

MINUTES OF THE LEWIS COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Monday, August 5, 2019

Date: August 5, 2019

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Kind of Meeting: Special

Where Held: Administration Building

Presiding Officer: James Flesher, President

Members Present: Paul Derico, Phyllis Hinterer, Mike Holden, Connie Riffle

Dr. Robin Lewis, Superintendent

Attendance: Dusty Metzgar; Staff Members: Terry Cogar, Chris Derico, Melissa Riley, Robert Smith, Monika Weldon, Denise Sprouse, Terry Sprouse, Carol Williams, Elizabeth Shuman, Kim Freeland

July 29, 2019

“To: Members of the Lewis County Board of Education:

Notice is hereby given that a special meeting of the Board of Education of the County of Lewis, State of West Virginia, will be held on the 5th day of August, 2019, 6:00 p.m., at the Lewis County Board of Education Administrative Offices, 239 Court Avenue, Weston, West Virginia, to consider the following business and take appropriate action related thereto:

- I. Consider and appoint a Vice President of the Board to serve August 5, 2019 – June 30, 2020.

_____ made a motion _____ seconded the motion

Discussion:

Approved: Yes _____ No _____

- II. Sam Kalbaugh, Neola – Review Board Policies.
- III. Set the date of election for the upcoming School Excess Levy (2020-2024)

IV. Discuss Levy Call.

Items to consider adding/removing: 1. LC Senior Center 2. All County CEP.

V. Consent Agenda:

A. Out of County Student Transfers:

1. Samuel and Amy Sedosky, requesting that their Pre-K child be released from Lewis County Schools to attend Upshur County Schools for the 2019-2020 school year, pending acceptance to Upshur County Schools.
2. Suzan Hall, requesting that her Kindergarten child be released from Lewis County Schools to attend Gilmer County Schools for the 2019-2020 school Year, pending acceptance to Gilmer County Schools.
3. R. Scott Hall, requesting that his 3rd grade child be permitted to continue Attending Lewis County Schools (Peterson-Central Elementary School_ for The 2019-2020 school year, pending release from Harrison County Schools.

_____ made a motion _____ seconded the motion

Discussion:

Approved: Yes _____ No _____

VI. Consider and approve bid and contractor for Lewis County High School SBA Roof Project.

_____ made a motion _____ seconded the motion

Discussion:

Approved: Yes _____ No _____

VII. Consider and approve allowing the Superintendent to accept resignations and post job vacancies. (existing)

_____ made a motion _____ seconded the motion

Discussion:

Approved: Yes _____ No _____

VIII. Personnel.

IX. Consider and approve purchasing two (2)/three (3) school buses or leasing five (5) buses. *Bus report provided.

_____ made a motion _____ seconded the motion

Discussion:

Approved: Yes _____ No _____

- X. Report: 1. Diesel Fuel
- XI. Superintendent Updates: 1. Current Events
- XII. Adjournment.

Signed this the 29th day of July, 2019.

“S/James Flesher, President, Lewis County Board of Education.”

The board met to conduct a special meeting at 6:00 p.m.

On motion by Connie S. Riffle and seconded by Phyllis Hinterer, with Paul Derico voting in the negative, the board appointed Mike Holden to serve as Vice President of the Board, effective August 5, 2019 – June 30, 2020.

Sam Kalbaugh discussed Neola with the board.

Set date of election for the upcoming School Excess Levy (FY 2021-2025)

Discussion: Levy Call.

On motion by Connie S. Riffle and seconded by Mike Holden, the board set February 15, 2020, as the School Excess Levy Election, with a 5-0 vote.

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

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On motion by Connie S. Riffle and seconded by Phyllis Hinterer, the board approved

Sutter Roofing - \$969,785.00, as low bid for Lewis County High School SBA Roof Project, with a 5-0 vote.

On motion by Paul Derico and seconded by Connie S. Riffle, the board approved allowing the Superintendent to accept resignations and post existing job vacancies, with a 5-0 vote.

The following personnel have the recommendation of the Superintendent.

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 Connie S. Riffle and seconded by Phyllis Hinterer, the board went into executive session at 7:27 p.m., with a 5-0 vote.

On motion by Connie S. Riffle and seconded by Phyllis Hinterer, the board adjourned the executive session at 8:14 p.m.

No action was taken in the executive session.

On motion by Mike Holden and seconded by Paul Derico, the board accepted the following resignations, with a 5-0 vote:

- a. **Elizabeth Shuman**, resignation, Grade 4 Teacher, Roanoke Elementary School, effective immediately.
- b. **Millie Metzgar**, resignation, ECCAT/Aide, Leading Creek Elementary School, effective August 7, 2019.
- c. **Taylor Somerville**, resignation, Special Education Teacher, Robert L. Bland Middle School, effective, July 26, 2019.
- d. (1) **Travis Simpson**, resignation, Substitute Bus Operator, effective July 1, 2019.
(2) **John T. Garrett**, resignation, Substitute Bus Operator, effective Immediately.
(3) **Tami Wilt**, resignation, Grade 6 Teacher, Robert L. Bland Middle School, effective immediately.

On motion by Connie S. Riffle and seconded by Phyllis Hinterer, the board approved the following requests:

- a. **Jared Fitzwater**, approve realignment from Grade 1 to Kindergarten, Leading Creek Elementary School, effective 2019-2020 school year.

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

- b. Request permission to post Special Education Aide, Robert L. Bland Middle School for the 2019-2020 school year.

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

- c. Request permission to post Grade 2 Classroom Teacher, Roanoke Elementary School for the 2019-2020 school year.

On motion by Mike Holden and seconded by Paul Derico, the board approved the following request, with a 5-0 vote:

- d. Request permission to post Kindergarten Teacher, Roanoke Elementary School for the 2019-2020 school year.

On motion by Mike Holden and seconded by Connie S. Riffle, the board approved the following request:

- e. Request for change of employment days for Elementary Principals, effective July 1, 2019:

- (1) **Kimberly Freeland, Leading Creek Elementary School** and **Kristina Benedum, Roanoke Elementary School**, employment days to change from 210 days to 220 days.

On motion by Mike Holden and seconded by Connie S. Riffle, the board approved the following request:

- e. Request for change of employment days for Elementary Principals, effective July 1, 2019:

- (2) **Denise Sprouse, Jane Lew Elementary School** and **Steve Hall, Peterson-Central Elementary School**, employment days to change from 220 to 225 days.

On motion by Connie S. Riffle and seconded by Mike Holden, the board approved the following request:

- e. Request for change of employment days for Elementary Principals, effective July 1, 2019:

- (3) **Jeovanna Comer, Peterson-Central Elementary School**, employment days from 210 days to 215 days.

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

- m. **Katelyn Benson**, Grade 1 Elementary Classroom Teacher, Leading Creek

Elementary School, effective 2019-2020 school year, pending background check.

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

- n. **Courtney Stafford**, Grade 1 Elementary Classroom Teacher, Peterson-Central Elementary School, effective 2019-2020 school year, pending background check.

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

- o. **Brandon Carder**, Grade 3 Elementary Classroom Teacher, Peterson-Central Elementary School, effective 2019-2020 school year.

On motion by Connie S. Riffle and seconded by Phyllis Hinterer, with Mike Holden voting in the negative, the board employed the following professional personnel, with a 4-1 vote:

- p. **Tyke Foster**, Grade 7/8 Social Studies Teacher, Robert L. Bland Middle School, effective 2019-2020 school year.

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

- r. **Laura Davis**, Special Education Teacher, Lewis County High School, effective 2019-2020 school year, pending background check.

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

- s. **Angel Loudin** and **Mary Lynn Posey**, Substitute Teacher, Lewis County Schools, effective 2019-2020 school year.

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

- c. **Pamela Curtis**, Special Education Aide, Jane Lew Elementary School, effective 2019-2020 school year.
- d. **Christopher Curry**, Bus Operator, Vadis, Straight Run, Walnut Fork, Pricetown, effective 2019-2020 school year.
- e. **Brad Taylor**, Bus Operator, McCann's Run Road, Westfield Loop, Broad Run, effective 2019-2020 school year.

On motion by Paul Derico and seconded by Connie S. Riffle, the board employed the following summer personnel:

- a. **Andrea Heath**, Summer Band Camp Instructor, Lewis County High School, effective July 28 – August 1, 2019, retroactive.

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

- a. **Evan Sears**, Uphold Superintendent's recommendation to suspend ten (10) days without pay.

The board discussed the purchasing/leasing of school buses.

On motion by James Flesher and seconded by Connie S. Riffle, with Mike Holden voting in the negative, the board approved purchasing three (3) school buses, with a 4-1 vote.

Dr. Robin Lewis and Terry Cogar gave a diesel fuel report.

Dr. Robin Lewis gave the following updates: list of upcoming meeting dates and Lewis County Health Department will be at a LCHS football game to give flu shots for anyone that would like to receive one.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, August 12, 2019, at 6:00 p.m., at the Administration Building.

On motion by Paul Derico and seconded by Connie S. Riffle, the board adjourned at 9:05 p.m., with a 5-0 vote.