

MINUTES OF THE LEWIS COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Monday, March 9, 2020

Date: March 9, 2020

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Kind of Meeting: Regular

Where Held: Administration Building

Presiding Officer: James Flesher, President

Members Present: Mike Holden, Vice President – via phone, Paul Derico, Phyllis Hinterer,

Connie S. Riffle

Dr. Robin Lewis, Superintendent

Regular Meeting Attendance: Staff Members: Robert Stewart, Jr., Melissa Riley, Jeff Tidd, Keri Lambert, Terry Sprouse, Gerry Paugh, Carol Williams, Patty Weaver, Beckey Markley, Marissa Shannoltz, Monika Weldon, Denise Sprouse, Kylea Arnold, Sarah Linger, Deena Lewis, Tyke Foster, Glen Pratt, Pam Minigh, Larry J. Bush

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, at 6:01 p.m.

The pledge of allegiance was led by Robert L. Bland Middle School Athletic Teams.

The following agenda adjustments were made:

Mr. Whiston, Principal, Lewis County High School asked to remove the following board agenda item:

Consent Agenda:

A. Exception to the Attendance Policy:

1. Student C.M.

Keri Lambert recognized the following RLBMS Sports Teams: Girls Basketball, Boys Basketball, Wrestling and Cheerleading. Ms. Lambert also recognized the coaches.

Kylea Arnold, Marissa Shannoltz, Sarah Linger and Deena Lewis, gave a presentation on the Communities-In-Schools Program.

After requesting and making no corrections to the minutes of the meeting held on February 7, 2020, on motion by Phyllis Hinterer and seconded by Mike Holden, with Connie S. Riffle abstaining, the minutes were approved as submitted, with a 4-0 vote.

After requesting and making no corrections to the minutes of the meetings held on February 10, 2020, February 14, 2020 and February 18, 2020, on motion by Connie S. Riffle and seconded by Phyllis Hinterer, the minutes were approved as submitted, with a 5-0 vote.

On motion by Connie S. Riffle and seconded by Phyllis Hinterer, the board approved the following consent agenda item, with a 5-0 vote:

B. Out of County Student Transfer Request:

1. Debra Cullen, requesting that her 9th grade child be permitted to attend Lewis County Schools for the remaining 2019-2020 school year, pending release from Harrison County Schools.

Dr. Lewis discussed a room for Artifacts. Mr. Flesher suggested those items be placed in the schools they came from.

Monika Weldon discussed a Time Management System.

Robert Stewart, Jr., appeared before the board and individuals present as a delegation to speak about transportation.

Terry Sprouse appeared before the board and individuals present as a delegation to speak about transportation.

On motion by Phyllis Hinterer and seconded by James Flesher, with Paul Derico abstaining, the board advanced Policy Chapter 8.2.6 – Extracurricular Transportation to the first reading, with a 4-0 vote.

Jeff Tidd spoke about E-Rate.

On motion by Connie S. Riffle and seconded by Phyllis Hinterer, with Paul Derico abstaining, the board approved (Segra – previously Lumos) as the E-Rate bid for the 2020-2021 school year, with a 4-0 vote.

On motion by Connie S. Riffle and seconded by Mike Holden, with Paul Derico abstaining, the board approved the Annual Memorandum of Agreement between WV University Cooperative Extension Service, The County Extension Service Committee and The Lewis County Board of Education, effective July 1, 2020, with a 4-0 vote.

Due to illness, Mr. Derico, Board Member, left the meeting.

The following personnel have the recommendation of the Superintendent.

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

- a. **Anthony Dennison**, retirement, Senior JROTC Instructor, Lewis County High School, effective June 30, 2020.
- b. **Joyce A. Cochran**, retirement, Kindergarten Teacher, Peterson-Central Elementary School, effective June 30, 2020.
- d. **Nancy Squires**, resignation, Testing Coordinator for Service Personnel, effective March 5, 2020.

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 agenda item II-a: Allison Sharp”, and on motion by Phyllis Hinterer and seconded by Connie S. Riffle, the board went into executive session at 7:26 p.m., with a 4-0 vote.

On motion by Phyllis Hinterer and seconded by Mike Holden, the board adjourned the executive session at 7:35 p.m., with a 4-0 vote.

No action was taken in the executive session.

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

- a. **Allison Sharp**, Approve request for unpaid medical leave of absence, February 8-14, 2020, and donated sick days.
- b. **Brooke Shaffer**, approve request for unpaid medical leave of absence, March 18-30, 2020, and donated sick days.

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

- c. **Thomas Akers**, Business Education Teacher 5-8, Robert L. Bland Middle School, pending permit and background check.
- o. **Elaine Talbott**, Substitute School Guidance Counselor, Itinerant, pending background check.

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

- c. **Thomas Foster**, Bus Operator, Frozen Lick, Crooked Run, Klien’s Run, Waldeck, effective March 11, 2020.
- d. **Sherry Stobbs**, effective July 1, 2020, **Terissa Shaffer**, and **Billie Holman**, effective March 11, 2020, pending training, Day-to-Day Substitute Secretaries, Lewis County Schools.

On motion by Phyllis Hinterer and seconded by Connie S. Riffle, the board employed the

following extracurricular professional personnel, with a 4-0 vote:

- c. **Deanna Chenoweth**, After School Homebound Education Facilitator, Lewis County High School, effective 2019-2020 school year.

There were no parent volunteers for approval.

The board received approved meeting requests.

The board took a brief recess.

On motion by Connie S. Riffle and seconded by Phyllis Hinterer, the board approved the payroll/payment of bills - \$1,046,577.98, with a 4-0 vote.

On motion by Connie S. Riffle and seconded by Phyllis Hinterer, the board approved the Monthly Financial Report for January, 2020, with a 4-0 vote.

On motion by Phyllis Hinterer and seconded by Connie S. Riffle, the board approved the Budget Supplements (1015-1025) and Transfers (2005-2007), with a 4-0 vote.

On motion by Phyllis Hinterer and seconded by Connie S. Riffle, with Mike Holden voting in the negative, the board approved the Schedule of Proposed Levy Rates for FY2021, with a 3-1 vote.

Melissa Riley gave a construction update on the LCHS Roofing Project.

Dr. Lewis gave the board members a handout regarding the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mike Holden commented about the following: parking at PCES; mowers at RLBMS and Roanoke; and bus driver issues.

Phyllis Hinterer commented about the following: 10-year facilities plan.

Connie S. Riffle commented about the following: employee monthly salaries; aides on buses; time management system; bay wash at bus garage; and recommending that all employees get a pay raise.

James Flesher commented on the following: time management system; levy call – improvements to the transportation department (wash bay, parking lot and pot holes).

James Flesher also commented that he may have misspoken: Lewis County Policy states that all employees are 40-hours. This is not state code. Mr. Flesher said it was his opinion, regarding whether bus drivers either are or are not 30-40 hours, the Grievance Board and Circuit Court already decided on this.

There were no items for board information.

There will be a special meeting held on Monday, March 16, 2020, at 6:00 p.m., at the Administration Building to review Neola Policies.

The next regular meeting in March will be held on Monday, March 23, 2020, at 6:00 p.m., at the Administration Building.

On motion by Phyllis Hinterer and seconded by Connie S. Riffle, the board stands statutorily recessed at 8:19 p.m., until the April 17, 2020 meeting, with a 4-0 vote.