

MINUTES OF THE LEWIS COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Monday, September 14, 2020

Date: September 14, 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: 604-269-7655; Staff Members: Robert Stewart, Brian Fisher

Regular Meeting in attendance: Staff Members: Melissa Riley, Kimberly Bonnett, Gerald Paugh, Allen Heath, Terry L. Sprouse, Jeff Tidd, Monika Weldon

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 Gerald Paugh, Bus Operator.

There were no agenda adjustments.

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

The board recognized the WV School Service Personnel Day Proclamation – September 23, 2020.

The board recognized Allen Heath, LCHS Marching Minutemen Director, and the LCHS Band for their good sportsmanship during the recent football game.

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

A. Out of County Student Transfers:

1. Samuel Bellotte, requesting that his 2nd grade child be permitted to attend Lewis County Schools (Jane Lew Elementary) for the 2020-2021 school year.
Home School County: Harrison
2. Joe Yeager, requesting that his 10th grade child be permitted to attend

Lewis County Schools (Lewis County High) for the 2020-2021 school year.
Home School County: Gilmer

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 K.W.

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

B. Exception to the Attendance Policy:

2. Student S.C.

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

B. Exception to the Attendance Policy:

3. Student T.B.

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

B. Exception to the Attendance Policy:

4. Student H.S.

Jeff Tidd gave the board an update on the 1 to 1 Device Initiative.

Dr. Lewis gave an update to the Re-Entry Plan forms.

On motion by David Bush and seconded by Phyllis Hinterer, the board approved the updates/revised Re-Entry Plan Form for the 2020-2021 school year, with a 5-0 vote.

On motion by Phyllis Hinterer and seconded by David Bush, the board approved the Memorandum of Understanding between Lewis County Board of Education and Upshur County Board of Education to employ an Orientation and Mobility (O&M) Specialist to provide Orientation and Mobility Services to qualifying students beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021, with a 5-0 vote.

On motion by Phyllis Hinterer and seconded by Mike Holden, the board approved the Memorandum of Understanding between Lewis County Schools and Central West Virginia Community Action, Inc., effective for the 2020-2021 school year, with a 5-0 vote.

On motion by Phyllis Hinterer and seconded by David Bush, the board approved the Health Care Staffing Agreement for School Services between Interim HealthCare of Pittsburgh, Inc. dba

Interim HealthCare of Morgantown and Lewis County Schools , effective September 15, 2020 – August 10, 2021, with a 5-0 vote. Phyllis Hinterer and David Bush amended the motion to make effective date September 15, 2020, per Dr. Lewis request.

On motion by Mike Holden and seconded by Kenny Lowther, the board approved the Attachment B – Business Associate Agreement between Lewis County Schools and Business Associates, with a 5-0 vote.

On motion by Kenny Lowther and seconded by Mike Holden, the board approved the purchase of a sponsorship/advertising from the local radio station during high school sports broadcasts, with a 5-0 vote. Kenny Lowther and Mike Holden amended the motion to include effective for the 2020-2021 school year.

On motion by David Bush and seconded by James Flesher, with Phyllis Hinterer, Kenny Lowther and Mike Holden voting in the negative, the board did not approve naming LCHS Football Press Box in memory of Mr. Paul Derico. Motion failed with a 2-3 vote.

On motion by Phyllis Hinterer and seconded by Mike Holden, the board approved the Goals & Objectives for the 2020-2030 Comprehensive Educational Facilities Plan, with a 5-0 vote.

On motion by Mike Holden and seconded by David Bush, the board approved the resolution to Governor Jim Justice to consider allowing grandparents the opportunity to attend extracurricular activities, with a 5-0 vote.

There were no executive sessions.

The following personnel have the recommendation of the Superintendent.

On motion by Mike Holden and seconded by Phyllis Hinterer, the board accepted the following retirements/resignations, with a 5-0 vote:

- a. **Joyce Jarrett**, retirement, Cook, Robert L. Bland Middle School, effective September 29, 2020.
- b. **Kimberly Hinter**, resignation, Substitute Cook, effective August 26, 2020.
- c. **Beckey Hall**, resignation, Substitute Teacher, effective September 8, 2020.
- d. **Virginia Croaff**, Medical Leave of Absence, Speech Pathologist, Lewis County Schools, effective September 8, 2020 - January 18, 2021.
- e. **Sandra Sanders**, resignation, Substitute Cook, Lewis County Schools, effective September 11, 2020.

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

- a. **Tyler Foster**, Non-paid Cheerleading Coach, Lewis County High School, effective

2020-2021 school year.

- b. **Bertha Valentine**, reclassification from Cook I to Cook II, effective 2020-2021 school year.

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

- k. **Lori Hill**, 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:

- a. **Vera Butcher**, Day-to-Day Substitute Custodian, Lewis County Schools, effective 2020-2021 school year.

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

- a. **Tracy Chenoweth**, LCHS and **Sonya James**, Roanoke Elementary School, Academic Technologists, Lewis County Schools, effective 2020-2021 school year.
- b. **Melissa Allison**, Remedial Specialist, St. Patrick's School, effective 2020-2021 school year.

On motion by David Bush and seconded by Phyllis Hinterer, with Mike Holden and Kenny Lowther voting in the negative, the board employed the following extracurricular service vacancies, with a 3-2 vote:

- a. **Garry Alderman**, Donated Food Truck Driver, Lewis County Schools.

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

- a. **Ryan Casto**, Assistant Girls Soccer Coach, Lewis County High School, pending background check, effective 2020-2021 school year.

On motion by David Bush and seconded by Phyllis Hinterer, the board approved the payroll/payment of bills - \$1,476,663.96, with a 5-0 vote.

On motion by Phyllis Hinterer and seconded by Kenny Lowther, the board approved the monthly financial report for July, 2020, with a 5-0 vote.

Monika Weldon discussed and shared the 2018-2019 vs. 2019-2020 expense report with the board.

Melissa Riley gave the following facilities/construction updates: Paving projects at Peterson-Central, Jane Lew and Roanoke Elementary Schools.

Jim Flesher asked that quotes for Transportation Wash Bay be on the next agenda.

Phyllis Hinterer inquired about the light at the gate at Roanoke Elementary School.

Dr. Lewis gave a report on the first two (2) weeks of bringing students back into the schools.

Dr. Lewis also shared a report from WVDE Office of Finance Amy Willard regarding the employer payroll tax deferral. (information was provided to board members under board information)

The following was for board information:

- a. WVDE Grant Awards: Career Technical Education - \$30,105.00; Preschool – \$2,000.00; Covid - \$240,000.00
- b. Employer Payroll Tax Deferral. (information available at board meeting)

The next regular meeting in September will be held on Monday, September 28, 2020, at 6:00 p.m., at the Administration Building.

The first regular meeting in October will be held on Monday, October 12, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. The board will hold a public hearing to complete the Comprehensive Educational Facilities Plan at 5:30 p.m.

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 “set the superintendent’s goals”, and on motion by Phyllis Hinterer and seconded by David Bush, the board went into executive session at 7:12 p.m.

Dr. Robin Lewis, Superintendent, sat with the board in the executive session

On motion by Mike Holden and seconded by Kenny Lowther, the board adjourned the executive session at 7:57 p.m., with a 5-0 vote.

No action was taken in the executive session.

On motion by James Flesher and seconded by Phyllis Hinterer, the board adjourned at 7:58 p.m., with a 5-0 vote.