

MINUTES OF THE LEWIS COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Monday, December 16, 2019

Date: December 16, 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: Tammy Bess, Mark Urso; Staff Members: Gerald Paugh, John Whiston, Sgt. Michael Cayton, Douglas Davisson, Melissa Riley, Chris Derico, Carol Williams, Robert Smith, Terry L. Sprouse

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

The regular meeting was called to order by James Flesher, Board President, at 6:05 p.m.

The pledge of allegiance was led by Dr. Carol Williams.

There were no agenda adjustments.

Mark Urso, Bear Contracting gave a presentation for Building Hope.

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 student expulsion hearing for Student (19-20ZP)”, and on motion by Phyllis Hinterer and seconded by Connie S. Riffle, the board went into executive session at 6:23 p.m., with a 5-0 vote.

All five (5) board members were present, Dr. Robin Lewis, Superintendent, Leslie Tyree, Board Attorney, Chris Derico, Discipline Coordinator, and John Whiston, LCHS Principal sat with the board in the executive session.

On motion by Paul Derico and seconded by Phyllis Hinterer, the board adjourned the executive session at 6:38 p.m., with a 5-0 vote.

No action was taken in the executive session.

The board came back in open session.

On motion by Mike Holden and seconded by Connie S. Riffle, the board upheld the Superintendent's recommendation to expel Student (19-20ZP) for 365 days. Student (19-20ZP) will not be permitted on school property, only to attend the Lewis County High School transitional school. The Superintendent can review and adjust the length of the expulsion upon review of student's progress. The motion carried 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 "conduct student expulsion hearings for Students (19-20RR), (19-20DC), (19-20NB), (19-20AB), (19-20TM) ", and on motion by Connie S. Riffle and seconded by Mike Holden, the board went into executive session at 6:40 p.m., with a 5-0 vote.

All five (5) board members were present, Dr. Robin Lewis, Superintendent, Leslie Tyree, Board Attorney, Chris Derico, Discipline Coordinator, and John Whiston, LCHS Principal sat with the board in the executive session.

On motion by Phyllis Hinterer and seconded by Paul Derico, the board adjourned the executive session at 7:07 p.m., with a 5-0 vote.

No action was taken in the executive session.

The board came back in open session.

On motion by Mike Holden and seconded by Connie S. Riffle, the board upheld the Superintendent's recommendation to expel Students (19-20RR), (19-20DC), (19-20NB), and (19-20AB) for 365 days. These students will not be permitted on school property, only to attend the transitional school. The Superintendent can review and adjust the length of the expulsions upon review of students' progress. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

On motion by Connie S. Riffle and seconded by Mike Holden, the board upheld the Superintendent's recommendation to expel Student (19-20TM) for the remaining 2019-2020 school year. Student (19-20TM) will not be permitted on school property, only to attend the transitional school. The Superintendent can review and adjust the length of the expulsions upon review of student's progress. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

There were no personnel achievement/recognition and Student Achievement/Community Involvement.

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

- A. Exception to the Attendance Policy:
 - 1. Student S.T.
 - 2. Student H.B.
- B. Out of State Trip Request:
 - 1. Leading Creek 6th grade to PNC Park, Education Day, Pittsburgh, P.A., May 13, 2020, 7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Gerry Paugh, Bus Operator, appeared before the board and individuals present to clarify a statement that he made at the December 13, 2019, board meeting regarding using the upcoming excess school levy as leverage for getting a solution to transportation issues. Mr. Paugh also discussed other transportation issues.

On motion by Connie S. Riffle and seconded by Paul Derico, the board approved Asset-Building & Collaboration Program Agreement between Lewis County Board of Education and Mountain CAP of WV, Inc., January 1, 2020 – December 31, 2020, with a 5-0 vote.

There were no items for discussion.

The following personnel have the recommendation of the Superintendent.

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

- a. **Janice Collins**, Approve request for unpaid medical leave of absence November 21, 2019 - January 20, 2020.
- b. **John Porterfield**, Approve non-paid Assistant Girls Basketball Coach, Lewis County High School, effective for the 2019-2020 school year.

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

- a. **Tracy Chenoweth**, CTE Business Education Teacher, Lewis County High School, pending background check.
- m. **Jennifer Eiler**, Substitute Teacher, pending certification.

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

- a. **Carla Rinehart, Heather Thorne, Mikayla Blake, Hannah Sias and Sheila Lipps**, pending background check and training, **Linda Cornell, Sharla Sherwood and Lindsey Rittenhouse**, Day-to-Day Substitute Aides, Lewis County Schools, pending training.

- b. Ashley Hawkins, pending training, Gary Wiant and Mark Curtis, pending background checks, Day-to-Day Substitute Custodian, Lewis County Schools.

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

- e. Carrie Davis, Math Field Day Tutor/Coordinator, Jane Lew Elementary School, effective 2019-2020 school year.

There were no parent volunteers.

The board received approved meeting requests.

On motion by Connie S. Riffle and seconded by Paul Derico, the board approved the payroll/payment of bills - \$2,595,495.27, with a 5-0 vote.

On motion by James Flesher and seconded by Phyllis Hinterer, the board tabled the following agenda items until someone from the finance department is present to answer questions, with a 5-0 vote:

- XVI. Finance: 2. Approve Monthly Financial Statement for October, 2019.
3. Approve Budget Revisions: Supplements: 1006-1014 and Transfers: 2000-2004.

Melissa Riley gave a construction update on the roofing project at Lewis County High School.

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

- XVIII. Reports: 1. Review: Neola Policy Templates for Processing po0100-po0152.

Dr. Lewis gave an update on the Drone Camp.

Phyllis Hinterer asked that the financial audit be reviewed at one of the January, 2020 meetings. Ms. Hinterer also asked that policies be carefully reviewed and follow proper legalities.

Connie S. Riffle commented that she would like to see the transportation issues addressed before the policy committee is formed.

Mike Holden reviewed the memo that Dr. Lewis sent to all employees regarding the policy committee. Mr. Holden would like that meeting to be conducted sooner than the date on the letter. Mr. Holden also commented that he would like to see the board purchase a drug dog due to the recent incident that happened at Lewis County High School regarding the student overdoses.

James Flesher wanted to point out that the board previously voted to contract with Neola to do a complete and comprehensive review off all policies in the Lewis County School system. Mr. Flesher also commented that the policy review committee that is being formed will need to be done

at a different time so bus drivers can attend after their bus runs. The previous time was too early for some drivers to be able to attend. Dr. Lewis agreed to change the time.

Mr. Flesher asked that if the policy committee is prepared to make a recommendation that it is placed on the January 13th or 27th agendas.

The board received the following board information:

- a. WVDE Grant Awards: Individuals with Disabilities Education Act - \$685,356.00; Preschool - \$38,801.00; GPS - \$61,206.00
- b. Early Notification of Retirement Incentive 2020.
- c. USDA Grant Selection: 2019 Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program - \$231,436.00.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, January 13, 2019, at 6:00 p.m., at the Administration Building.

On motion by Connie S. Riffle and seconded by Paul Derico, the board adjourned at 8:09 p.m., with a 5-0 vote.