

MINUTES OF THE LEWIS COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Monday, March 22, 2021

Date: March 22, 2021

Time: 5:00 p.m.

Kind of Meeting: Regular

Where Held: Peterson-Central Elementary School

Presiding Officer: James Flesher, President

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

Dr. Robin Lewis, Superintendent

LSIC Meeting Attendance: Rebecca Young; Staff Members: Melissa Riley, Kyre-Anna Minney, Monika Weldon, Steve Hall, Mel Moody, Bill Tucker, Rhonda Judy, Cynthia Nesselroade, Jeovanna Comer, Evan Sears

Regular Meeting Attendance: Rebecca Young, Jeana Knight, Ed Burkhammer; Staff Members: Melissa Riley, Kyre-Anna Minney, Monika Weldon, Steve Hall, Marissa Shanholtz, Mel Moody, Bill Tucker, Terry L. Sprouse, Cynthia Nesselroade, Rhonda Judy, Rex Helmick, Terry Sprouse

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

The board met with the Local School Improvement Council of Peterson-Central Elementary School at 5:00 p.m., at Peterson-Central Elementary School.

The board conducted a work session.

At 6:01 p.m., the board held a public hearing regarding the redistricting of school boundary locations. James Flesher read an email from Michael and Andrea Shoals, concerned parents/citizens regarding the redistricting.

The regular meeting was called to order by James Flesher, Board President, at 6:15 p.m.

The pledge of allegiance was led by the CIS's.

There were no agenda adjustments.

Jeana Knight, appeared before the board and individuals present to discuss a bulletin board issue at Robert L. Bland Middle School.

Board President, James Flesher informed the board and individuals present as per West Virginia Code 6-9A that it would be necessary for the board to go into executive session to “conduct a delegation to speak about a student issue”, and on motion by James Flesher and seconded by Phyllis Hinterer, the board went into executive session at 6:18 p.m., with a 5-0 vote.

Dr. Lewis, Superintendent, Melissa Riley, Personnel Director, Kyre-Anna Minney, Special Education Director, Ed Burkhammer, parent, Jeana Knight, parent, and student, sat with the board in the executive session.

On motion by Phyllis Hinterer and seconded by David Bush, the board adjourned the executive session at 6:47 p.m., with a 5-0 vote.

No action was taken in the executive session.

Rhonda Judy recognized the Communities-In-School personnel: Deena Lewis - Jane Lew, Sarah Linger, Mel Moody – Leading Creek, Marissa Shanholtz – RLBMS, Stephanie Stout – PCES, and Bill Tucker – Roanoke

After requesting and making corrections to the minutes of the meeting held on February 22, 2021, on motion by David Bush and seconded by Kenny Lowther, the minutes were approved as corrected, with a 5-0 vote.

There was no consent agenda.

There was no COVID-19 updates.

Board President, James Flesher informed the board and individuals present as per West Virginia Code 6-9A that it would be necessary for the board to go into executive session to “discuss property – Mineral Rights”, and on motion by James Flesher and seconded by David Bush, with Phyllis Hinterer abstaining, the board went into executive session at 6:58 p.m., with a 4-0 vote.

Dr. Lewis, Superintendent, and Monika Weldon, Treasurer, sat with the board in the executive session.

On motion by Kenny Lowther and seconded by David Bush, with Phyllis Hinterer abstaining, the board adjourned the executive session at 7:11 p.m., with a 4-0 vote.

No action was taken in the executive session.

Terry Cogar gave a report on the Fuel Tanks bids.

On motion by Mike Holden and seconded by Kenny Lowther, with Phyllis Hinterer voting in the negative, the board approved action to put Fuel Tanks out for bid, with a 4-1 vote.

On motion by Phyllis Hinterer and seconded by David Bush, the board approved Redistricting of School Boundary Locations, effective for the 2021-2022 school year: Murphy's Creek Road, including Sand Run and Limestone Roads – All Roanoke Elementary; Middle Run – All Roanoke Elementary; Little Skin Creek towards Rt. 33 – Peterson-Central Elementary; Hershman Road/Linger Run – Roanoke Elementary; Berlin ballpark cut off – Hacker's Creek from Buckhannon Run, Berlin Road – Peterson-Central Elementary; Berlin ballpark towards Jane Lew Elementary – Jaen Lew Elementary; Life's Run to Ervin Road – Jaen Lew Elementary; Smith Run Road – Peterson-Central; Old Bus Garage – North River, Old Mill Road – Jane Lew Elementary; Gee Lick Road – Peterson-Central Elementary; Stonewall Jackson Memorial Hospital towards Glenville – Leading Creek Elementary; Woodlyn Drive – Hickory Drive – Leading Creek Elementary; Edgewood Drive towards Weston – Peterson-Central Elementary; Rt. Hand Fork of Freeman's Creek @ 3 way stop to Valley Chapel – Jane Lew Elementary; Left Hand Fork of Freeman's Creek/Horse Run – Jane Lew Elementary; Dry Fork – Leading Creek Elementary, with a 5-0 vote.

The following personnel have the recommendation of the Superintendent.

On motion by David Bush and seconded by Mike Holden, the board approved the following resignation, with a 5-0 vote:

- a. **Michael S. Marsh**, resignation, Substitute Bus Operator, Lewis County Schools, effective March 26, 2021.

On motion by James Flesher and seconded by Phyllis Hinterer, the board approved the following requests, with a 5-0 vote:

- a. Approve Instructional Interventionists at each elementary school – Two (2) at Leading Creek and Roanoke and Four (4) at Jane Lew and Peterson-Central.
- b. **Justin White**, approve Non-Paid Softball Coach, Lewis County High School, effective 2020-2021 school year.
- c. **Collin Money penny**, approve Non-Paid Baseball coach, Lewis County High School, effective 2020-2021 school year.
- e. **Loretta Workman**, approve unpaid medical leave of absence on February 1, 2021 and February 22-23, 2021.
- f. **Clair Beattie**, approve unpaid medical leave of absence April 21, 2021 – May 26, 2021 and request for donated days.
- h. Permission to post two (2) special education teachers, Robert L. Bland Middle School, effective for the 2021-2022 school year.
- i. Permission to post one (1) CTE teacher, Robert L. Bland Middle School, effective for

the 2021-2022 school year.

- j. Permission to post three (3) SOLE Grant Summer Coordinators – one elementary, one middle school, and one high school.
- k. **Debra Moss**, approve unpaid medical leave of absence March 2, 2021 – April 5, 2021 and request for donated days.
- l. **Tonya Wine**, approve unpaid medical leave of absence April 6, 2021 – April 20, 2021 and request for donated days.

On motion by Mike Holden and seconded by Phyllis Hinterer, with Kenny Lowther abstaining, the board approved the following requests, with a 4-0 vote:

- d. **Frankie Cutlip** approve unpaid medical leave of absence March 8, 2021 – June 4, 2021 and request for donated days.
- g. **Lora Coffield** approve unpaid medical leave of absence March 24, 2021 – May 7, 2021 and request for donated days.

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

- c. **Jesse Stevens**, Itinerant Guidance Counselor, Jane Lew Elementary School, pending certification and background check.
- h. **Bobbi Johnston**, Grade 3 Elementary Classroom Teacher, Jane Lew Elementary School, effective for the 2021-2022 school year.

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

- b. **Candance Hawkins**, pending training, **Donald Allen Parks** and **William Shearer**, pending training and background check, Day-to-Day Substitute Custodian/Maintenance
- c. **Jamie Pratt**, pending training and background check, **Sheryl Short**, pending background check, Day-to-Day Substitute Secretary
- d. **Edward Brightbill**, Bus Operator, Lewis County Schools, effective March 24, 2021

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

- g. **Megan Hoone**, **Carmen Shafer**, **Alicia Frey** and **William Bolinger**, In-person/Virtual Before/After School Tutors, Robert L. Bland Middle School, effective March 24, 2021

On motion by Phyllis Hinterer and seconded by David Bush, the board approved the payroll/payment of bills - \$1,157,264.23, with a 5-0 vote.

Melissa Riley gave the following facilities update with the paving company.

Cynthia Nesselroade, Child Nutrition Director, gave a report to the board regarding her job duties/responsibilities.

Kyre-Anna Minney gave a report on the SOLE Grant.

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 property”, and on motion by Phyllis Hinterer and seconded by Kenny Lowther, the board went into executive session at 8:12 p.m., with a 5-0 vote.

Dr. Lewis, Superintendent, sat with the board in the executive session.

On motion by Phyllis Hinterer and seconded by Kenny Lowther, the board adjourned the executive session at 8:15 p.m., with a 5-0 vote.

No action was taken in the executive session.

There were no Superintendent updates.

James Flesher shared with the board that he and Dr. Lewis went to Charleston to the WV School Building Authority. Mr. Flesher and Dr. Lewis gave a presentation on the safe school entrances at PCES and Roanoke Elementary Schools.

James Flesher asked for a report from Terry Cogar in regards to when/if the next sub bus operator class will be offered. Mr. Flesher is also requesting that Mr. Cogar give a report on the drain issue and bay wash at the transportation department.

Mr. Flesher has requested that board attorney, Leslie Tyree, attend the next board meeting to conduct a training with the board members regarding personnel.

Kenny Lowther thanked everyone for their hard work. Mr. Lowther questioned the fingerprinting process.

Mike Holden discussed traffic concerns at PCES. Mr. Holden also thanked Mr. Hall for his service to the students of Lewis County Schools.

Phyllis Hinterer commented on the exciting news of summer school, the good things happening at PCES and the food boxes.

David Bush thanked Mr. Hall for his services to the students of Lewis County Schools.

The following was for board information:

- a. LSIC Meeting Dates

b. WVDE Grant Awards: Oral Health Program - \$1,284.83; \$34,000.00

There will be a special meeting held on Wednesday, April 7, 2021, at 7:00 p.m., at the Administration Building to conduct Personnel RIF/Transfer Hearings. The board will meet at 6:00 p.m., for board training with Leslie Tyree, Board Attorney.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, April 12, 2021, at 6:00 p.m., at Roanoke Elementary School. The board will meet with the Local School Improvement Council of Roanoke Elementary School at 5:00 p.m.

There will be a special/statutory meeting held on Wednesday, April 20, 2021, at 6:00 p.m., to reconvene the statutorily adjourned meeting of March 8, 2021 to conduct the levy call.

On motion by Phyllis Hinterer and seconded by Kenny Lowther, the board adjourned at 8:34 p.m.