

MINUTES OF THE LEWIS COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Monday, July 8, 2019

Date: July 8, 2019

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Kind of Meeting: Regular

Where Held: Administration Building

Presiding Officer: James Flesher, Vice President

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

Dr. Robin Lewis, Superintendent

Regular Meeting Attendance: Betty Jo Brooks, Carolyn Sturm, Buck Probst, Robert Mitchell, Nyla Ebbert, Rebecca Young, Tori Zielinski, Greg Zielinski, Phyllis Hinterer, Sylvia McNeish;
Staff Members: Terry Cogar, Melissa Riley, Rhonda Judy, Chris Derico, Denise Sprouse, Terry Sprouse, Monika Weldon

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 Vice President.

The pledge of allegiance was led by Rhonda Judy.

The following adjustments were made to the agenda:

After agenda item IV – go in executive session.

There was no discussion on the upcoming school excess levy.

The board conducted interviews for the vacant Board of Education seat.

There were eleven (11) people that showed interest in filling the vacant seat. A couple withdrew and one (1) was a no show. The board interviewed the following: Vickie Kerrigan, Betty Brooks, Tori Zielinski, Robert Mitchell, Nyla Ebbert, Patrick Varah, Thomas Stark and Phyllis Hinterer.

Bruce Heater and James Fealy withdrew their interest in the board position.

Cassie Wease did not respond to any correspondence that was sent to her regarding the interview.

The board conducted the interviews in open session.

Board Vice 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-board member seat”, and on motion by Connie S. Riffle and seconded by

Paul Derico, with Mike Holden voting in the negative, the board went into executive session at 7:30 p.m., with a 3-1 vote.

On motion by Paul Derico and seconded by Mike Holden, the board adjourned the executive session at 8:02 p.m., with a 4-0 vote.

No action was taken in the executive session.

The board took nominee's to appoint an interim board member to replace Debbie Clem's seat and serve out her term, to expire June 30, 2020. (Hackers Creek-Skin Creek or Courthouse-Collins Settlement)

Paul Derico made motion to appoint Robert Mitchell to replace Debbie Clem's seat on the board and serve out her term, to expire June 30, 2020. James Flesher seconded the motion, with Mike Holden and Connie S. Riffle voting in the negative, the motion fails with a 2-2 vote.

Mike Holden nominated Thomas Stark to replace Debbie Clem's seat on the board and serve out her term, to expire June 30, 2020. James Flesher seconded the motion, with Paul Derico and Connie S. Riffle voting in the negative, the motion fails with a 2-2 vote.

Paul Derico nominated Phyllis Hinterer to replace Debbie Clem's seat on the board and serve out her term, to expire June 30, 2020. Connie S. Riffle seconded the motion. Motion passes, with a 4-0 vote.

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

There was no consent agenda.

There were no delegations.

On motion by Connie S. Riffle and seconded by Paul Derico, the board approved memorandum of understanding between Mountain State ESC, the Board of Education of Lewis County and Leslie K. Tyree, Esquire " Attorney", July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020, with a 4-0 vote.

There were no items for discussion.

The following personnel have the recommendation of the Superintendent.

On motion by Connie S. Riffle and seconded by Paul Derico, the board accepted the following resignations/retirements, with a 4-0 vote:

- a. **John M. Lynch, III**, resignation, Science Teacher, Robert L. Bland Middle School, effective July 3, 2019.
- b. (1) **Ferdad Roidad**, resignation, Math Teacher, Lewis County High School,

effective July 5, 2019.

- (2) **Annamarie Ament**, resignation, Grade 4 Teacher, Jane Lew Elementary School, effective July 5, 2019.
- (3) **Debra L. Adams**, retirement, Kindergarten Teacher, Leading Creek Elementary School, effective June 30, 2019.
- (4) **Beckey Hall**, retirement, County Math Field Day Coordinator, Lewis County Schools, effective June 30, 2019.

On motion by Mike Holden and seconded by Connie S. Riffle, the board employed the following professional personnel, with a 4-0 vote:

- h. **Teresa Blend**, Special Education Teacher, Robert L. Bland Middle School, effective 2019-2020 school year, pending background check.
- n. **Michael DePasquale**, Math Teacher 9-12, Lewis County High School, effective 2019-2020 school year, pending background check.
- o. **Debra L. Adams** and **Beckey Hall**, Substitute Teachers, effective 2019-2020 school year.

There were no reports.

On motion by Connie S. Riffle and seconded by Paul Derico, the board approved the payroll/payment of bills - \$1,892,466.20, with a 4-0 vote.

Melissa Riley gave a construction report on the roofing projects.

Dr. Lewis informed the board that the WISH money will be distributed to employees either once a year or each pay. It will be the employees decision.

James Flesher would like for the Fuel Tank information/bids to be placed on the next agenda.

James Flesher would like to reorganize the board at the next meeting due to the resignation of Debbie Clem.

Connie S. Riffle discussed the supplies for teachers/students at each school.

Mike Holden reiterated looking into the fuel tank situation. Mr. Holden asked Terry Cogar to look into it and report back to the board.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, July 22, 2019, at 6:00 p.m., at the Administration Building.

On motion by Mike Holden and seconded by Connie S. Riffle, the board adjourned at 8:20 p.m., with a 4-0 vote.