

MINUTES OF THE LEWIS COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Monday, July 27, 2020

Date: July 27, 2020

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Kind of Meeting: Regular

Where Held: Administration Building

Presiding Officer: James Flesher, President

Members Present: Mike Holden – via phone, David Bush, Phyllis Hinterer – via phone, Kenny Lowther

Dr. Robin Lewis, Superintendent

Regular Meeting Attendance via phone: Renee & Rick Smith, 304-452-8535, 304-918-7114, 304-629-1519, 304-517-7207; Staff Members: Robert Stewart, Terry Sprouse, Kim Bonnett, Rex Helmick, Doug Davisson, Tommy Gettings, John Whiston

Regular Meeting in attendance: Rebecca Young; Staff Members: Allen Heath, Jeff Tidd, Melissa Riley, Aaron Radcliff

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 James Flesher, Board President at 6:06 p.m.

The pledge of allegiance was led by Allen Heath, LCHS Band Director.

There were no agenda adjustments.

Robert Stewart, Bus Operator, appeared before the board and individuals present (via phone) as a delegation to discuss his concern of the Neola policy.

There were no personnel/student achievements/recognitions.

Allen Heath discussed the LCHS Marching Minutemen, Covid-19 rehearsal plan of action with the board.

John Whiston, LCHS Principal, shared the LCHS Class Schedules for the 2020-2021 school year with the board.

After requesting and making no corrections to the minutes of the meeting held on July 6, 2020, on motion by David Bush and seconded by Kenny Lowther, the minutes were approved as submitted, with a 5-0 vote.

On motion by David Bush and seconded by Kenny Lowther, the board approved the following consent agenda in its entirety, with a 5-0 vote:

A. Out of County Student Transfers:

1. Jason & Trisha Anderson, requesting that their 7th, 3rd, 2nd and 5th grade children be permitted to continue attending Lewis County Schools (Robert L. Bland Middle School) for the 2020-2021 school year. Home County: Upshur
2. Debra Cullen, requesting that her 9th grade child be permitted to attend Lewis County Schools (Lewis County High School) for the 2020-2021 school year. Home County: Harrison
3. Mariah D. Corica-Lambert, requesting that her 9th and 11th grade children be permitted to continue attending Lewis County Schools (Lewis County High School) for the 2020-2021 school year. Home County: Upshur
4. Gloria Yeager, requesting that her 10th grade child be permitted to continue attending Lewis County Schools (Lewis County High School) for the 2020-2021 school year. Home County: Upshur
5. Courtney Stafford, requesting that her 7th and 2nd grade children be permitted to continue attending Lewis County Schools (Robert L. Bland Middle and Roanoke Elementary Schools) for the 2020-2021 school year. Home County: Upshur
6. Cory & Alexis Fisher, requesting that their 3rd and 6th grade children be permitted to continue attending Lewis County Schools (Peterson-Central and Robert L. Bland Middle Schools) for the 2020-2021 school year. Home School year: Upshur
7. Tracy & Christopher Arnold, requesting that their 5th grade child be permitted to continue attending Lewis County Schools (Leading Creek Elementary School) for the 2020-2021 school year. Home County: Gilmer
8. Joy Mick, requesting that her 5th grade child be permitted to continue attending Lewis County Schools (Leading Creek Elementary School) for the 2020-2021 school year. Home County: Gilmer
9. Ciana & Bill Greenlief, requesting that their 5th and 6th grade children be permitted to continue attending Lewis County Schools (Leading

Creek Elementary School) for the 2020-2021 school year. Home County: Ritchie

10. Janie Parker, requesting that her K child be permitted to continue attending Lewis County Schools (Leading Creek Elementary School) for the 2020-2021 school year. Home County: Doddridge
11. Heaven & Jacob Sirbaugh, requesting that their K, 2nd and 4th grade children be permitted to continue attending Lewis County Schools (Leading Creek Elementary School) for the 2020-2021 school year. Home County: Gilmer
12. Kasha Stitt, requesting that her 5th grade child be permitted to continue attending Lewis County Schools (Leading Creek Elementary School) for the 2020-2021 school year. Home School: Ritchie

Dr. Lewis gave a COVID-19 update.

Aaron Radcliff, Attendance Director discussed homebound/homeschool options.

On motion by James Flesher and seconded by David Bush, with Mike Holden and Kenny Lowther voting in the negative, the board advanced Neola Policies po0000-po9000 to the second reading again so the public can have the opportunity to review/comment on the policies at <http://www.lewisboe.com>, with a 3-2 vote. *Mr. Holden requested a roll-call vote: (James Flesher – Yes, David Bush – Yes, Phyllis Hinterer – Yes, Michael Holden – No and Kenny Lowther – No)

On motion by Phyllis Hinterer and seconded by David Bush, the board approved the Memorandum of Understanding between Marion County Board of Education and Lewis County Board of Education, effective July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021, with a 5-0 vote.

On motion by David Bush and seconded by Phyllis Hinterer, the board approved shared agreement between Taylor County Schools and Lewis County Schools, effective July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021, with a 5-0 vote.

On motion by Kenny Lowther and seconded by Mike Holden, the board approved the revised 2020-2021 school calendar, with a 5-0 vote.

On motion by Kenny Lowther and seconded by David Bush, the board approved re-entry plan for the 2020-2021 school year (WVDE School Re-Entry Plan, Lewis County Schools Back To School Plan, Lewis County Schools Learning Options for 2020-2021 school year and Phase-In Schedule), with a 5-0 vote.

There were no executive sessions.

The following personnel have the recommendation of the Superintendent.

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

- a. **Whitney Ballard**, resignation, Substitute Teacher, effective July 16, 2020.
- b. **Trinity Currence**, resignation, Special Education Teacher, Jane Lew Elementary School, effective July 21, 2020.
- c. **Sarah Lough**, resignation, 6th Grade Teacher, Robert L. Bland Middle School, effective July 27, 2020.

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

- a. Permission to post LPN/Itinerant Special Education Aide
- b. **Jason Foster**, Non-Paid Boys Soccer Coach, Robert L. Bland Middle School, effective 2020-2021 school year, pending certification and background check.

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

- c. **Pamela Heaster**, General Science Teacher 9-12, Lewis County High School, effective for the 2020-2021 school year.
- f. **Jennifer Eiler**, Social Studies Teacher, Lewis County High School, effective 2020-2021 school year.
- h. **Andrea Vincent**, Grade 3 Teacher, Jane Lew Elementary School, pending background check, effective 2020-2021 school year.
- m. **Kylea Arnold**, Itinerant Elementary Guidance Counselor, Roanoke Elementary School, pending permit, effective 2020-2021 school year.
- n. **Sarah Lough** and **Clint Stenger**, Substitute Teachers, effective 2020-2021 school year.

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

- c. **Billie Holman**, Half-Time Cook, Peterson-Central Elementary School, effective 2020-2021 school year.
- d. **Ronnie Miller**, Day-to-Day Substitute Bus Operator, Lewis County Schools, effective 2020-2021 school year.

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

- a. **Rebecca Flesher, RLBMS** and **Thomas Akers, RLBMS**, Academic Technologists, Lewis County Schools, effective 2020-2021 school year.

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

- b. **Jonathan Jerden**, Assistant Football Coach, Robert L. Bland Middle School, effective 2020-2021 school year.
- c. **Nathan West**, JV Boys Basketball Coach, Robert L. Bland Middle School, effective 2020-2021 school year.
- d. **Matthew Gillespie**, Assistant Football Coach, Lewis County High School, effective 2020-2021 school year.
- e. **Eric Dever**, Athletic Trainer, Lewis County High School, effective 2020-2021 football season.

On motion by David Bush and seconded by Phyllis Hinterer, the board approved the payroll/payment of bills - \$483,048.35, with a 5-0 vote.

Monika Weldon shared the Levy Money Report with the board.

Melissa Riley gave the following construction/facilities reports: LCHS boiler replacements, restroom replacements at the RLBMS athletic field and lights in the RLBMS gymnasium.

Mike Holden and James Flesher wished a bus operator thoughts and speedy recovery from a recent heart attack.

Mr. Holden asked if the right-of-way to the bus garage had been signed/completed. Melissa Riley stated that it has been done and taken care of.

The following was for board information:

- a. WVDE Grant Award: \$38,331.00, \$82,210.00

The first regular meeting in August will be held on Monday, August 10, 2020, at 6:00 p.m., at the Administration Building.

On motion by Kenny Lowther and seconded by Mike Holden, the board adjourned at 7:39 p.m., with a 5-0 vote.