

MINUTES OF THE LEWIS COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Monday, December 9, 2019

Date: December 9, 2019

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Kind of Meeting: Regular

Where Held: Roanoke Elementary School

Presiding Officer: James Flesher, President (via phone)

Members Present: Mike Holden, Vice President, Paul Derico, Phyllis Hinterer, Connie S. Riffle
Dr. Robin Lewis, Superintendent

LSIC Meeting Attendance: Rebecca Young; John Whiston, Carol Williams, Mary Hogan, Allen Heath, Julie Radcliff, Rhonda Judy, Kim Bonnett, Arlene Fraley, Karen Taylor, Jared Fitzwater

Regular Meeting Attendance: Rebecca Young,; Staff Members: Kristina Benedum, Melissa Riley, Kim Bonnett, Gerald Paugh, Allen Heath, Lisa Wanstreet, Debra Moss, Melissa Wood, Terry Cogar, Mary Hogan, Carla Griekspoor, Beth Willison, Jeovanna Comer, Raven Greer, Julie Barker, Courtney Stafford, Dawn Stafford, Donna Moody, Julie Radcliff, Terry L. Sprouse, Carol Williams, Sgt. Michael Cayton

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 7:20 p.m.

The pledge of allegiance was led by Dr. Robin Lewis, Superintendent.

There were no agenda adjustments.

Dr. Lewis read a thank-you card that the board received from the junior class at LCHS for the use of LCHS for a class fundraiser.

Dr. Lewis recognized Rebecca Young, for her outstanding article in the Weston Democrat about Roanoke Elementary School.

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 Student (19-20JM) and Student (19-20DD)”, and on motion by Paul Derico and seconded by Connie S. Riffle, the board went into executive session at 7:30 p.m., with a 5-0 vote.

All four (4) board members were present, Jim Flesher, Board Member was present via phone, Dr. Robin Lewis, Superintendent, John Whiston, LCHS Principal and Sgt. Michael Cayton sat with the board in the executive session.

On motion by Phyllis Hinterer and seconded by Mike Holden, the board adjourned the executive session at 7:45 p.m., with a 5-0 vote.

No action was taken in the executive session.

On motion by Connie S. Riffle and seconded by Mike Holden, the board upheld the Superintendent's recommendation to expel Student (19-20JM) for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year. Student (19-20JM) will not be permitted on school property, only to attend the Lewis County High School transitional school. Student (19-20JM) will not be able to participate in any school activities during this expulsion period. 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.

On motion by Mike Holden and seconded by Paul Derico, the board upheld the Superintendent's recommendation to expel Student (19-20DD) for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year. Student (19-20DD) will not be permitted on school property, only to attend the Lewis County High School transitional school. Student (19-20DD) will not be able to participate in any school activities during this expulsion period. 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.

After requesting and making no corrections to the minutes of the meeting held on November 18, 2019, on motion by Connie S. Riffle and seconded by Paul Derico, the minutes were approved as submitted, with a 5-0 vote.

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

A. Use of Buildings and Grounds:

1. Deanna Palmer, Lewis County Family Resource Network (FRN), Holiday Social Group Connection for parents as teacher's families, Peterson-Central Elementary School cafeteria, December 7, 2019, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

On motion by Paul Derico and seconded by Connie S. Riffle, with Mike Holden and Connie S. Riffle voting in the negative, the board approved the following consent agenda item, with a 3-2 vote:

B. Out of State Meeting Requests:

1. Brit Cooper and Wanda L. Barbo, Human Rights Campaign – THRIVE Conference, Washington, D.C., February 14-16, 2020.

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

B. Out of State Meeting Requests:

2. Robin Lewis, Rhonda Judy, Debbie Moss, Melissa Wood, Kim Bonnett, Jared Fitzwater, Breanna Wilson, Lisa Wanstreet, Davina Stalnaker, Judy Jerden, Denise Sprouse, Karen Taylor, Karen Pascasio, Sonja James, Arlene Fraley, Kristina Benedum, Julie Barker, Dawn Stafford, Jeovanna Comer, Courtney Stafford, Donna Moody, Raven Greer, Debbie Wyman, Doug Seckman, Allen Heath, Janet Cutright, Mary Hogan, Carla Griekspoor, Keri Lambert, Adam Loudin, Elizabeth Harris, Jordan Stafford, Beth Willison, Julie Radcliff, Julie McCarty and Dustin Cogar, Model Schools National Conference for Leadership, Orlando, Florida, June 28-July 1, 2020.

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

C. Out of State Trip Request:

1. Allen Heath, Seth Stemple and Linda Goldsmith, Lewis County High School Band and Choir Performance Trip, Walt Disney World, Orlando, FL, April 4-9, 2020.

There were no delegations.

No action was needed taken on agenda item: IX. Consider and approve resolution of the Lewis County Board of Education re: participation in opioid litigation. The Board discussed the item.

The following personnel have the recommendation of the Superintendent.

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

- a. **Bonnie Krum**, Retirement, Pre-K Teacher, Roanoke Elementary School, effective December 31, 2019.

On motion by Phyllis Hinterer and seconded by Paul Derico, with Mike Holden voting in the negative, the board approved the following requests, with a 4-1 vote:

- a. **Eddie Williams**, Approve non-paid Assistant Wrestling Coach, Robert L. Bland Middle School, effective 2019-2020 school year.
- b. **Garry Alderman**, Rescind hire on November 12, 2019 agenda for Tri-County Clinical Bus Run.
- c. **Breanna Wilson**, Approve request for unpaid medical leave of absence January 6 – May 22, 2020.
- d. **Rachel Smith**, Approve request for unpaid medical leave of absence October 22 – October 25, 2019, October 31 – November 1, 2019, November 7 – November 8, 2019, November 13 – November 15, 2019.
- e. Permission to post Part-Time School Psychologist.
- f. Permission to post Part-Time Career Coach for Lewis County High School.
- g. Permission to post Four (4) Communities in School Site Coordinators, LCHS, RLBMS, JLES, RES.

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

- m. **Bonnie Krum**, Substitute Teacher, effective January 6, 2020 and **Kathryn Dean**, Substitute Teacher, effective immediately.

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

- b. **Dwayne Brown** and **Charles Bailey**, Day-to-Day Substitute Bus Operators, Lewis County Schools, effective December 11, 2019.

The board tabled the following agenda item:

XII. Finance: 1. Approve Payroll/Payment of Bills - \$2,595,495.27.

The board reviewed the Neola Policy Templates for Processing po0100-po0152.

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

Terry Cogar, Transportation Supervisor, gave a report on a bus run on Right Hand Fork at Freemansburg and Valley Chapel Road areas.

Dr. Lewis gave the following superintendent's updates: School happenings and Building Procedures of New Hires.

Mike Holden commented on the following: Tri-County Hot Rod Car for sale, Conquer the Complex Meeting, and traffic at Peterson-Central Elementary School.

Connie S. Riffle commented on a certified letter that the board members received in the mail regarding a grievance.

The board received the following board information:

- a. Shuttle Run Report
- b. State of WV Dept. of Administration Board of Risk and Insurance Management
Memo re: BRIM Insurance Coverage Information.

There will be a special meeting held on Friday, December 13, 2019, at 6:00 p.m., at the Administration Building to address transportation issues.

The next regular meeting in December will be held on Monday, December 16, 2019, at 6:00 p.m., at the Administration Building.

On motion by Mike Holden and seconded by Connie S. Riffle, the board adjourned at 8:54 p.m., with a 5-0 vote.