

MINUTES OF THE LEWIS COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Monday, February 10, 2020

Date: February 10, 2020

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: Renee Fisher, Pam Campbell, Millie Metzgar, Bruce Heater, John Riffle, Steve Weaver, Tammy Bess, Rebecca Young; Staff Members: Robert Stewart, Jr., Joe Taylor, Tommy Gettings, Doug Davisson, Chuck Everitt, Samuel L. West, Gerald E. Paugh, Evan Sears, Randy Starcher, Connie Bailey, Becky Markley, Patty Weaver, Christina Herrod, Ezra Cutright, Allen Heath, Tammy Posey, Janice Collins, Denise Sprouse, Carol Williams, Monika Weldon, Melissa Riley, Rex Helmick, Terry Sprouse, Jim Stutler, Lisa Stutler, Donald Trump

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 6:01 p.m.

The pledge of allegiance was led by Denise Sprouse, Principal, Jane Lew Elementary School.

The board conducted the 2020-2021 school calendar hearing.

Becky Markley and Allen Heath shared their concerns about the 2020-2021 school calendar during the hearing.

There were no agenda adjustments.

Dr. Lewis thanked the employees and the community for voting for the excess school levy.

After requesting and making corrections to the minutes of the meetings held on January 13, 2020, and January 23, 2020, on motion by Connie S. Riffle and seconded by Mike Holden, the minutes were approved as corrected, with a 5-0 vote.

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

A. Out of State Field Trip Request:

1. Julie Barker and Crystal Wagner, 2nd grade, Peterson-Central Elementary School, Pittsburgh Zoo and McDonalds, Pittsburgh, P.A., May 8, 2020, 8:30 a.m. – 8:30 p.m.
2. Wanda Barbo, 8th grade, Robert L. Bland Middle School, Kennywood Amusement Park, West Mifflin, P.A., May 21, 2020, 8:30 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

The following classifications shared with board their policy committee recommendations: Christina Herrod – Accountants; Rita Barnettte wasn't able to attend (Denise Sprouse spoke on her behalf) - Aides; Ezra D. Cutright spoke on behalf of the Custodians/Maintenance; Robert Stewart – Bus Operators; Janice Collins – Cooks; Connie Bailey – Secretaries.

Monika Weldon gave a report on the cost associated with the changes recommended by the bus operators of the policy committee.

Dr. Lewis discussed with the board the funding for academic/reward trips. Dr. Lewis stated that there is money for the Robotics Team. Allen Heath indicated that the band had money from fundraising efforts to cover the expenses for their Florida trip.

Robert Stewart, Bus Operator, appeared before the board and individuals present to discuss transportation issues.

On motion by Paul Derico and seconded by Connie S. Riffle, the board advanced Policy Chapter 3.16 – Reduction in Classroom Teaching Positions in Elementary Schools to the second reading, with a 5-0 vote.

On motion by Phyllis Hinterer and seconded by Paul Derico, the board advanced Policy Chapter 3.16B – Reduction in Force – Classroom Teachers & Other Professional Personnel to the second reading, with a 5-0 vote.

On motion by Connie S. Riffle and seconded by Phyllis Hinterer, the board advanced Policy Chapter 3.16C – Reduction in Classroom Teaching Positions in Elementary Schools to the second reading, with a 5-0 vote.

On motion by Paul Derico and seconded by Connie S. Riffle, the board advanced Policy Chapter 6.48 – Instruction Resource Materials to the second reading, with a 5-0 vote.

There were no items for discussion.

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 personnel item ”, and on motion by Paul Derico and seconded by Connie S. Riffle, the board went into executive session at 7:42 p.m.

Dr. Lewis, Superintendent, sat with the board in the executive session.

Paul Derico recused himself from the executive session.

On motion by Mike Holden and seconded by Phyllis Hinterer, the board adjourned the executive session at 7:51 p.m.

No action was taken in the executive session.

The following personnel have the recommendation of the Superintendent.

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

- a. **George Stansberry**, Retirement, Science Teacher, Robert L. Bland Middle School, effective June 30, 2020.

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

- a. **Christy Gay**, approve additional classification as Autism Mentor, effective August 8, 2019.
- b. **Janie Hawkins**, reclassification as Cook I to Cook II, effective 2019-2020 school year.
- c. Permission to post Two (2) Communities in School Site Coordinators, (1) for Peterson-Central Elementary School and (1) for Leading Creek Elementary School.

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

- k. **Kathryn Dean**, Kindergarten Teacher, Roanoke Elementary School, effective February 11, 2020.
- l. **April Martin**, pending background check and **Bethany Frymier**, pending certification and background check, Substitute Teachers.

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

- c. **Janie Hawkins**, Cook, Peterson-Central Elementary School, effective February 11, 2020.

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

- a. **Patrick Varah**, Head Boys Soccer Coach, Lewis County High School, pending certification and background check, effective 2020-2021 school year.

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 - \$1,927,516.10, with a 5-0 vote.

There were no construction updates.

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

There were no Superintendent updates.

Phyllis Hinterer thanked everyone that took the time to vote during the Excess School Levy Election.

Paul Derico also thanked the citizens of Lewis County for their support during the Excess School Levy Election.

Paul Derico noted that the Board needs to set a date for a meeting to conduct the Superintendent's Evaluation and consider her contract.

Mike Holden asked the Board why they didn't vote on the bus operators policy recommendation at this board meeting.

Connie S. Riffle asked that positions be addressed before the next school year. Are those positions needed, etc., For example: Supervisors over school principals.

James Flesher thanked everyone that came out to vote during the Excess School Levy Election. Starting July 1st, there will be a monthly report on the Levy Funds.

James Flesher also indicated that the Board is trying to work through the situation regarding the policy committee recommendations.

The board received the following board information:

- a. WVDE and WV State Oral Health Program Grant Award - \$8100.00 for the 2019/20 Request for Proposal for the Oral Disease Prevention Project.
- b. WVDE Grant Awards: \$280,000.00; \$3,500.00.

There will be a special meeting held on Friday, February 14, 2020, at 5:00 p.m., at the Lewis County Court House to canvas the votes of the excess school levy election.

If they are unable to have a quorum for the February 14, 2020, board meeting, the date for a special meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 18, 2020, at 6:00 p.m., at the Lewis County Court House to canvas the votes of the excess school levy election.

There will be a special meeting held on Wednesday, February 26, 2020, at 6:00 p.m., at the Administration Building to conduct the Superintendent's Evaluation and Contract.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, February 24, 2020, at 6:00 p.m., at the Administration Building.

On motion by Paul Derico and seconded by Connie S. Riffle, the board adjourned at 8:17 p.m., with a 5-0 vote.