

MINUTES OF THE LEWIS COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Monday, November 2, 2020

Date: November 2, 2020

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Kind of Meeting: Special

Where Held: Robert L. Bland Middle School

Presiding Officer: James Flesher, President – via phone

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

Dr. Robin Lewis, Superintendent

Others in attendance via phone: 681-495-2504, 304-884-6901, 304-997-8400, 304-580-6704, 703-283-1413, 304-580-6704, 304-997-5545, 304-269-4567, 304-745-3329, 304-629-1519, 304-269-1509, 304-517-3094, 304-871-1160, 304-918-3105, 304-871-9585, 304-439-0111, 304-406-2159, 304-476-4494, 304-517-5093, 304-739-0214, 304-517-8245, 304-695-9753, 304-266-2288, 304-517-0362, 304-203-8932, 304-997-9357, 304-269-1002, 304-266-2530, 304-517-3374, 304-452-9674, 304-269-1510, 304-997-3067, 304-641-4999, 304-517-5951, 304-709-3745, 304-517-5951, 304-771-3665, 304-884-8882, 304-517-7225, 304-517-6418, 304-642-7824, 304-269-1776, 304-439-6668, 304-517-5093, 304-517-0579, 304-476-5885, 304-517-0079, 304-476-3660, 304-871-9585, 304-871-9588, 304-641-4440, 304-452-8535, 304-997-2070, 304-266-2530, 304-669-5655, 304-997-5567, 304-269-0677, 304-439-1868, 304-871-7158, 304-452-8060, 304-997-5567, 304-871-6004

Others in attendance: Julie Burns, Wyatt Burns, William McCormick, Brianne Warner, Micah Stover, Rebecca Young, Anessa Griffith

Staff in attendance: Allen Heath, Lisa Arnold, Kim Bonnett, Michelle Bolyard, Beth Willison, Debra Moss, Lesley White, Casey Rittenhouse, Gerald Paugh, Joanna Barnette, Connie Bailey, Terry Cogar, Andrea Vincent, John Whiston, Michele Allen, Julie Radcliff, Aaron Radcliff, Kyre-Anna Minney, Jeff Tidd, Terry Sprouse, Clint Stenger

October 28, 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 2nd day of November, 6:00 p.m., at Robert L. Bland Middle School, 358 Court Avenue, Weston, West Virginia, to consider the following business and take appropriate action related thereto:

- I. Pledge of Allegiance.
- II. Discussion: Each classification regarding the re-entry plan:
 1. Parents – School/PTO/LSIC Representatives: Julie Burns & Joanna Barnette
 2. Classroom Aides: Rita Barnette

3. Bus Operators:
4. Cooks:
5. Custodians:
6. Secretaries: Connie Bailey
7. High Principal/Teachers: Lesley White/Allen Heath/John Whiston
8. Middle Principal/Teachers: Joanna Barnette/Lee Barbo/Julie Radcliff
9. Elementary Principal/Teachers: Debra Moss/Lisa Arnold/Andrea Vincent/Steve Hall
10. Non-Engaged/attendance and failing grades
11. Mental Health Team
12. Lewis County Health Department: David Whittaker
13. School Nurses: Allison McWhorter/Casey Rittenhouse

III. Consider and approve the revised re-entry plan.

_____ made a motion _____ seconded the motion
 Discussion: Approved: Yes _____ No _____

IV. Personnel:

V. Adjournment: _____ made a motion _____ seconded the motion
 Time: _____

Signed this the 28th day of October, 2020.

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

The meeting was called to order by Phyllis Hinterer, Vice President.

The board met in special session at 6:00 p.m.

The pledge of allegiance was led by Terry Cogar, Board President.

Dr. Robin Lewis, Superintendent, gave the board a COVID-19 update.

Phyllis Hinterer read to the audience the recommendation letter from the Lewis County Health Department regarding the current COVID-19 situation and children not returning to school for four (4) days at this time.

The following individuals spoke to the board regarding the re-entry plan:

Parent Representatives: Julie Burns, Joanna Barnette, Clint Stenger, Brianne Warner,
 Micah Stover

Rita Barnette, Classroom Aides

Terry Cogar, Transportation Supervisor

Danny Heater, Custodians

Connie Bailey, Secretaries

Lesley White, Allen Heath and John Whiston, LCHS Staff

Joanna Barnette, Lee Barbo and Julie Radcliff, RLBMS Staff

Debra Moss, Lisa Arnold, Andrea Vincent, Elementary Staff

Aaron Radcliff, Attendance Director - Non-Engaged/attendance and failing grades

Kyre-Anna Minney, Special Education Director - Mental Health Team

Allison McWhorter and Casey Rittenhouse, School Nurses

Wyatt Burns, Lewis County High School Student

David Bush made a motion to approve the following agenda item: III. Consider and approve the revised re-entry plan. Mike Holden seconded the motion.

The board discussed the revised re-entry plan.

Mike Holden withdrew his motion to second the vote.

James Flesher seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was suggested.

Kenny Lowther, David Bus, Mike Holden and Phyllis Hinterer voted in the negative.

James Flesher voted in the affirmative. Motion failed with a 1-4 vote. *The board will continue with original re-entry plan of distance learning students that wish to return will return on Monday, November 9, 2020, to learn protocol and 4-day/week instruction will begin on Monday, November 16, 2020, for all middle and high school students that choose to return to in-person. Elementary will continue with 4-day/week instruction.

The following personnel have the recommendation of the Superintendent.

James Flesher made a motion to approve the following request and Phyllis Hinterer seconded the motion:

- a. Permission for Superintendent to hire prior to a board meeting for service employee positions.

James Flesher revised his motion to read: “approve request for the Superintendent to hire the next most senior person for service employee positions. If a new person, that is not a current employee to be hired, then the permission does not extend.” Phyllis Hinterer agreed with the revised motion to confirm her second to the motion.

Mike Holden and James Flesher called for a roll-call vote. Mike Holden voted in the negative. Phyllis Hinterer, James Flesher, David Bush and Kenny Lowther voted in the affirmative. Motion passed with a 4-1 vote.

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

- b. Amy Gosa, approved unpaid medical leave of absence, September 2, 2020 – December 1, 2020.

On motion by David Bush and seconded by James Flesher, the board adjourned at 9:44 p.m., with a 5-0 vote.