

MINUTES OF THE LEWIS COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Monday, July 22, 2019

Date: July 22, 2019

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Kind of Meeting: Regular

Where Held: Administration Building

Presiding Officer: James Flesher, President

Members Present: Paul Derico, Phyllis Hinterer, Mike Holden, Connie S. Riffle

Dr. Robin Lewis, Superintendent

Regular Meeting Attendance: Anessa Griffith, Cindy Whetsell, John Clise, Rebecca Young, Jeff Griffith; Staff Members: Jeff Tidd, Terry Cogar, Melissa Riley, Denise Sprouse, Monika Weldon, Carol Williams, Ron Taylor

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

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Robin Lewis, Superintendent.

The pledge of allegiance was led by Danny Heater.

Dr. Lewis asked for nominations for Board President. Paul Derico nominated James Flesher to serve as Board President, effective July 22, 2019 – June 30, 2020. Phyllis Hinterer seconded the motion. Mike Holden and Connie S. Riffle voted in the negative. The motion passes with a 3-2 vote.

The following adjustments were made to the agenda:

Agenda Item IX. Consider and approve the PRO Grant for the 2019-2020 school year, was moved to take place after discussion of the school levy.

The board discussed the upcoming school excess levy.

JT Taylor, Lewis County EMS, spoke about the school levy.

On motion by Connie S. Riffle and seconded by Mike Holden, the board approved the PRO Grant for the 2019-2020 school year, for a total of \$45,250.15 board contribution, with a 5-0 vote.

There were no personnel achievement/recognition and student achievement/community involvement.

After requesting and making corrections to the minutes of the meetings held on June 10, 2019, June 27, 2019 and July 3, 2019, on motion by Paul Derico and seconded by Connie S. Riffle, with Phyllis Hinterer abstaining, the minutes were approved as corrected, with a 4-0 vote.

On motion by Mike Holden and seconded by Connie S. Riffle, the board approved the following consent agenda items, with a 5-0 vote:

A. Out of County Student Transfer Request:

1. Cory and Alexis Fisher, requesting that their 1st and 4th grade children be permitted to continue attending Lewis County Schools (PCES) for the 2019-2020 school year, pending release from Upshur County Schools.
2. Monique Call, requesting that her 6th grade child be permitted to continue attending Lewis County Schools (RLBMS) for the 2019-2020 school year, pending release from Mon. County Schools.
3. Monique Call, requesting that her two 4th grade children be permitted to continue attending Lewis County Schools (Jane Lew) for the 2019-2020 school year, pending release from Mon. County Schools.
4. Kasha Stitt, requesting that her 4th and 6th grade children be permitted to continue attending Lewis County Schools (Leading Creek) for the 2019-2020 school year, pending release from Ritchie County Schools.
5. Joy Mick, requesting that her 4th grade child be permitted to continue attending Lewis County Schools (Leading Creek) for the 2019-2020 school year, pending release from Gilmer County Schools.
6. Devan Heater, requesting that his 3rd grade child be permitted to attend Lewis County Schools (Leading Creek) for the 2019-2020 school year, pending release from Gilmer County Schools.
7. Janie Parker, requesting that her Kindergarten child be permitted to attend Lewis County Schools (Leading Creek) for the 2019-2020 school year, pending release from Doddridge County Schools.
8. Ciana Creenlief, requesting that her 4th and 5th grade children be permitted to attend Lewis County Schools (Leading Creek) for the 2019-2020 school year, pending release from Ritchie County Schools.
9. Burke Friend, requesting that her 1st and 3rd grade children be permitted to

continue attending Lewis County Schools (Leading Creek) for the 2019-2020 school year, pending release from Gilmer County Schools.

10. Trisha and Jason Anderson, requesting that their 1st, 2nd, 4th and 6th grade children be permitted to continue attending Lewis County Schools (Leading Creek) for the 2019-2020 school year, pending release from Upshur County Schools.
11. Tracy and Christopher Arnold, requesting that their 4th grade children be permitted to continue attending Lewis County Schools (Leading Creek) for the 2019-2020 school year, pending release from Gilmer County Schools.
12. Heaven Sirbaugh, requesting that her PK, 1st and 3rd grade children be permitted to continue attending Lewis County Schools (Leading Creek) for the 2019-2020 school year, pending release from Gilmer County Schools.
13. Cassidy Wright, requesting that her child be released from Lewis County Schools and attend Upshur County Schools for the 2019-2020 school year, pending acceptance to Upshur County Schools.
14. Alicia Morrison, requesting that her two PK children be released from Lewis County Schools to attend Harrison County Schools for the 2019-2020 school year, pending acceptance to Harrison County Schools.

On motion by Paul Derico and seconded by Connie S. Riffle, the board approved the following consent agenda items, with a 5-0 vote:

B. Out of State Meeting Requests:

1. Chelsea Trettel and Karen Taylor, National PAX Summit, Columbus/Dublin, Ohio, July 30-31, 2019.

On motion by Connie S. Riffle and seconded by Mike Holden, with James Flesher abstaining, the board approved the following consent agenda items, with a 4-0 vote:

C. Use of Buildings and Grounds:

1. Mike Allman, Lewis County Youth League Basketball, practice and games, Robert L. Bland Middle School gym, August 1, 2019 – March

9, 2020, weekdays 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. and Sundays 1:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., when available.

2. Mike Allman, Lewis County Youth League Basketball, practice and games, Jane Lew Elementary School gym, August 1, 2019 – March 9, 2020, weekdays 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., Saturdays 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m., and Sundays 1:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., when available.

On motion by Mike Holden and seconded by Phyllis Hinterer, the board approved the following consent agenda items, with a 5-0 vote:

C. Use of Buildings and Grounds:

3. Robert L. Stultz, East Lewis Lions Club, District Governor’s Night and Picnic, Peterson-Central Elementary School picnic pavilion, August 27, 2019, 4:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Anessa Griffith appeared before the board and individuals present to discuss a student issue. Dr. Lewis requested an executive session to discuss a student issue.

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 a student issue”, and on motion by Connie S. Riffle and seconded by Phyllis Hinterer, the board went into executive session at 6:49 p.m., with a 5-0 vote.

Dr. Lewis, Melissa Riley, Jeff Griffith and Anessa Griffith sat with the board in the executive session.

On motion by Paul Derico and seconded by Connie S. Riffle, the board adjourned the executive session at 7:39 p.m., with a 5-0 vote.

No action was taken in the executive session.

On motion by Connie S. Riffle and seconded by Mike Holden, the board approved the Memorandum of Understanding between Lewis County Schools and Central West Virginia Community Action, Inc., 2019-2020 school year, with a 5-0 vote.

On motion by Connie S. Riffle and seconded by Phyllis Hinterer, the board approved contract between Lewis County Schools and Best Life Therapy, LLC, Speech, effective for the 2019-2020 school year, with a 5-0 vote.

On motion by Mike Holden and seconded by Connie S. Riffle, the board approved contract between Lewis County Schools and Best Life Therapy, LLC, Occupational Therapy, effective for the 2019-2020 school year, with a 5-0 vote.

On motion by Connie S. Riffle and seconded by Phyllis Hinterer, the board approved Memorandum of Understanding between Upshur County Board of Education and Barbour, Doddridge, Harrison, Lewis, Marion, Monongalia, Preston, Randolph and Taylor County Boards of Education, Orientation and Mobility (O&M) Specialist, effective July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020, with a 5-0 vote.

On motion by Connie S. Riffle and seconded by Mike Holden, the board approved Memorandum of Understanding between Marion County Board of Education, Lewis County Board of Education, Medicaid Auditor and provide Medicaid-eligible billing services and Medicaid monitoring, effective July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020, with a 5-0 vote.

There were no items for discussion.

The following personnel have the recommendation of the Superintendent.

Dr. Lewis requested an executive session to discuss personnel.

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 Paul Derico and seconded by Mike Holden, the board went into executive session at 7:46 p.m., with a 5-0 vote.

Dr. Lewis and Melissa Riley sat with the board in the executive session.

On motion by Connie S. Riffle and seconded by Phyllis Hinterer, the board adjourned the executive session at 8:05 p.m., with a 5-0 vote.

No action was taken in the executive session.

On motion by Connie S. Riffle and seconded by Mike Holden, the board accepted the following resignations, with a 5-0 vote:

- a. **Sarah Suan**, resignation, Grade 1 Teacher, Peterson-Central Elementary School, pending certified replacement.
- b. **Joshua Irwin**, resignation, Science Teacher, Lewis County High School, pending certified replacement.
- c. **Ashley Morrell**, resignation, Special Education Aide, Jane Lew Elementary School, effective immediately.
- d. 1. **Charles D. Bailey**, retirement, Bus Operator, effective July 31, 2019.

2. **Mary Lynn Posey**, retirement, Grade 3 Teacher, Peterson-Central Elementary School, effective July 19, 2019.
3. **William Titus**, resignation, Band Camp Instructor, Lewis County High School, effective July 17, 2019.
4. **Angel Loudin**, resignation, Grade 7/8 Social Studies Teacher, Robert L. Bland Middle School, effective July 18, 2019.

On motion by Paul Derico and seconded by Connie S. Riffle, the board approved the following requests, with a 5-0 vote:

- a. **Nikki Holomb**, approve non-paid Assistant Girls Soccer Coach, Robert L. Bland Middle School, effective 2019-2020 school year, pending certification.
- b. **Alexandra Moran**, approve request for non-paid medical leave of absence, August 8 – October 11, 2019.
- c. **Kira Stalnaker**, reclassification as Cook I to Cook II, effective 2019-2020 school year.
- d. **Crystal Greaver**, reclassification as Secretary II to Secretary III, effective 2019-2020 school year.

On motion by Connie S. Riffle and seconded by Phyllis Hinterer, the board employed the following professional personnel, with a 5-0 vote:

- g. **Tami Wilt**, Grade 6 Classroom Teacher, Robert L. Bland Middle School, effective 2019-2020 school year, pending background check.
- i. **Rachel Shoemaker**, Grades 7/8 English/Language Arts Teacher, Robert L. Bland Middle School, effective 2019-2020 school year.
- j. **Brandon Carder**, Title I Teacher, Peterson-Central Elementary School, effective 2019-2020 school year.
- p. **Carrie Davis**, Grade 4 Elementary Classroom Teacher, Jane Lew Elementary School, effective 2019-2020 school year.

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

- b. **Timothy Rittenhouse**, Bus Operator, Frozen Lick, Crooked Run, Klein's Run, etc., effective 2019-2020 school year.

On motion by Connie S. Riffle and seconded by Phyllis Hinterer, the board approved the following parent volunteers for the 2019-2020 school year, with a 5-0 vote:

- a. Lewis County High School: Brenda Foster

The board received approved meeting requests.

Melissa Riley gave a report on the new 5th graders and any new students that will be attending RLBMS this school year.

Terry Cogar gave a report on the bus lease/diesel fuel.

On motion by Paul Derico and seconded by Connie S. Riffle, the board approved the payroll/payment of bills - \$698,701.80, with a 5-0 vote.

Dr. Lewis discussed the road at the transportation department.

James Flesher discussed a slide by the field house at the Robert L. Bland Middle School field.

Dr. Lewis shared required training through the WVDE. She also shared board meeting dates for this school year that may need changed.

James Flesher suggested placing an item on the next agenda for electing a Vice President of the Board.

Mike Holden asked that the elementary principals employment days be placed on the next agenda for consideration/discussion.

Connie S. Riffle discussed the process of the purchasing procedures with the P-Cards.

Paul Derico asked about setting the date to set the Superintendent's Goals.

Phyllis Hinterer thanked everyone for their vote and support for becoming a new board member.

The board received the following board information:

- a. WVDE Grant Awards: \$10,000.00; \$81,354.04; and \$34,000.00.
- b. 2019-2020 school calendar. (colored copies will be handed out at meeting)

There will be a special meeting held on Monday, August 5, 2019, at 6:00p.m., at the Administration Building.

The first regular meeting in August will be held on Monday, August 12, 2019, at 6:00 p.m., at the Administration Building.

On motion by Connie S. Riffle and seconded by Mike Holden, the board adjourned at 9:00 p.m., with a 5-0 vote.