

MINUTES OF THE LEWIS COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
MONDAY, June 15, 2020

Date: June 15, 2020

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Kind of Meeting: Special

Where Held: Administration Building

Presiding Officer: James Flesher, President

Members Present: Phyllis Hinterer – via phone, Mike Holden – via phone, Connie S. Riffle – via phone

Dr. Robin Lewis, Superintendent

Others Present via phone: Rebecca Young, Kenny Lowther, Bruce Heater, Renee Smith, Deanna Palmer, Dr. Howard O’Cull, WVSBA

Others Present: Kari Conaway

Staff Members Present: Melissa Riley, Jeff Tidd

Staff member via phone: Kim Bonnett, Terry Sprouse, Rex Helmick, Bob Stewart, Jason Hawkins, Janie Hawkins, Rhonda Judy

June 10, 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 15th day of June, 2020, at 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

- I. Consider and approve purchase of radio systems for the Lewis County Schools Transportation Department.

_____ made a motion _____ seconded the motion

Discussion:

Approved: Yes _____ No _____

- II. Consideration of the process the county board will use in appointing an individual to fill the term of the late Paul J. Derico.

(Howard O’Cull, WV School Board Association Executive Director and Leslie

Tyree, Board Attorney)

_____ made a motion _____ seconded the motion

Discussion:

Approved: Yes _____ No _____

- III. Consideration and possible appointment of an individual to fill the term of the late Paul J. Derico.

_____ made a motion _____ seconded the motion

Discussion:

Approved: Yes _____ No _____

- IV. Reports: 1. Review: Neola Policy Templates for Processing po0000-po9000.

(enclosed separately)

- V. Possible executive session

- VI. Personnel

- VII. Superintendent Updates: 1. Covid-19

- VIII. Board Comments.

- IX. Adjournment.

Signed this the 10th day of June, 2020.

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

The meeting was called to order by James Flesher at 6:04 p.m.

The pledge of allegiance was led by Melissa Riley.

On motion by Phyllis Hinterer and seconded by James Flesher, the board approved the purchase of radio systems (Visor Radios) for the Lewis County Schools Transportation Department, with a 4-0 vote.

Dr. Howard O’Cull, WVSBA spoke via phone to the board regarding the legal responsibilities of the board to fill the term of the late Mr. Paul J. Derico.

On motion by James Flesher and seconded by Phyllis Hinterer, with Mike Holden voting in the negative, the board approved to advertise in the local newspaper and social media to respond to Dr. Lewis by mail, email or hand deliver their letter of interest, by Monday, June 22, 2020, no later than 3:30 p.m., with a 3-1 vote.

On motion by James Flesher and seconded by Phyllis Hinterer, the board tabled the following agenda item until the next board meeting, with a 4-0 vote:

- III. Consideration and possible appointment of an individual to fill the term of the late Paul J. Derico.

The board reviewed the Neola Policy Templates for Processing po0000-po9000. There was no executive session.

The following personnel have the recommendation of the Superintendent.

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

- d. **Michelle Benson**, Grade 7/8 Science Teacher, Robert L. Bland Middle School, effective 2020-2021 school year.
- f. **Joanna Barnett**, Grade 7/8 Social Studies Teacher, Robert L. Bland Middle School, effective 2020-2021 school year.
- h. **Faith Woods**, Grade 7/8 Math Teacher, Robert L. Bland Middle School, effective 2020-2021 school year.

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

- c. **Janie Hawkins**, Secretary, Robert L. Bland Middle School, effective July 1, 2020.

Dr. Lewis gave a Covid-19/Task Force Teams update.

Connie S. Riffle would like to see that all students have the proper technology equipment to work with if we choose to not return to open school. She also wants to see that the students have proper hand washing facilities available.

Phyllis Hinterer also stressed the importance of student technology and making sure our facilities will not be sitting empty if no return to school this fall.

Mike Holden would like the discussion of a Chief Mechanic on the next agenda. Mr. Holden also voiced his opinion that the board needed to go with who the community voted for to replace the vacant position of Mr. Paul Derico.

On motion by James Flesher and seconded by Phyllis Hinterer, the board adjourned at 7:26 p.m., with a 4-0 vote.