

# MINUTES OF THE LEWIS COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Monday, December 21, 2020

Date: December 21, 2020

Time: 5:00 p.m.

Kind of Meeting: Regular

Where Held: Administration Building

Presiding Officer: James Flesher, President

Members Present: Mike Holden, David Bush, Phyllis Hinterer, Kenny Lowther

Dr. Robin Lewis, Superintendent

Work Session Attendance: Jeff Tidd, Sarah Darnall, Monika Weldon, Terry Sprouse

Regular Meeting Attendance via phone: 304-517-3094; 681-495-4272; Beverly Butcher

Regular Meeting Attendance: Jeff Tidd, Sarah Darnall, Monika Weldon, Terry Sprouse, Melissa Riley

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

At 5:00 p.m., the board met to conduct a work session.

The regular meeting was called to order by James Flesher, Board President, at 6:12 p.m.

The pledge of allegiance was led by Sarah Darnall, TIS.

The following agenda adjustments were made:

Move agenda item: XIII. Personnel and XV. Facilities/Construction Updates to be conducted after agenda item VII. – Consent Agenda.

There were no delegations.

Dr. Lewis shared that the county has received some positive feedback on social media from parents regarding remote learning.

After requesting and making corrections to the minutes of the meeting held on November 2020, on motion by Phyllis Hinterer and seconded by Kenny Lowther, the minutes were approved as corrected, with a 5-0 vote.

On motion by David Bush and seconded by Kenny Lowther, the board approved the following consent agenda item, with a 5-0 vote:

- A. Exception to the Attendance Policy:
  - 1. Student N.L.

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

B. Out of County Student Transfer:

1. Sarah Darnall, requesting that her 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade children be permitted to attend Lewis County Schools (Peterson-Central Elementary) for the 2020-2021 school year. (Home School County is: Upshur)

The following personnel have the recommendation of the Superintendent.

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

- e. **April Martin**, Grade 7/8 English/Language Arts Teacher, Robert L. Bland Middle School, effective December 23, 2020.

Melissa Riley gave the following construction/facilities updates: first shipment of the LCHS bleachers have arrived and an update on the LCHS auditorium.

Dr. Lewis gave a COVID-19 update.

Jeff Tidd shared a power point with the Board regarding COVID-19.

On motion by Phyllis Hinterer and seconded by Kenny Lowther, the board adopted Policy Chapter 5350 – Student Suicide, with a 5-0 vote.

On motion by Mike Holden and seconded by Phyllis Hinterer, the board adopted Policy Chapter 3362 – Anti-Harassment and Violence, with a 5-0 vote.

On motion by Phyllis Hinterer and seconded by Kenny Lowther, the board adopted Policy Chapter 2431 – Interscholastic Athletics, with a 5-0 vote.

On motion by Phyllis Hinterer and seconded by David Bush, the board adopted Policy Chapter 3431 – Personal Leave – Professional, with a 5-0 vote.

On motion by David Bush and seconded by Phyllis Hinterer, the board advanced Policy Chapter 4431 – Personal Leave – Service, with a 5-0 vote.

On motion by Phyllis Hinterer and seconded by Kenny Lowther, the board adopted Policy Chapter 4215 – Use of Tobacco By Service Personnel, with a 5-0 vote.

On motion by Phyllis Hinterer and seconded by Kenny Lowther, the board adopted Policy Chapter 4124.02- Continuing Contract – Service Personnel, with a 5-0 vote.

On motion by Mike Holden and seconded by Kenny Lowther, the board adopted Policy Chapter 4120 – Employment of Service Personnel, with a 5-0 vote.

On motion by Phyllis Hinterer and seconded by Kenny Lowther, the board approved the following adjustments to the 2020-2021 school calendar, with a 5-0 vote: changing March 24, 2021, to an Instructional Day.

On motion by Mike Holden and seconded by Kenny Lowther, the board approved donating the following vehicles to Fred Eberle Technical Center, with a 5-0 vote: Unit #70 – 2002 Dodge Caravan, 140,986 miles – significant rust and Unit #69 – 2007 Jeep Cherokee, 147,866 miles – bad motor.

There were no executive sessions.

David Bush made a motion and Kenny Lowther seconded the motion to approve the payroll/payment of bills in the amount of \$532,655.31.

David Bush and Kenny Lowther amended their motion to include voided checks 68458 (\$34,696.00) and 68459 (\$750.00) in the amount of \$35,446.00, which brought the total amount of payroll/payment of bills to \$497,199.31, with a 5-0 vote.

On motion by Phyllis Hinterer and seconded by Kenny Lowther, the board approved the monthly financial report, September, 2020, with a 5-0 vote.

On motion by Phyllis Hinterer and seconded by Kenny Lowther, the board approved the monthly financial report, October, 2020, with a 5-0 vote.

On motion by Phyllis Hinterer and seconded by David Bush, the board approved the monthly financial report, November, 2020, with a 5-0 vote.

The board tabled the following agenda item:

XIV. Finance: 5. Levy Money Report

Monika Weldon gave an update on the Flood Insurance.

Mike Holden shared the Tri-County nursing graduation with the board.

The board members discussed returning to school after the holidays.

The first regular meeting in January will be held on Monday, January 11, 2021, at 6:00 p.m., at the Administration Building. The board will conduct a work session at 5:00 p.m.

On motion by Kenny Lowther and seconded by Phyllis Hinterer, the board adjourned at 7:11 p.m., with a 5-0 vote.