

MINUTES OF THE LEWIS COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Monday, November 9, 2020

Date: November 9, 2020

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Kind of Meeting: Regular

Where Held: Administration Building

Presiding Officer: James Flesher, President – via phone

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

Dr. Robin Lewis, Superintendent

Regular Meeting Attendance via phone: 304-462-5177, 304-884-6901, 304-695-9753, 304-269-6507, 304-452-9559, 304-476-4494; Staff Members: Kim Bonnett

Regular Meeting in attendance: Anessa Griffith; Staff Members: Terry Cogar, Terry Sprouse, Gerald Paugh, Bob Stewart, Jr., Douglas Davisson, Melissa Riley, Monika Weldon, Jeff Tidd

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

At 5:08 p.m., the board met to conduct a work session.

The following items were discussed during the work session:

Dave Bush: Roanoke – Lighting at the gate by burying the electric from the school

LCHS – Band room, lockers and doors

Phyllis Hinterer – County Test Scores

Mike Holden – Cameras and break room solution

Kenny Lowther – Why has the approved nursing RN position not been filled?

The meeting was called to order by James Flesher, Board President.

The pledge of allegiance was led by Dr. Robin Lewis, Superintendent.

There were no agenda adjustments.

Anessa Griffith, Parent, appeared before the board and individuals present as a delegation to discuss the re-entry plan.

Kim Bonnett, appeared before the board and individuals present as a delegation – via phone, to discuss the re-entry plan.

Dr. Robin Lewis recognized WV Central Outreach for their donation of hand sanitizer.

The following sports teams were recognized: LCHS Cheerleaders placed 2nd in Regionals and will advance to States; LCHS Girls Soccer were Sectional Champs and many received individual awards; LCHS Boys Cross Country were Regional Champs and advanced to States, many received individual awards; LCHS Boys Soccer had many individual awards also.

After requesting and making no corrections to the minutes of the meetings held on September 28, 2020 and October 12, 2020, on motion by Phyllis Hinterer and seconded by Kenny Lowther, the minutes were approved as submitted, with a 5-0 vote.

On motion by Mike Holden and seconded by David Bush, the board approved the consent agenda in its entirety with a 5-0 vote:

A. Out of County Student Transfer Requests:

1. Marissa Shanholtz, requesting that her 10th grade child be permitted to attend Lewis County Schools (Lewis County High School) for the 2020-2021 school year. Home School County: Harrison
2. Trisha Anderson, requesting that her 6th, 4th and 3rd grade children be permitted to attend Lewis County Schools (Robert L. Bland Middle and Roanoke Elementary Schools) for the 2020-2021 school year. Home School County: Upshur

Dr. Lewis gave a COVID-19 update.

On motion by Phyllis Hinterer and seconded by Kenny Lowther, with James Flesher voting in the negative, the board approved the following re-entry plan: Elementary In-person students will remain 4 days a week; On Monday, November 9, 2020 – Distance Learning students that want to return to in-person will be coming in as Group 1 (Monday & Tuesday) or Group 2 (Thursday & Friday) – staggered to learn protocols; Middle and High School In-person students will attend 4 days a week beginning Monday, November 16, 2020; Groups 1 and Groups 2 will attend Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Fridays; Wednesdays will still be a distance learning day; 1:30 p.m. dismissal each of those days will stay the same. Anyone that has already selected Distance Learning can remain as a Distance Learner; Re-Entry changes – students may be provided breakfast and lunch in the classroom or other designed area to ensure 6 feet apart when eating, with a 4-1 vote.

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 III. (i) Employee the following professional personnel – School

Nurse, Lewis County Schools”, and on motion by Phyllis Hinterer and seconded by Kenny Lowther, the board went into executive session at 6:30 p.m.

Dr. Robin Lewis, Superintendent and Melissa Riley, Personnel Director 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 6:47 p.m., with a 5-0 vote.

No action was taken in the executive session.

The following personnel have the recommendation of the Superintendent.

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

- a. **Arnett Riffle**, resignation, Substitute Custodian, effective November 6, 2020.

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

- a. **Aubrey Linger**, Non-paid Assistant Coach, Boys Basketball, Lewis County High School, effective 2020-2021 school year.
- b. **Julie Oldaker**, Non-paid Assistant Coach, Girls Basketball, Lewis County High School, effective 2020-2021 school year.

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

1. **Anthony Dennison, II**, Substitute Teacher, Lewis County Schools, effective 2020-2021 school year, **Vickie Allman**, Substitute Teacher, Lewis County Schools, pending background check, effective 2020-2021 school year.

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

- d. **Rebecca King**, Cook, Lewis County High School, effective November 12, 2020.
- e. **Kelly Golden**, Special Education Aide, Jane Lew Elementary School, effective November 12, 2020.
- g. **Wendy Smith**, Bus Operator, Lewis County Schools, effective November 12, 2020.
- h. **Christopher Herrick**, Bus Operator, Lewis County Schools, effective November 12, 2020.
- i. **Michael Taylor**, Bus Operator, Lewis County Schools, effective November 12, 2020.

On motion by Phyllis Hinterer and seconded by David Bush, with James Flesher abstaining, the board employed the following service personnel, with a 4-0 vote:

- f. **Jennifer Padgett**, Temporary Bus Operator, Lewis County Schools, effective November 12, 2020.

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

- a. **Tracy Chenoweth**, Medicaid Coordinator, Lewis County Schools.
- c. **Tracy Chenoweth**, Beginning Teacher Mentor, Business Education, Robert L. Bland Middle School.
- f. **Jeovanna Comer, PCES, Melissa McQuain, Leading Creek, Dale Etzel, RLBMS and Cheryl Rahming & Laura Davis, LCHS**, SAT Coordinators, Lewis County Schools.

On motion by Mike Holden and seconded by Phyllis Hinterer, the board approved the following parent volunteers for the 2020-2021 school year, with a 5-0 vote:

Jane Lew Elementary School: Annie Brown

Robert L. Bland Middle School: Annie Brown, Kelly Mayfield, Stephen Mayfield

On motion by Phyllis Hinterer and seconded by David Bush, the board approved the payroll/payment of bills - \$452,965.41, with a 5-0 vote.

There were no facilities/construction updates. Some were discussed during the work session.

The following was for board information:

- a. WVDE Grant Awards: \$3,457.00; \$4,276.00; \$4,341.00; \$19,145.00.

The next regular meeting in November will be held on Monday, November 16, 2020, at 6:00 p.m., at the Administration Building. The board will meet at 5:00 p.m., to conduct a work-session prior to the regular board meeting.

On motion by Kenny Lowther and seconded by Phyllis Hinterer, the board adjourned at 7:34 p.m., with a 5-0 vote.