

# MINUTES OF THE LEWIS COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Monday, June 8, 2020

Date: June 8, 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, Phyllis Hinterer – via phone/in person, Connie S. Riffle

Dr. Robin Lewis, Superintendent

Others Present via phone: 304-269-3119

Others Present: Rebecca Young, Kari Conaway, John Riffle

Staff Members Present: Jeff Tidd, Monika Weldon, Melissa Riley, Carol Williams, Terry McAbee, George Stansberry, Davina Stalnaker, Loretta Clifton

Staff Members via phone: Jason Hawkins, Janie Hawkins, Rhonda Judy, Kim Bonnett, John Whiston

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.

The pledge of allegiance was led by Dr. Carol Williams.

There were no agenda adjustments.

There were no delegations.

Melissa Riley recognized the 2019-2020 retirees.

After requesting and making no corrections to the minutes of the meetings held on April 27, 2020 and May 26, 2020, on motion by Connie S. Riffle and seconded by Phyllis Hinterer, the minutes were approved as submitted, with a 4-0 vote.

There was no consent agenda.

Dr. Lewis and Jeff Tidd gave a COVID-19/Re-Entry update to the board.

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 - Supervisors”, and on motion by Phyllis Hinterer and seconded by Connie S. Riffle, the board went into executive session at 6:28 p.m., with a 4-0 vote.

Dr. Robin Lewis, Melissa Riley, Monika Weldon, Carol Williams and Jeff Tidd sat with the board in the executive session. Rhonda Judy and John Whiston were in the executive session via phone.

On motion by Connie S. Riffle and seconded by Phyllis Hinterer, the board adjourned the executive session at 6:46 p.m., with a 4-0 vote.

No action was taken in the executive session.

On motion by Phyllis Hinterer and seconded by Connie S. Riffle, the board approved Resolution for Hero’s Act. Phyllis Hinterer and Connie S. Riffle amended their vote to include changes, with a 4-0 vote. Phyllis Hinterer and Connie S. Riffle amended their vote to include all organizations be added to this resolution. Motion passes 4-0.

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., effective for the 2020-2021 school year, with a 4-0 vote.

On motion by Connie S. Riffle and seconded by Phyllis Hinterer, the board approved interscholastic athletic preseason conditioning due to Covid-19 effective June 9, 2020, with a 4-0 vote.

There were no policies.

The following personnel have the recommendation of the Superintendent.

On motion by James Flesher and seconded by Connie S. Riffle, the board approved the following requests, with a 4-0 vote:

- a. Permission to post Elementary School Virtual Schools Facilitator, hourly/as needed.
- b. Permission to post Middle School Virtual Schools Facilitator, hourly/as needed.
- c. Permission to post High School Virtual Schools Facilitator, hourly/as needed.
- d. Permission to post Elementary Alternative Classroom Teacher K-4
- e. **Allison McWhorter** and **Chasdity Rittenhouse**, request additional five (5) days employment for the 2019-2020 school year and an additional ten (10) days employment for the 2020-2021 school year due to COVID-19.

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

- g. **Jennifer Eiler** and **Joshua Dean**, Grade 4 Teachers, Roanoke Elementary School,

effective 2020-2021 school year.

- h. **Tyke Foster, II**, Social Studies Teacher, Lewis County High School, effective 2020-2021 school year.
- i. **Kathryn Dean**, Grade 2 Teacher, Roanoke Elementary School, effective 2020-2021 school year.
- m. **Davina Stalnaker**, Kindergarten Teacher, Peterson-Central Elementary School, effective 2020-2021 school year.

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

- a. **Mackenzie Smith**, Head Girls Softball Coach, Lewis County High School, effective 2020-2021 school year.
- b. **Amanda Hartley**, Assistant Girls Softball Coach, Lewis County High School, effective 2020-2021 school year, pending certification.
- d. **Nathan West**, Assistant Football Coach, Robert L. Bland Middle School, effective 2020-2021 school year.
- e. **Catherine Nichols**, Head Cheerleading Coach, Lewis County High School, effective 2020-2021 school year, pending certification.

On motion by Phyllis Hinterer and seconded by Mike Holden, the board accepted the following resignations/retirements, with a 4-0 vote:

- a.(1) **Tyke Foster, II**, resignation, Assistant Football Coach, Lewis County High School, effective June 2, 2020.
- (2) **Kaia**, retirement, Librarian, Robert L. Bland Middle School, effective June 30, 2020.
- (3) **Catherine Nichols**, resignation, Assistant Cheerleading Coach, Lewis County High School, effective June 8, 2020.

On motion by Connie S. Riffle and seconded by Phyllis Hinterer, the board approved the payroll/payment of bills - \$1,151,733.29, with a 4-0 vote.

There were no facilities/construction updates.

There were no reports.

Dr. Lewis gave an update on the use of buildings and grounds requests process/protocols at this time.

Connie S. Riffle asked that the administration look into the pathway for the Cross Country Track Team at Lewis County High School. Ms. Riffle also suggested that since St. Pat's students are

now allowed to participate in Lewis County School sports that maybe the band students can participate also.

Mike Holden suggested that Lewis County Schools reach out to the Lewis County Christian School to allow those students the same opportunity to participate in Lewis County School sports.

James Flesher again congratulated the 2019-2020 Lewis County School Retirees.

There will be a special meeting held on Monday, June 15, 2020, at 6:00 p.m., at the Administration Building to discuss selection of replacement for Mr. Paul Derico.

On motion by Connie S. Riffle and seconded by Phyllis Hinterer, the board adjourned at 7:25 p.m., with a 4-0 vote.