

MINUTES OF THE LEWIS COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Monday, February 8, 2021

Date: February 8, 2021

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 – via phone
Dr. Robin Lewis, Superintendent

Regular Meeting Attendance via phone: 304-884-6901, 304-439-6469, 304-629-4084, 304-462-5177, 304-439-1868

Regular Meeting Attendance: Rebecca Young; Staff Members: M.A. Riley, Bob Stewart, Monika Weldon, Cynthia Nesselroade, K.A. Minney, Aaron Radcliff, Jeff Tidd, Terry Sprouse

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 6:03 p.m.

The pledge of allegiance was led by Bob Stewart.

There were no agenda adjustments.

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 student expulsion agreement for Student 20-21(A)”, and on motion by David Bush and seconded by Mike Holden, the board went into executive session at 6:05 p.m., with a 5-0 vote.

Dr. Robin Lewis, Superintendent and Cynthia Nesselroade, Discipline Coordinator, sat with the board in the executive session.

On motion by Mike Holden and seconded by David Bush, the board adjourned the executive session at 6:16 p.m., with a 5-0 vote.

No action was taken in the executive session.

On motion by Phyllis Hinterer and seconded by Kenny Lowther, the board upheld the Superintendent's recommendation to expel Student 20-21(A) for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year, with a 5-0 vote. Student 20-21(A) will be required to attend the Alternative Learning Center at Lewis County High School. Student 20-21(A) will not be permitted to participate in any school activities during the expulsion period. The length of the expulsion can be reviewed and adjusted by Dr. Lewis, Superintendent, upon review of student's progress in the alternative learning setting, with a 5-0 vote.

There were no delegations.

Kyre-Anna Minney recognized all the school psychologists and counselors for all their hard work and dedication: School Psychologist – Britainey Cooper, Isabelle Shepp and Crystal Smithson; School Counselors – Kitric Moore, Kylea Arnold, Teresa Light, Josie Bush, Dale Etzel, Dodi Slaughter and Rebecca Stansberry.

Dr. Lewis and James Flesher recognized Stonewall Resort, St. Matthew's Church, First Energy Foundation and Stonewall Sporting Clays for their generous donation of shoes, shoes and weather gear for the students at Roanoke Elementary School.

Dr. Lewis also recognized Weston Rotary for donating toothpaste for students.

After requesting and making no corrections to the minutes of the meetings held on January 11, 2021, January 16, 2021 and January 25, 2021, on motion by Phyllis Hinterer and seconded by David Bush, the minutes were approved as submitted, with a 5-0 vote.

On motion by Phyllis Hinterer and seconded by David Bush, 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. Laura Davis, Jared Fitzwater, Kimberly Freeland, Deborah Gump, Pamela Heaster, Andrea Heath, Mary Hogan, Judith Jerden, Teresa Light, Sharon Minigh, Cynthia Nesselroade, Karen Pascasio, Cheryl Rahming, Denise Sprouse, Stephanie Stout, Yvonne Tannous, Lisa Wanstreet and Breanna Wilson, Model Schools Conference, Gaylord Hotel, Nashville, T.N., June 27-30, 2021.

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

B. Exception to the Attendance Policy:

1. Student D.R.

Dr. Lewis, Aaron Radcliff and Jeff Tidd gave a COVID-19 update.

On motion by Phyllis Hinterer and seconded by David Bush, the board approved the Temporary COVID-19 Employee Leave Procedures, effective January 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021, with a 5-0 vote.

Phyllis Hinterer made a motion to approve moving forward with quote from R.M. Huffman Company to furnish, deliver and install (558) Hussey Seating Quattro Chairs for the Lewis County High School Auditorium – Total Base Bid: \$104,172.00 (add alternate for 13 removable chairs - \$2,698.00 and end panels - \$1,942.00. David Bush seconded the motion. After discussion, Phyllis Hinterer and David Bush amended their motion to remove the end panels in the amount of \$1,942.00. Motion passes with a 5-0 vote.

On motion by Phyllis Hinterer and seconded by David Bush, the board approved WV School Building Authority (SBA) mantrap project for Roanoke and Peterson-Central Elementary Schools – Total amount: \$482,727.00; Local Funds - \$241,364.00, with a 5-0 vote.

There was no executive session.

The following personnel have the recommendation of the Superintendent.

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

- a. **Deborah Kirkpatrick**, resignation, Substitute Cook, effective January 20, 2021.
- b. **Randal Bohan**, retirement, Bus Operator, effective June 30, 2021.
- c. **Thomas Rogers**, resignation, Assistant Wrestling Coach, Lewis County High School, effective January 25, 2021.
- d. **Jason Benedum**, resignation, Mechanic, Lewis County Schools, effective January 29, 2021.
- e. **J.R. Dodson**, resignation, Head Girls Soccer Coach, Lewis County High School, effective February 8, 2021.

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

- a. **Crystal Clem**, remove from substitute cook list, effective February 1, 2021.
- c. Permission to increase extracurricular before/after school tutor position pay from \$25 per hour to \$30 per hour.
- d. **Charles Everitts**, request for unpaid medical leave of absence January 10, 2021 – March 18, 2021, and request for donated days.
- e. **Loretta Workman**, request for unpaid medical leave of absence January 7, 2021 – January 8, 2021, and ½ day PM on January 21, 2021.

- f. **Brenda Smith**, request for unpaid medical leave of absence February 9, 2021 – June 30, 2021, and request for donated days.
- g. **Janice Collins**, extension of unpaid medical leave of absence from January 19, 2021 – March 2, 2021, and request for donated days.

Mike Holden made a motion to approve the following request:

- b. Permission to post Chief Mechanic Position, Lewis County Schools.)

David Bush seconded the motion. After discussion, Mike Holden requested a roll-call vote. Mike Holden, David Bush and Kenny Lowther voted in the affirmative. James Flesher and Phyllis Hinterer voted in the negative. Motion passed with a 3-2 vote.

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

- h. **J'Aime Shearer**, Grade 7/8 Science Teacher, Robert L. Bland Middle School, effective February 10, 2021.
- j. **Joseph Jerden**, Restricted Substitute Teacher, Lewis County Schools, effective February 10, 2021.

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

- a. **Michaela Batten**, **Kimberly Jeffries**, **Siera Sawyers** and **Donna Metz**, Day-to-Day Substitute Cooks, pending training and background checks.
- c. **Brandy Moyers**, pending background check, **Siera Sawyers**, pending training and background check and **Kimberly Jeffries**, pending background check, Day-to-Day Substitute Secretaries.
- e. **April Montgomery**, Itinerant Special Education Aide, Robert L. Bland Middle School, effective February 10, 2021.
- f. **Wendy Smith**, Bus Operator, Lewis County Schools, effective February 10, 2021.
- g. **Ashley Hawkins**, Itinerant Special Education Aide, Robert L. Bland Middle School, effective February 10, 2021.
- h. **Eric Dever**, **Jeffrey Flint**, **David Goldsmith, Sr.**, **Michael Marsh** and **Terry Southall**, Substitute Bus Operators, Lewis County Schools, effective February 10, 2021.

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

- b. **Nathan West**, Boys Track Coach, Robert L. Bland Middle School, effective

February 10, 2021.

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

- f. **Teresa Light**, Beginning Counselor Mentor, Roanoke Elementary School, effective February 10, 2021.
- g. **Teresa Light**, Beginning Counselor Mentor, Leading Creek Elementary School, effective February 10, 2021.

On motion by Phyllis Hinterer and seconded by Kenny Lowther, the board approved the payroll/payment of bills - \$935,976.73, with a 5-0 vote.

On motion by Phyllis Hinterer and seconded by David Bush, the board approved the Budget Revisions Fiscal Year 2021 (Supplements: 1007-1012) and Transfers (2000-2006), with a 5-0 vote.

Melissa Riley gave the following construction/facilities updates: replacement of heat pump at Lewis County High School and replacement of HVAC compressor on a rooftop unit at Jane Lew Elementary School.

Aaron Radcliff, Attendance Director/ALC Principal, reported to the board his job duties/responsibilities.

Dr. Lewis discussed the inclement weather days/delays and reporting procedures with the board.

There were no superintendent updates.

James Flesher stated his prayers/concerns go out employees during this time of the pandemic.

Mr. Flesher also noted how excited he was to see many substitutes were hired tonight.

Phyllis Hinterer discussed the County Commission changing the magisterial district lines.

Dr. Lewis will inquire about this.

Ms. Hinterer also discussed the following: light at Roanoke Elementary School; abandon building at Jane Lew Elementary School; house that burnt down near the school and the heating and cooling efficiency within our schools/buildings.

At the last meeting Mike Holden asked for a report of the accounts that had any carryover. Dr. Lewis stated that report was available. Also, at the last meeting it was discussed how employees would receive their paper paychecks and how they would be asked if they wanted direct deposit or a paper check. Mr. Holden wants the employees that are receiving a paper check to receive a letter for the employee to indicate if they want a paper check or direct deposit.

Mr. Holden also asked about the drain at the Transportation Department.

Kenny Lowther asked Melissa Riley if she had reached out to the person that takes care of the sewage plant.

The following was for board information:

- a. Office of the State Auditor letter re: Minerals Management Service Royalty Management Program and the leasing of lands for flood control, navigation and allied purposes.
- b. WVDE Grant Awards: \$3,240.00
- c. LSIC Meeting Dates for 2020-2021.

The next regular meeting in February will be held on Monday, February 22, 2021, at 6:00 p.m., at Lewis County High School. The board will meet with the Local School Improvement Council of Lewis County High School at 5:00 p.m.

On motion by Phyllis Hinterer and seconded by James Flesher, the board adjourned at 8:20 p.m., with a 5-0 vote.