

**MINUTES OF THE LEWIS COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**Monday, January 11, 2021**

**Date: January 11, 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, 304-517-7094, 904-501-3519, 304-439-1243, 304-203-2736, 681-533-7551, 304-997-8224, 304-625-1332; Aaron Radcliff, Terry Cogar**

**Regular Meeting Attendance: Rebecca Young, Adam Burkhammer; Staff Members: Jeff Tidd, Kim Bonnett, Allen Heath, Terry Sprouse, Monika Weldon**

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 6:08 p.m.

The pledge of allegiance was led by Rebecca Young, Weston Democrat.

The following agenda adjustments were made:

Move Adam Burkhammer – Legislature Update to speak before Covid-19 updates:

- VIII. Discussion:
1. Adam Burkhammer – Legislature Update
  2. Covid-19 Update (Dr. Lewis)
    - a. Instructional Time
    - b. Following daily WVDHHR Map for Elem/Middle and High
    - c. Remote/Virtual & Homeschool Students (Aaron Radcliff)
    - d. Recovery

Kim Bonnett and Allen Heath appeared before the board and individuals present as a delegation to discuss the Lewis County Education Association survey results.

Dr. Lewis thanked AmeriCorps VISTA for the mask donation for Lewis County High School.

James Flesher recognized recent Lewis County School graduates that graduated from Tri-County in December, 2020.

After requesting and making corrections to the minutes of the meeting held on December 14, 2020, on motion by Phyllis Hinterer and seconded by David Bush, the minutes were approved as corrected, with a 5-0 vote.

Adam Burkhammer appeared before the board to discuss legislature updates and to introduce himself.

Dr. Lewis gave a COVID-19 update. She discussed instructional time, following daily WVDHHR Map for Elem/Middle and High and Recover.

Aaron Radcliff discussed Remote/Virtual \* Homeschool Students.

On motion by Phyllis Hinterer and seconded by David Bush, the board upheld the superintendent's recommendation to "Stay the Course", as of January 19, 2021, all schools will remain with the 4-day in-person instruction, same 1:30 p.m. dismissal schedule, Wednesdays time to work with remote students and if the WVDHHR map is red on Fridays then entire county (elem., middle and high schools) will be remote learning the following week. Mr. Holden asked for a roll-call vote. David Bush, Phyllis Hinterer and James Flesher voted in the affirmative. Mike Holden and Kenny Lowther voted in the negative. Motion passes with a 3-2 vote.

The following personnel have the recommendation of the Superintendent.

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

a. **Sandra Sanders**, resignation, Substitute Bus Operator, effective January 11, 2021.

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

a. **Janice Collins**, unpaid medical leave of absence December 8, 2020, through January 19, 2021, and 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:

h. **Sara Sellers**, General Science Teacher, Lewis County; High School, pending certification.

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

- e. **Regina Wentz**, Itinerant Special Education Aide, Robert L. Bland Middle School, pending background check and release from Marion County Schools.
- f. **Candace Hawkins**, Temporary Cook, Lewis County High School, effective January 13, 2021.
- g. **Ron Taylor**, Bus Operator, Lewis County Schools, effective January 13, 2021.
- h. **Mark Curtis**, Temporary Itinerant Custodian/Maintenance, Lewis County BOE and Bus Garage, effective January 13, 2021.

On motion by Phyllis Hinterer and seconded by David Bush, the board approved the payroll/payment of bills - \$1,648,289.18, with a 5-0 vote.

Monika Weldon shared and discussed the Levy Money Report with the board.

Monika Weldon gave an update on the Flood Insurance.

Dr. Robin Lewis gave a construction update on the bleacher project at Lewis County High School.

Terry Cogar – via phone, shared and discussed the School Boundaries report with the board.

There were no superintendent updates.

Mike Holden requested that an item for permission to post Chief Mechanic position at the Transportation Department be placed on the next agenda. Mr. Holden also discussed the process of distributing payroll checks to employees.

The board members thanked the staff for all their hard work during this time.

The following was for board information:

- a. Tri-County December, 2020, graduates.
- b. WVDE Grant Awards: \$243,072.42; Individuals with Disabilities Education Act – \$717,401.00; \$61,770.00.
- c. James F. Humphreys & Associates, L.C., Letter re: School Opioid Litigation.

The next regular meeting in January will be held on Monday, January 25, 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 David Bush and seconded by Mike Holden, the board adjourned at 7:56 p.m., with a 5-0 vote.