

MINUTES OF THE LEWIS COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Monday, October 26, 2020

Date: October 26, 2020

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Kind of Meeting: Regular

Where Held: Lewis County High School

Presiding Officer: James Flesher, President

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

Dr. Robin Lewis, Superintendent

Regular Meeting Attendance via phone: 304-884-6901, 304-997-9357, 304-269-6507, 304-517-3044, 304-439-4811, 304-677-2937, 304-439-1243, 304-997-5545, 304-765-1033, 304-904-4790, 304-266-3230

Regular Meeting in attendance: Staff Members: Gerald Paugh, Terry Cogar, Jeff Tidd, Allen Heath, Casey Rittenhouse, Monika Weldon, Michele Allen, Lesley White, Melissa Riley, Terry L. Sprouse

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.

The pledge of allegiance was led by Mike Holden, Board Member.

There were no agenda adjustments.

Gerald Paugh, Bus Operator, appeared before the board and individuals present as a delegation to discuss transportation issues, substitute shortages and sick day's incentive.

Dr. Lewis recognized Allison McWhorter and Casey Rittenhouse for all their hard work and dedication during this pandemic.

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

A. Out of County Student Transfer Requests:

1. Rikki Stephens, requesting that her Pre-K and Kindergarten children be permitted to attend Lewis County Schools (Leading Creek Elementary School for the 2020-2021 school year. Home School County: Ritchie

On motion by Mike Holden and seconded by Kenny Lowther, with James Flesher abstaining, the board approved the following consent agenda items, with a 4-0 vote:

B. Use of Buildings and Grounds:

1. Jim Flesher, Lewis County Youth League Basketball, use of Jane Lew Elementary School gymnasium and restrooms, November 9, 2020 – March 31, 2021, Monday-Friday 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m., Saturdays 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. and Sundays 12:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., when available.
*pending updated amount of insurance, CDC guidelines at time of use and approval from local health department/Melissa Riley for a safety plan of use. **Approved paperwork will be available at board meeting.
2. Jim Flesher, Lewis County Youth League Basketball, use of Roanoke Elementary School gymnasium and restrooms, November 9, 2020 – March 31, 2021, Monday-Friday 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m., Saturdays 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. and Sundays 12:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., when available.
*pending updated amount of insurance, CDC guidelines at time of use and approval from local health department/Melissa Riley for a safety plan of use. **Approved paperwork will be available at board meeting.
3. Jim Flesher, Lewis County Youth League Basketball, use of Robert L. Bland Middle School gymnasium, restrooms and concession stand, November 9, 2020 – March 31, 2021, Monday-Friday 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m., Saturdays 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. and Sundays 12:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., when available.
*pending updated amount of insurance, CDC guidelines at time of use and approval from local health department/Melissa Riley for a safety plan of use. **Approved paperwork will be available at board meeting.

On motion by Mike Holden and seconded by James Flesher, with Kenny Lowther abstaining, the board approved the following consent agenda items, with a 4-0 vote:

B. Use of Buildings and Grounds:

4. Annie Brown, Lewis County Jr. Wrestling, use of wrestling building at Robert L. Bland Middle School, wrestling practice, November 1, 2020 – March 30, 2021, 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., when available.
*pending updated amount of insurance, CDC guidelines at time of use and approval from local health department/Melissa Riley for a safety plan of use. **Approved paperwork will be available at board meeting.

5. Annie Brown, Lewis County Jr. Wrestling, use of Lewis County High School gymnasium, wrestling tournament, December 4, 2020, 6:00 p.m. – December 6, 2020, 6:00 p.m.

*pending updated amount of insurance, CDC guidelines at time of use and approval from local health department/Melissa Riley for a safety plan of use. **Approved paperwork will be available at board meeting.

Dr. Lewis gave a COVID-19 update.

Allison McWhorter and Casey Rittenhouse, School Nurses, also gave a COVID-19 update.

Allen Heath, LCHS Band Director, spoke to the board about his concerns of students returning four (4) days/week.

The board took a brief recess.

Michelle Allen and Lesley White, LCHS Teachers, spoke to the board about their concerns of students returning four (4) days/week.

Lee Barbo, RLBMS Teacher, also spoke to the board about her concerns of students returning four (4) days/week.

The board discussed and tabled the following board agenda item until the next board meeting:

VII. Consider and approve Re-Entry Plan.

There was no executive session.

The following personnel have the recommendation of the Superintendent.

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

- a. **Ronnie Miller**, resignation, Substitute Bus Operator, Lewis County Schools, effective October 14, 2020.
- b. **Lindsey Rittenhouse**, resignation, Substitute Cook and Substitute Aide, Lewis County Schools, effective October 22, 2020.

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

- a. **Joseph Nichols**, Non-paid Assistant Coach, Girls Basketball, Lewis County High School, effective 2020-2021 school year.

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

- d. **Thomas Foster**, Bus Operator, Lewis County Schools, effective October 28, 2020.

- e. **Joyce Kincaid**, Half-Time Cook, Peterson-Central Elementary School, effective October 28, 2020.
- f. **Christopher Herrick**, Temporary Bus Operator, Lewis County Schools, effective October 28, 2020.
- g. **Jason Stalnaker**, Bus Operator, Lewis County Schools, effective October 28, 2020.
- h. **Joe Shackelford**, Bus Operator, Lewis County Schools, effective October 28, 2020.

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

- c. **Tracy Arnold**, Beginning Teacher Mentor, Grade 1, Leading Creek Elementary School, effective 2020-2021 school year.
- g. **Deanna Chenoweth**, Beginning Teacher Mentor, Special Education, Lewis County High School, effective 2020-2021 school year.
- h. **Hunter McWhorter**, Beginning Teacher Mentor, Social Studies, Lewis County High School, effective 2020-2021 school year.
- i. **Debbie Gump**, Beginning Teacher Mentor, Social Studies, Lewis County High School, effective 2020-2021 school year.

On motion by Phyllis Hinterer and seconded by David Bush, the board approved the payroll/payment of bills - \$1,269,375.07, with a 5-0 vote.

On motion by David Bush and seconded by Kenny Lowther, the board approved the monthly financial report for August 2020, with a 5-0 vote.

There were no facilities/construction updates.

Kyre-Anna Minney was not available to share with the board her job description/duties.

Jeff Tidd gave a report on the academic technologists.

Dr. Lewis and Melissa Riley explained the process of who to notify in the school system if an employee/student has tested positive for COVID.

The following was for board information:

- a. Letters of Concern (Board Only)

The first regular meeting in November will be held on Monday, November 9, 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.

There will be a special meeting held on Monday, November 2, 2020, at 6:00 p.m., at Lewis County High School to discuss/approve the updated Re-Entry Plan.

On motion by Phyllis Hinterer and seconded by Kenny Lowther, the board adjourned at 8:53 p.m., with a 5-0 vote.