan.

The following was for board information:

a. WVDE Grant Awards: Prevention - \$15,494.75

The first regular meeting in September will be held on Monday, September 14, 2020, at 6:00 p.m., at the Administration Building.

On motion by Kenny Lowther and seconded by Mike Holden, the board adjourned at 7:36 p.m., with a 5-0 vote.