

MINUTES OF THE LEWIS COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Monday, October 12, 2020

Date: October 12, 2020

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Kind of Meeting: Regular

Where Held: Administration Building

Presiding Officer: James Flesher, President

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

Dr. Robin Lewis, Superintendent

Regular Meeting Attendance via phone: 304-312-9981, 681-533-5021, 304-884-6901, 304-629-1519, 304-629-4612, 604-517-7207, 304-657-7747, 304-269-3273, 304-629-4084, 304-269-7655, 304-269-1776, 304-695-9753, 304-266-2530, 304-269-6540, 304-269-0084

Regular Meeting in attendance: Rebecca Young, Tamra Magee; Staff Members: Jeff Tidd, Melissa Riley, Allen Heath, Robert Stewart, Gerald Paugh, Kim Bonnett, Lisa M. Arnold, Cynthia Nesselroade, Terry L. Sprouse, Monika Weldon

The board met at 5:30 p.m., to conduct a public hearing for the 2020-2030 Comprehensive Educational Facilities Plan.

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 6:29 p.m.

The pledge of allegiance was led by Rhonda Judy.

Board President, James Flesher informed the board and individuals present as per West Virginia Code 6-9A-4B3 that it would be necessary for the board to go into executive session to “conduct a student expulsion agreement for Student: 20-21NC”, and on motion by Phyllis Hinterer and seconded by Mike Holden, the board went into executive session at 6:30 p.m., with a 5-0 vote.

All four (4) board members were present, Mike Holden, Board Member was present via phone, Dr. Robin Lewis, Superintendent and Cynthia Nesselroade, Discipline Coordinator, sat with the board in the executive session.

On motion by Kenny Lowther and seconded by Phyllis Hinterer, the board adjourned the executive session at 6:41 p.m., with a 5-0 vote.

No action was taken in the executive session.

On motion by David Bush and seconded by Kenny Lowther, the board upheld the Superintendent's recommendation to expel Student (20-21NC) for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year. Student (20-21NC) will not be permitted on school property, only to attend the Alternative Learning Center at Lewis County High School. Student (20-21NC) will not be able to participate in any school activities during this expulsion period. The Superintendent can review and adjust the length of the expulsion upon review of student's progress. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

There were no agenda adjustments.

On motion by Phyllis Hinterer and seconded by David Bush, the board approved the 2020-2030 Comprehensive Educational Facilities Plan, with a 5-0 vote.

Allen Heath, LCHS Teacher and WVEA Representative, appeared before the board and individuals present as a delegation to speak about concerns that the staff at Lewis County High regarding bringing students back 4 days a week.

Gerald Paugh, Bus Operator, appeared before the board and individuals present as a delegation to speak about the shortage of substitutes.

Bob Stewart, Bus Operator, appeared before the board and individuals present as a delegation to discuss transportation pay issues.

Kim Bonnett, LEA Representative, appeared before the board and individuals present as a delegation to share member concerns about students returning to school 4 days/week.

Jim Flesher recognized Highmark for donating student face masks, antibacterial hand wipes and face shields for Lewis County students.

Rhonda Judy recognized/showcased the Title I Staff. Lisa Wanstreet, Judy Jerden, Dawn Stafford, Donna Moody and Kim Bonnett, (via phone) presented information/slideshows to the board of what they are doing in Title I.

Aaron Radcliff (via phone) gave an update on the County/School Virtual/Distance Learning Handbook.

After requesting and making an addendum to the minutes of the meeting held on August 24, 2020, on motion by Kenny Lowther and seconded by David Bush, the minutes were approved as corrected, with a 5-0 vote.

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

A. Out of County Student Transfers:

1. Kayla Chipps, requesting that her 7th and 9th grade children be permitted to attend Lewis County Schools (Robert L. Bland Middle & Lewis County High Schools) for the 2020-2021 school year. Home School County: Upshur

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

B. Exception to the Attendance Policy:

1. Student T.H.

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

B. Exception to the Attendance Policy:

2. Student B.S.

David Whittaker, Lewis County Health Department Administrator, gave a Covid-19 update to the board members via phone.

Dr. Lewis shared the following with the board: Covid-19 Update/PowerPoint; Covid concerns from Jane Lew and Roanoke Elementary Schools; WV Re-Entry Planning Survey Results; amount of students in the classroom; amount of students on bus, number of students returning after the nine weeks and WVDE Protocols and Counties around Lewis County.

Rhonda Judy shared the Instructional Bucket with the board.

On motion by Phyllis Hinterer and seconded by Kenny Lowther, the board approved the Re-Entry Plan with a 5-0 vote. The board amended the motion to allow the Superintendent the flexibility to go back to two days/week, at any time, if needed. A second amendment was made to include that if it appears to be a long-term decision the board will call an emergency meeting to vote on item.

On motion by James Flesher and seconded by Phyllis Hinterer, the board approved the revised 2020-2021 school calendar for the first semester only, with a 5-0 vote.

Possible executive session

The following personnel have the recommendation of the Superintendent.

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

- a. **Loria Brown**, correct action on September 28, 2020 agenda , employee hired as temporary cook, Lewis County High School, as noted in posting #504, until the regular employee returns, not to exceed the 2020-2021 school year.
- b. **Bonnie Krum**, correct action on September 28, 2020 agenda to reflect retirement not resignation.
- c. **Agnes Starcher**, receive ten (10) donated sick days from employee spouse (Randall Starcher).

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

- a. **Billie Holman**, Cook, Peterson-Central Elementary School, effective October 14, 2020.
- b. **Greg Stalnaker**, Bus Operator, Lewis County Schools, effective October 14, 2020.
- c. **Jason Stalnaker**, Temporary Bus Operator, Lewis County Schools, effective October 14, 2020.
- d. **Christopher Curry**, Temporary Bus Operator, Lewis County Schools, effective October 14, 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. **Barbara Mason** and **Debbie Myers**, Remedial Specialists, St. Patrick's School, effective October 14, 2020.
- b. **Dale Etzel**, Competency Test Coordinator, Lewis County Schools, effective October 14, 2020.

On motion by Mike Holden and seconded by Kenny Lowther, the board employed the following extracurricular service vacancies, with a 5-0 vote:

- a. **Terry Sprouse**, General Delivery Truck Driver, Lewis County Schools, effective October 14, 2020.

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

- a. **Ernest Tingler**, Assistant Boys Basketball Coach, Lewis County High School, effective for the 2020-2021 basketball season.

On motion by Phyllis Hinterer and seconded by David Bush, the board approved the payroll/payment of bills - \$574,736.13, with a 5-0 vote.

Rhonda Judy shared with the board her job description/duties.

There were no superintendent updates.

The board discussed the service personnel substitute shortage.

Phyllis Hinterer, Kenny Lowther and James Flesher thanked everyone for their hard work.

Mike Holden would like for Mr. Tidd give a report at the next board meeting regarding distance learning.

James Flesher would like for the technology/video of the football games be checked for better clarity.

There were no items for board information.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, October 26, 2020, at 6:00 p.m., at the Administration Building.

On motion by Phyllis Hinterer and seconded by Kenny Lowther, the board adjourned at 9:17 p.m., with a 5-0 vote.