

# MINUTES OF THE LEWIS COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Monday, February 22, 2021

Date: February 22, 2021

Time: 5:00 p.m.

Kind of Meeting: Regular

Where Held: Lewis County High School

Presiding Officer: James Flesher, President

Members Present: Mike Holden, David Bush, Phyllis Hinterer, Kenny Lowther – via phone  
Dr. Robin Lewis, Superintendent

LSIC Meeting Attendance: Anessa Griffith, Gina Starrett, Rebecca Young; Staff Members: John Whiston, Bob Stewart, Melissa Riley, Kyre Anna Minney, Chasdity Rittenhouse, Allen Heath, Sarah Linger, Becky Markley, Brian Fisher, Dustin Cogar, Terry Cogar, Monika Weldon, Christiana Lybarger, Beth Nichols, Rachel Boone, Sarah Linger, Doug Davisson, Evan Sears, Dodi Cook, Terry Sprouse

Regular Meeting Attendance: Rebecca Young; Staff Members: Terry Cogar, Rhonda Judy, Terry Sprouse, Monika Weldon

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

The board met with the Local School Improvement Council of Lewis County High School at 5:00 p.m., at Lewis County High School.

At 5:30 p.m., the board met to conduct a work session.

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

The pledge of allegiance was led by Dustin Cogar, Asst. Principal, LCHS.

There were no agenda adjustments.

James Flesher shared a thank you certificate that Lewis County Schools received from the United States Census 2020.

David Bush recognized the Interact students from Lewis County High School for helping the Glass Museum with their chocolate lovers feast.

After requesting and making no corrections to the minutes of the meeting held on February 8, 2021, on motion by Phyllis Hinterer and seconded by Mike Holden, the minutes were approved as submitted, with a 5-0 vote.

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

A. Out of State Meeting Requests:

1. Clair Beattie and Brian Fisher, Model Schools Conference, Gaylord Hotel, Nashville, T.N., June 27-30, 2021.

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 Request:

1. Melissa Neal, requesting that her 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade children be permitted to continue attending Lewis County Schools (Leading Creek Elementary and Robert L. Bland Middle) for the 2020-2021 school year. Home School County: Gilmer

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

C. Use of Buildings and Grounds Request:

1. James Fealy, Lewis Baseball Association, use of Lewis County High School Baseball field for 13-14 year old practices and games, when available, April 1, 2021 through July 31, 2021, pending updated insurance in March, 2021 and CDC guidelines at time of use.

Dr. Lewis gave a COVID-19 update.

Kyre-Anna Minney spoke about the Summer SOLE Grant.

On motion by Phyllis Hinterer and seconded by Kenny Lowther, the board approved the Quarantine Guidance following vaccination for employees for the 2020-2021 school year, effective February 23, 2021, with a 5-0 vote.

Board President, James Flesher informed the board and individuals present as per West Virginia Code 6-9A that it would be necessary for the board to go into executive session to “discuss personnel & a parent concern per M. Holden”, and on motion by David Bush and seconded by Kenny Lowther, the board went into executive session at 6:30 p.m., with a 5-0 vote.

Dr. Robin Lewis, Superintendent and Melissa Riley, Personnel Director, 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 6:57 p.m., with a 5-0 vote.

No action was taken in the executive session.

The following personnel have the recommendation of the Superintendent.

On motion by Mike Holden and seconded by David Bush, the board approved the following retirements/resignations, with a 5-0 vote:

- a. **Gerry Myers**, retirement, Physical Education Teacher, Lewis County Schools, effective June 30, 2021.
- b. **Christopher Curry**, resignation, Bus Operator, Lewis County Schools, effective February 26, 2021.
- c. **Denise Sprouse**, retirement, Principal, Jane Lew Elementary School, effective June 30, 2021.
- d. **Carrie Davis**, resignation, Homebound Education Facilitator, Jaen Lew Elementary School, effective February 22, 2021.
- e. **Charles D. Bailey**, resignation, Substitute Bus Operator, Lewis County Schools, effective February 22, 2021.

On motion by Phyllis Hinterer and seconded by David Bush, the board accepted the following resignation, with a 5-0 vote:

- f. **Sam West**, resignation, LCHS CTE Run Bus Operator, effective February 22, 2021.

Phyllis Hinterer made a motion to approve the following request: Permission to post Director of Student Recovery. David Bush seconded the motion. After board discussion, Phyllis Hinterer and David Bush amended their motion to approve the following personnel agenda item, changing the title, with a 5-0 vote:

- a. Permission to post Coordinator of Student Recovery.

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

- b. **Loretta Workman**, approve unpaid medical leave of absence, February 9, 2021.
- c. **Brianna Short**, Approve unpaid medical leave of absence from February 3, 2021 PM – March 8, 2021 and approve request for donated days.

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

- g. **Andrea Vincent**, Grade 6 Classroom Teacher, Robert L. Bland Middle School, pending certified replacement.
- i. **Denise Sprouse**, Substitute Teacher, effective 2021-2022 school year.

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

- e. **Christopher Alfred**, Bus Operator, Lewis County Schools, effective February 24, 2021.
- f. **Mark Curtis**, Custodian/Maintenance, Leading Creek Elementary School, effective February 24, 2021.

On motion by Mike Holden and seconded by Kenny Lowther, with Phyllis Hinterer and James Flesher voting in the negative, the board employed the following service personnel, with a 3-2 vote:

- g. **Evan Sears**, Chief Mechanic, Lewis County Schools, effective February 24, 2021.

On motion by Phyllis Hinterer and seconded by Kenny Lowther, the board employed the following extracurricular vacancies, with a 5-0 vote:

- d. **Jason Foster**, Boys Soccer Coach, Robert L. Bland Middle School, pending coaching certificate, effective 2021-2022 school year.

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

- c. **Yvonne Tannous**, Beginning Teacher Mentor, General Science, Lewis County High School, effective February 24, 2021.
- d. **Janet Cutright**, Beginning Teacher Mentor, Spanish, Lewis County High School, effective February 24, 2021.
- e. **Carla Cosner**, Beginning Teacher Mentor, Preschool, Jane Lew Elementary School, effective February 24, 2021.
- g. **Judith Jerden** and **Lisa Wanstreet**, In-person/Virtual Before/After School Tutors, Jane Lew Elementary School, effective February 24, 2021.
- j. **Holly Riley**, **Elizabeth Harris** and **Anissa Cox**, In-person/Virtual Before/After School Tutors, Robert L. Bland Middle School, effective February 24, 2021.

On motion by Phyllis Hinterer and seconded by David Bush, the board employed the following extracurricular service vacancies, with a 5-0 vote:

- a. **Sam West**, Tri-County Bus Operator – P.M. Overage, effective February 24, 2021.

On motion by Phyllis Hinterer and seconded by Kenny Lowther, the board approved the payroll/payment of bills - \$838,815.46, with a 5-0 vote.

On motion by Phyllis Hinterer and seconded by David Bush, the board approved the Monthly Financial Report for January, 2021, with a 5-0 vote.

Monika Weldon gave a levy report to the board.

Melissa Riley gave the following construction/facilities updates:

Terry Cogar/Rhonda Judy gave a redistricting school boundary location report to the board.  
Monika Weldon, Treasurer, reported to the board her job duties/responsibilities.

There were no superintendent updates.

The following was for board information:

- a. WVDE Grant Awards: \$10,421.76.
- b. Fred W. Eberle Technical Center Minutes, February 9, 2021. (M. Holden)
- c. Leading Creek Governance Board Meeting Minutes, February 9, 2021. (D. Bush)

The first regular meeting in March will be held on Monday, March 8, 2021, at 6:00 p.m., at Robert L. Bland Middle School. The board will meet with the Local School Improvement Council of Robert L. Bland Middle School at 5:00 p.m.

On motion by David Bush and seconded by Mike Holden, the board adjourned at 8:42 p.m., with a 5-0 vote.