

MINUTES OF THE LEWIS COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Monday, October 28, 2019

Date: October 28, 2019

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Kind of Meeting: Regular

Where Held: Jane Lew Elementary School

Presiding Officer: James Flesher, President

Members Present: Mike Holden, Vice President, Paul Derico, Phyllis Hinterer, Connie S. Riffle  
Dr. Robin Lewis, Superintendent

LSIC Meeting Attendance: Rebecca Young, John Clise; Staff Members: John Whiston, Denise Sprouse, Carol Williams, Monika Weldon, Melissa Riley

Regular Meeting Attendance: Rebecca Young, Logan Kovach, John Clise; Staff Members: John Whiston, Denise Sprouse, Carol Williams, Terry Cogar, Monika Weldon, Melissa Riley, Stephanie Stout, Terry L. Sprouse

The board met with Jane Lew Elementary School's Local School Improvement Council at 6:00 p.m., at Jane Lew Elementary School.

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

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

The pledge of allegiance was led by Logan Kovach, LCHS Student.

There were no agenda adjustments.

Jeff Tidd recognized the winners of the Drone Camp that was held at Salem University.

(Logan Kovach, First Place; Jacob Moore, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place; Levi Wimer, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place)

Dr. Lewis recognized Lewis County High School Cross County athletes that qualified for states.

Dr. Lewis recognized all the school custodians for keeping the schools clean.

The Board discussed the upcoming School Excess Levy and the Levy Call.

Mike Holden made a motion and Connie S. Riffle seconded the motion to approve the Levy Call for the School Excess Levy Election to be held on February 8, 2020.

Mike Holden withdrew his motion.

James Flesher, Board President, asked for another motion.

On motion by Connie S. Riffle and seconded by Phyllis Hinterer, with Mike Holden voting in the negative, the board approved the Levy Call for the School Excess Levy Election to be held on February 8, 2020, with corrections. Motion carried 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 “conduct a student expulsion hearing for Student (19-20TT)”, and on motion by Connie S. Riffle and seconded by Phyllis Hinterer, the board went into executive session at 7:30 p.m., with a 5-0 vote.

Those in attendance during the student expulsion hearing: James Flesher, Board President, Paul Derico, Board Member, Mike Holden, Board Member, Phyllis Hinterer, Board Member, Connie S. Riffle, Board Member, Dr. Robin Lewis, Superintendent, and John Whiston, Principal, Lewis County High School.

On motion by Paul Derico and seconded by Phyllis Hinterer, the board adjourned the executive session at 7:57 p.m.

No action was taken in the executive session.

On motion by Mike Holden and seconded by Connie S. Riffle, the board upheld the superintendent’s recommendation to expel Student (19-20TT) for 365 days, with a 5-0 vote.

After requesting and making no corrections to the minutes of the meetings held on September 9, 2019, September 23, 2019 and September 30, 2019, on motion by Connie S. Riffle and seconded by Mike Holden, the minutes were approved as submitted, with a 5-0 vote.

After requesting and making corrections to the minutes of the meeting held on October 14, 2019, on motion by Paul Derico and seconded by Connie S. Riffle, the minutes were approved as corrected, with a 5-0 vote.

On motion by Connie S. Riffle and seconded by Mike Holden, the following consent agenda item was approved, with a 5-0 vote:

- A. Use of Buildings and Grounds:
  - 1. Kristin Droppleman, City of Weston, Christmas Parade Lineup, Robert L. Bland Middle School parking lot, November 29, 2019, 4:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

On motion by Phyllis Hinterer and seconded by Paul Derico, the board approved the following consent agenda item, with a 5-0 vote:

B. Exception to the Attendance Policy:

1. Student K.P.

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

C. Out of State Meeting Request:

1. Diana Garrett, National Livestock Show, Louisville, Kentucky, November 15-18, 2019.

There were no delegations.

There were no items for Discussion.

The following personnel have the recommendation of the Superintendent.

On motion by Connie S. Riffle and seconded by Mike Holden, the board accepted the following resignations, with a 5-0 vote:

- a. **Cheryl Rahming**, resignation, After School Alternative Education Facilitator, Lewis County High School, effective immediately.
- b. **Dodi Slaughter**, resignation, After School Alternative Education Facilitator, Lewis County High School, Lewis County High School, effective immediately.
- c. **Daniel Nolte**, resignation, Assistant Wrestling Coach, Robert L. Bland Middle School, effective immediately.
- d. **Zachariah Wilson**, resignation, Substitute Bus Operator, effective October 21, 2019.

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

- r. **Barbara McVaney**, Substitute Teacher, pending background check.

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

- c. **Eric Benedum**, Bus Operator, Copley Road, Cove Lick, Loveberry, Crooked Fork, and Wolfe Pen, effective October 30-, 2019.
- d. **Jason Stalnaker**, Bus Operator, Vadis, Straight Run, Walnut Fork, Pricetown, Rt. 33, effective October 30, 2019.
- e. **Lora Coffield**, Special Education Aide, Jane Lew Elementary School, effective October 30, 2019.
- f. **Ashley Mollohan**, Special Education Aide, Peterson-Central Elementary School,

effective October 30, 2019.

- g. **Debra Ellis**, Custodian/Maintenance, Peterson-Central Elementary School, effective October 30, 2019.
- h. **Latricha Benedum**, Special Education Aide, Robert L. Bland Middle School, effective October 30, 2019.
- i. **Stephanie Watson**, Cook, One-Half Time, Roanoke Elementary School, effective October 30, 2019.

On motion by Connie S. Riffle and seconded by Mike Holden, the board approved the following parent volunteers for the 2019-2020 school year as listed, with a 5-0 vote:

Jane Lew Elem. School: Tasha Sapp

Leading Creek Elem. School: Lisa Patterson, Roger Patterson, Tasha Sapp

Lewis County High School: Jacob Anthony, Christina Foster, Tasha Sapp, Gary Turner, Shawna Turner

Peterson-Central Elem. School: Traci Alton, Christina Foster, Tasha Sapp, Dwight Sawyers, Siera Sawyers

Roanoke Elem. School: Tanya Bleigh, Tina Bleigh, Amber Carpenter, Tera Craig, Margaret Fugate, Donovan Krafft, Mildred S. Krafft, Richard Riddle, Tasha Sapp, Gary Turner, Shawna Turner

Robert L. Bland Middle School: Tasha Sapp

General: Tasha Sapp

The board received approved meeting requests.

On motion by Paul Derico and seconded by Connie S. Riffle, the board approved the payroll/payment of bills - \$839,614.96, with a 5-0 vote.

On motion by Paul Derico and seconded by Phyllis Hinterer, the board approved the Monthly Financial Statements for July, August and September, 2019, with a 5-0 vote.

There were no reports.

Melissa Riley gave a facilities update on the roofing project at Lewis County High School.

Dr. Lewis gave the following Superintendent's Updates: School Happenings, Mathia and Safety.

The board thanked Jane Lew Elementary School for hosting the LSIC/Board Meeting.

Connie S. Riffle asked Dr. Lewis to check in to see if the school system can provide food for sporting teams before away games.

Mike Holden asked how much it would cost to tear down the old ticket booths at the Robert L Bland Middle School Football Field. Mr. Holden also asked Monika Weldon if she found out how

much the price was going to be for the levy from Casto & Harris. The information is not available at this time.

The board received the following board information:

- a. SBA Needs Project Interview Schedule
- b. COP Grant (information will be provided at board meeting)

There will be a special meeting held on Wednesday, October 30, 2019, at 6:00 p.m., at the Administration Building to conduct a student expulsion hearing.

The first regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 12, 2019, at 6:00 p.m., at Leading Creek Elementary School. The board will meet with the Leading Creek Elementary School's Local School Improvement Council at Leading Creek Elementary School at 6:00 p.m.

On motion by Paul Derico and seconded by Phyllis Hinterer, the board adjourned at 8:47 p.m., with a 5-0 vote.