

MINUTES OF THE LEWIS COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Thursday, January 23, 2020

Date: January 23, 2020

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Kind of Meeting: Special

Where Held: Administration Building

Presiding Officer: James Flesher, President

Members Present: Mike Holden, Vice President – late (problem with wheelchair), Paul Derico,

Phyllis Hinterer, Connie Riffle

Dr. Robin Lewis, Superintendent

Attendance: Please see below

January 17, 2020

“To: Members of the Lewis County Board of Education:

Notice is hereby given that a special meeting of the Board of Education of the County of Lewis, State of West Virginia, will be held on the 23rd day of January, 2020, 6:00 p.m., at the Lewis County Board of Education Administrative Offices, 239 Court Avenue, Weston, West Virginia, to consider the following business and take appropriate action related thereto:

- I. Conduct Student Expulsion Hearing: Student (19-20MG)
- II. Approve expulsion agreement for: Student (19-20TR)
- III. Approve expulsion agreement for: Student (19-20DM)
- IV. Adjournment.

Signed this the 17th day of January, 2020.

“S/James Flesher, President, Lewis County Board of Education.”

The board met at 6:00 p.m., to conduct a student expulsion hearing for Student (19-20MG).

The board conducted the expulsion hearing in closed session at the parent's request.

Those in attendance during the student expulsion hearing: James Flesher, Board President, Paul Derico, Board Member, Connie S. Riffle, Board Member, Phyllis Hinterer, Board Member, Dr. Robin Lewis, Superintendent, Chris Derico, Discipline Coordinator, John Whiston, LCHS Principal, Dustin Cogar, LCHS Assistant Principal, Sgt. Cayton, Pro-Officer, David Curtis, parent, Mary Stuart, parent, student witness (CS) and Student (19-20MG).

The board conducted the hearing.

James Flesher, Board President, asked for a motion to uphold the Superintendent's recommendation to expel Student (19-20MG) for 365 days and the superintendent may review student's progress at any time. On motion by Phyllis Hinterer and seconded by Paul Derico, with Connie S. Riffle voting in the negative, James Flesher in the positive, the board upheld the Superintendent's recommendation to expel Student (19-20MG) for 365 days, with a 3-1 vote.

The expulsion hearing concluded and the board took a brief recess.

On motion by Paul Derico and seconded by Connie S. Riffle, the board came out of the executive session at 7:34 p.m., with a 4-0 vote.

Action was taken in the executive session.

The board came back in open session at 7:39 p.m.

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 agreements", and on motion by Phyllis Hinterer and seconded by Connie S. Riffle, the board went into executive session at 7:40 p.m., with a 5-0 vote.

Those in attendance for the student expulsion agreements for Students (19-20TR) and (19-20DM) were: James Flesher, Board President, Paul Derico, Board Member, Phyllis Hinterer, Board Member, Mike Holden, Board Member, Connie S. Riffle, Board Member, Dr. Robin Lewis, Superintendent, Chris Derico, Discipline Coordinator.

On motion by Connie S. Riffle and seconded by Phyllis Hinterer, the board upheld the superintendent's recommendation to expel Student (19-20TR) for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year. Student (19-20TR) will be required to attend the transitional school at Robert L.

Bland Middle School. Student (19-20TR) will not be permitted to be on school grounds or attend any school functions during the expulsion period, other than to attend the transitional school. The length of the expulsion can be reviewed and adjusted by the Superintendent. Motion passes with a 5-0 vote.

On motion by Connie S. Riffle and seconded by Phyllis Hinterer, the board upheld the superintendent's recommendation to expel Student (19-20DM) for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year. Student (19-20DM) will be required to attend the transitional school at Robert L. Bland Middle School. Student (19-20DM) will not be permitted to be on school grounds or attend any school functions during the expulsion period, other than to attend the transitional school. The length of the expulsion can be reviewed and adjusted by the Superintendent. Motion passes with a 5-0 vote.

Action was taken in the executive session.

On motion by Connie S. Riffle and seconded by Paul Derico, the board adjourned at 7:47 p.m., with a 5-0 vote.