

MINUTES OF THE LEWIS COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Monday, January 25, 2021

Date: January 25, 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: 304-695-9753, 304-884-6901, 304-269-6507, 304-269-6359, 904-907-7569

Regular Meeting Attendance – Staff Members: Bob Stewart, M.A. Riley, Terry Sprouse, Cynthia Nesselroade, Monika K.M. Weldon, Jeff Tidd

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 Terry Sprouse, Bus Operator.

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 (20-21AM)”, and on motion by Phyllis Hinterer 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 David Bush and seconded by Phyllis Hinterer, the board upheld the Superintendent's recommendation to expel Student (20-21AM) for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year, with a 5-0 vote.

There were no delegations.

There were no personnel achievements/recognitions and student achievement/community involvement.

After requesting and making corrections to the minutes of the meeting held on December 21, 2020, on motion by Phyllis Hinterer and seconded by Kenny Lowther, the minutes were approved as corrected, with a 5-0 vote.

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

A. Out of State Meeting Requests:

1. Kylea Arnold, Julie Barker, Kristina Benedum, Kimberly Bonnett, Jeovanna Comer, Nancy Arlene Fraley, Carla Griekspoor, Elizabeth Harris, Allen Heath, Sally Ann Hinterer, Megan Hoone, Sonja James, Casey Jarrett, Rhonda Judy, Keri Lambert, Dr. Robin Lewis, Julie McCarty, Melissa McQuain, Donna Moody, Debra Moss, Julie Radcliff, Courtney Stafford, Dawn Stafford, Jordan Stafford, Davina Stalnaker, Karen Taylor, Beth Willison, Model Schools Conference 2021, Gaylord Hotel, Nashville, T.N., June 27-30, 2021.

On motion by David Bush and seconded by Kenny Lowther, with Phyllis Hinterer abstaining, the board approved the following consent agenda, with a 4-0 vote:

A. Out of State Meeting Requests:

1. Sally Ann Hinterer, Model Schools Conference 2021, Gaylord Hotel, Nashville, T.N., June 27-30, 2021.

Dr. Lewis gave a COVID-19 update.

On motion by James Flesher and seconded by David Bush, the board tabled the following agenda item until the next board meeting, with a 5-0 vote:

- X. Consider and approve Option A or Option B – Cares Act, effective January 1, 2021.

On motion by Phyllis Hinterer and seconded by David Bush, the board approved the West Virginia School Building Authority (SBA) mantrap project for Roanoke and Peterson-Central Elementary Schools – approximately \$300,000.00, with local board paying 50%, with a 5-0 vote.

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

XII. Consider and approve how to respond/move forward regarding the Opioid Litigation.

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 personnel”, and on motion by David Bush and seconded by Phyllis Hinterer, the board went into executive session at 7:32 p.m.

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 Kenny Lowther, the board adjourned the executive session at 8:11 p.m.

No action was taken in the executive session.

The following personnel have the recommendation of the Superintendent.

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

- a. **Regina Wentz**, resignation, Itinerant Special Education Aide, Robert L. Bland Middle School, effective January 13, 2021.
- b. **Michelle Bolyard**, resignation, Grade 6 Classroom Teacher and Math Field Day Coordinator, Robert L Bland Middle School, effective January 15, 2021.

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

- a. **Virginia Croaff**, approve extension of unpaid medical leave of absence from January 18, 2021 – June 4, 2021.

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

- f. **Christopher Herrick**, Bus Operator, Lewis County Schools.

On motion by Phyllis Hinterer and seconded by David Bush, the board approved the payroll/payment of bills - \$769,302.14, with a 5-0 vote.

On motion by Phyllis Hinterer and seconded by David Bush, the board approved the correction to the amount of payroll/payment of bills that was approved on December 21, 2020, the correct amount is \$497,209.31, with a 5-0 vote.

On motion by David Bush and seconded by Phyllis Hinterer, the board approved the monthly financial report for December, 2020, with a 5-0 vote.

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

XV. Finance: 4. Approve Budget Revisions: Supplements 1007-1012 and Transfers 2000-2006.

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

Melissa Riley gave a construction update on the LCHS bleachers.

David Bush requested that the following item be placed on the next agenda for approval: permission to post Chief Mechanic. Kenny Lowther and Mike Holden were in agreement.

David Bush also requested that it be explained to the board members how bus operators get paid.

David Bush and James Flesher sent condolences to the family of retiree Jimmy McCauley who passed away this week.

Kenny Lowther would also like for the Lewis County Board of Education sound system be reviewed and/or upgraded.

Mike Holden asked about the snow removal at Jane Lew Elementary School.

James Flesher

The following was for board information:

- a. WVDE Grant Awards: \$770.00; \$985.00; \$221,116.00; Preschool - \$2,250.00; Title 4 - \$59,495.04; Title I - \$292,000.00; Rural & Low Income - \$49,178.01; Title II – \$147, 1913.96
- b. WVSBA letter.

The next regular meeting in February will be held on Monday, February 8, 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 Phyllis Hinterer and seconded by James Flesher, the board adjourned at 8:44 p.m., with a 5-0 vote.