

MINUTES OF THE LEWIS COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Monday, August 26, 2019

Date: August 26, 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: Jon Freeland, John Clise, Amanda Knight, Taylor McDougal, Sherri Mayle, Rebecca Young; Staff Members: Kim Freeland, Chris Derico, Melissa Riley, Terry Cogar, Eric Benedum, Steve Hall, Denise Sprouse, Kristina Benedum, John Whiston, Phyllis Hinterer, Kim Bonnett, Carol Williams, Terry L. Sprouse

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 Taylor McDougal, LCHS Student.

There were no agenda adjustments.

Denise Sprouse, Jane Lew Elementary School Principal, recognized Jason Drummond, Dave Gum, Tyler Moyers, Jon Freeland, Phyllis Hinterer and Christin Mitchell from Dominion Energy for the beautification of Lewis County Schools.

Chris Derico recognized Tammy Posey for the School Nutrition Association President's Award of Excellence.

Dr. Lewis recognized Lewis County High School for the use of their facilities for the opening of schools activities/meetings.

The Board discussed their goals. The following was suggested: student achievement, passage of school levy, review of policies, attendance rate, mental health, parent/student/employee morale and communication

The board discussed the upcoming school excess levy and the following:

1. LCHS/RLBMS Athletic Report. (*handout given)

2. Supervisor's Priority List. (*handout given)
3. Personnel Listing.>(*19-20 Supplement list given)
4. Draft a Levy Call.

After requesting and making corrections to the minutes of the meeting held on July 8, 2019, on motion by Paul Derico and seconded by Connie S. Riffle, with Phyllis Hinterer abstaining, the minutes were approved as corrected, with a 4-0 vote.

After requesting and making no corrections to the minutes of the meetings held on August 5, 2019 and August 12, 2019, on motion by Connie S. Riffle and seconded by Mike Holden, the minutes were approved as submitted, 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 County Student Transfer Request:

1. Shylia Parker, requesting that her middle school child be released from Lewis County Schools to attend Gilmer County Schools for the 2019-2020 School year, pending acceptance to Gilmer County Schools.

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

B. Out of State Meeting Request:

1. Brit Cooper, PAX Partner Training, Nationwide Children's Hospital, Columbus, Ohio, September 16-17, 2019.

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

C. Exception to the Attendance Policy:

1. Student K.G.

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

C. Exception to the Attendance Policy:

1. Student T.M.

Steve Hall gave a report on the traffic at Peterson-Central Elementary School.

The Diesel Fuel Tank report will be on the next agenda.

Rick and Renee Smith appeared before the board and individuals as a delegation to speak to the board in executive session regarding a personnel 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 delegation regarding a personnel item”, and on motion by Phyllis Hinterer and seconded by Connie S. Riffle, the board went into executive session at 7:00 p.m., with a 5-0 vote.

Melissa Riley, Personnel Director, and Rick and Renee Smith 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 7:53 p.m.

No action was taken in the executive session.

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

On motion by Connie S. Riffle and seconded by Mike Holden, the board approved the agreement between Glenville State College and Lewis County Board of Education for college student Pre-service Teachers and Interns for the 2019-2020 school year, with a 5-0 vote.

There were no items for discussion.

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. **Ashley Bishop**, resignation, Cook, Robert L. Bland Middle School, effective August 21, 2019.

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

- a. **Dawn Stafford**, Approve request for non-paid medical leave of absence, August 8, 2019, Sick Leave Bank draw and donated sick leave.
- b. **Michael DiPisquali**, correct July 8, 2019 agenda to hire for the 2020-2021 school year instead of the 2019-2020 school year.
- c. Request permission to approve the Clerk of the Works for the Lewis County High School roofing project – **Ralph Pederson**, funded through the SBA.

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

- q. **Randall Devores**, Special Education Teacher, Severe and Profound, Robert L. Bland Middle School, effective August 28, 2019.

On motion by Mike Holden and seconded by Connie S. Riffle, the board employed the following extracurricular personnel:

- b. **Thomas Rogers**, Assistant Wrestling Coach, Lewis County High School, effective 2019-2020 school year.
- c. **Tyke Foster, II**, Assistant JV Boys Basketball Coach, Robert L. Bland Middle School, effective 2019-2020 school year.

On motion by Connie S. Riffle and seconded by Phyllis Hinterer, the board approved the following parent volunteer for the 2019-2020 school year:

Jane Lew Elem. School: Annie Brown, Mary Bumgardner, Lisa Johnson

Leading Creek Elem. School: Kim Lowther, Franklin Rastle, Maxine Rastle, Kelly Tinnel

Lewis County High School: Joy Dean, Susie Decker, Laura Dever, Kim Greenlief, Corinda Heater, Mildred Christy Krafft, Janet McCourt, Lila Lee Maynard, Chasdity Rittenhouse, Amy Simmons, Ken Simmons, Danny Sprouse, Leslie Sprouse, David Turner, Mary Turner

Peterson-Central Elem. School: Mary Bumgardner, Lauren Coakley, Laura Dever, Amber Dodds, Charles Garrison, Lisa Garrison, Angie Holden, Helen Ice, Mildred Christy Krafft, Robert McCarty, Sarah Marsh, Lila Lee Maynard, Deanna Palmer, Kari Park, Jamie Powers, Bruce Rohrbough, Melissa Skinner, Karen Tyler, Rebecca Wilson

Roanoke Elem. School: Stephen Benedum, Loretta McCartney, Brandy Moyers, Beth Mulholland, Stephanie Wolverton

Robert L. Bland Middle School: Annie Brown, Joy Dean, Laura Dever, Amber Dodds, Lisa Johnson, Mildred Christy Krafft, Kasey Lattea, Brandy Moyers, Beth Mulholland, Deanna Palmer, Chasdity Rittenhouse, Melissa Skinner, Jennifer Smith, Danny Sprouse, Leslie Sprouse, Charles Stalnaker, Denise Stalnaker, Kelly Tinnel, Rebecca Wilson

On motion by Connie S. Riffle and seconded by Paul Derico, the board approved the payroll/payment of bills - \$1,505,225.45, with a 5-0 vote.

Melissa Riley gave the following facilities/construction reports: Lewis County High School roofing project and the Jane Lew building.

The board will set the Superintendent's goals on September 9, 2019.

The board received the following board information:

- a. WVDE Grant Award: \$19,145.00
- b. Email: Career Readiness West Virginia
- c. Britainey Cooper Interview
- d. 2019-2020 student enrollment as of 8/23/19
- e. 2017-2018 Deadlines/Important Dates for County Boards of Education
- f. Email: Memoranda County Superintendents GoToWebinar Fall Conference
- g. Model Policy – County Board of Education Meetings

The first regular meeting in September will be held on Monday, September 9, 2019, at 6:00 p.m., at Peterson-Central Elementary School. The board will meet with the PCES Local School Improvement Council at Peterson-Central Elementary School at 6:00 p.m.

On motion by Connie S. Riffle and seconded by Mike Holden, the board adjourned at 8:13 p.m., with a 5-0 vote.