

MINUTES OF THE LEWIS COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Monday, March 8, 2021

Date: March 8, 2021

Time: 5:00 p.m.

Kind of Meeting: Regular

Where Held: Robert L. Bland Middle School

Presiding Officer: James Flesher, President

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

Dr. Robin Lewis, Superintendent

LSIC Meeting Attendance: Rebecca Young; Staff Members: Terry Cogar, Evan Sears, Kim Bonnett, Marissa Shanholtz, Sally Ann Hinterer, Keri Lambert, Julie Radcliff, Kyre-Anna Minney, Rhonda Judy, Monika Weldon, Melissa A. Riley

Regular Meeting Attendance: Ashton Carder, Nicole Aman, Dave Aman, Brycen Williams, Katrina Smith, Rebecca Young; Staff Members: Melissa Riley, Terry Sprouse, Terry Cogar, Rhonda Judy, Kim Bonnett, Monika Weldon

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 Robert L. Bland Middle School at 5:00 p.m., at Robert L. Bland Middle School.

The board did not conduct a work session.

At 6:07 p.m., the board held a public hearing regarding the redistricting of school boundary locations. James Flesher read emails that Dr. Lewis received from Melissa Skinner and Emmalee Kemper, concerned parents/citizens regarding the redistricting. Terry Cogar and Rhonda Judy discussed the redistricting locations.

The regular meeting was called to order by James Flesher, Board President, at 6:48 p.m.

The pledge of allegiance was led by Keri Lambert, Assistant Principal, RLBMS.

The following agenda adjustments were made:

The date for the Statutory/Special meeting to be held in April will be on Tuesday, April 20, 2021, instead of April 21, 2021.

Dr. Lewis read a fax that she received from a concerned parent (Heather McCord) who couldn't attend the meeting in regard to the 14-day Quarantine period.

Ashton Carder and Nicole Aman appeared before the board and individuals present as a delegation to discuss COVID quarantining guidelines for students.

David Bush recognized the following LCHS Interact Students that helped with the Lewis County Glass Museum Chocolate Lovers Feast: Brandon Queen, Kristen Determan, Abi Spray, Claire Lattea and Wyatt Burns.

Katrina Smith, Louis Bennett Public Library, spoke to the board about the levy money the library receives.

Dr. Lewis gave a COVID-19 update.

Terry Cogar gave a report on the Fuel Tanks.

Mike Holden made a motion to approve action to put Fuel Tanks out for bid to provide tanks, fuel and a monitoring system, if they have one. Kenny Lowther seconded the motion. After discussion, Mike Holden asked for a roll-call vote. Mike Holden, Kenny Lowther, David Bush and James Flesher voted in the affirmative. Phyllis Hinterer voted in the negative. Motion carries with a 4-1 vote.

On motion by Phyllis Hinterer and seconded by James Flesher, the board approved the Schedule of Proposed Levy Rates for FY22, with a 5-0 vote.

Kenny Lowther made a motion to support resolution regarding the Publication of Financial Statements by County Boards of Education. Mike Holden seconded the motion. After Discussion, the motion passes with 4-1 vote, with Mike Holden voting in the negative.

Phyllis Hinterer made a motion to support resolution regarding the Distribution of the Legislative Allowance for Increased Student Enrollment. David Bush seconded the motion. After Discussion, the motion passes with 4-1 vote, with Mike Holden voting in the negative.

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 purchase of property", and on motion by Phyllis Hinterer and seconded by Kenny Lowther, the board went into executive session at 8:02 p.m., with a 5-0 vote.

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

On motion by Mike Holden and seconded by Phyllis Hinterer, the board adjourned the executive session at 8:25 p.m., with a 5-0 vote.

No action was taken in the executive session.

On motion by Phyllis Hinterer and seconded by Kenny Lowther, the board approved to purchase property Parcel ID: 21-05-0001-0046-0000, with a 5-0 vote.

On motion by David Bush and seconded by Mike Holden, the board approved outside agencies/groups using the school facilities, pending availability of custodial staff for sanitation only, with a 5-0 vote.

The following personnel have the recommendation of the Superintendent.

On motion by Mike Holden and seconded by Phyllis Hinterer, the board approved the following request, with a 5-0 vote:

- a. **Theresa Johnston**, approve unpaid medical leave of absence February 11, 2021 – April 6, 2021, and request for donated days.

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

- b. Permission to post Instructional Interventionists for each elementary school.

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

- i. **Gerry Myers**, **Karen Frazier**, **Ben Talbott**, and **Steven Hall**, Substitute Teachers, Lewis County Schools, effective for the 2021-2022 school year.
Mari Rena Gillespie, Substitute Teacher, Lewis County Schools, pending background check.

On motion by Mike Holden and seconded by Phyllis Hinterer, the board approved the following service personnel, with a 5-0 vote:

- e. **Gary Wiant**, Temporary Itinerant Custodian/Maintenance, Lewis County Board of Education and Bus Garage, effective March 10, 2021.
- f. **Christopher Alfred**, Bus Operator, Lewis County Schools, effective March 10, 2021.
- g. **Tommy Gettings**, Temporary Bus Operator, Lewis County Schools, effective March 10, 2021.

On motion by Phyllis Hinterer and seconded by Kenny Lowther, the board approved the following extracurricular vacancies, with a 5-0 vote:

- a. **Nathan West**, Girls Track Coach, Robert L. Bland Middle School, effective March 10, 2021.

On motion by Phyllis Hinterer and seconded by Kenny Lowther, the board approved the payroll/payment of bills - \$1,465,123.92, with a 5-0 vote.

James Flesher asked for an update on asphalt.

Terry Cogar reported that the state road patched the parking lot at the Transportation Department.

Dr. Lewis gave an update on the attendance at athletic events at Lewis County High and Robert L. Bland Middle School.

David Bush inquired about the men's restrooms at Robert L. Bland Middle School.

Melissa Riley, Personnel Director, gave a report to the board regarding her job duties/responsibilities.

Terry Cogar, Transportation Supervisor, gave a report on the Wash Bay/Drain at the Transportation Department.

The following was for board information:

- a. Shuttle Bus Run Report.
- b. WVDE Grant Awards: \$2,500.00.
- c. West Virginia Family Engagement Center – Cohort 3 Kickoff.

The next regular meeting in March will be held on Monday, March 22, 2021, at 6:00 p.m., at Peterson-Central Elementary School. The board will meet with the Local School Improvement Council of Peterson-Central Elementary School at 5:00 p.m.

On motion by Phyllis Hinterer and seconded by David Bush, at 9:18 p.m., the board meeting stands statutorily adjourned until April 20, 2021.