

# MINUTES OF THE LEWIS COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Monday, September 23, 2019

Date: September 23, 2019

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Kind of Meeting: Regular

Where Held: Lewis County High 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 – Staff Members: Terry Cogar, Melissa Riley, Denise Sprouse, Terry L. Sprouse, Eric Benedum, Monika Weldon

Regular Meeting Attendance – Staff Members: Monika Weldon

The board met with Lewis County High School's Local School Improvement Council at 6:00 p.m., at Lewis County High 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, at 7:12 p.m.

The pledge of allegiance was led during the LSIC meeting.

There were no agenda adjustments.

Personnel Achievement/Recognition and Student Achievement/Community Involvement was held during the LSIC meeting.

The Board discussed the upcoming School Excess Levy.

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 student expulsion hearing for (Student 19-20MG)", and on motion by Connie S. Riffle and seconded by Mike Holden, the board went into executive session at 7:15 p.m., with a 5-0 vote.

(Student 19-10MG) parents, Chris Derico, Discipline Coordinator, and Julie Radcliff, Principal, Robert L. Bland Middle School sat with the board in the executive session.

On motion by Connie S. Riffle and seconded by Phyllis Hinterer, the board adjourned the executive session at 7:28 p.m.

No action was taken in the executive session.

On motion by James Flesher and seconded by Connie S. Riffle, the board upheld the superintendent's recommendation to expel Student (19-20MG) for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year, with a 5-0 vote.

On motion by Mike Holden and seconded by Phyllis Hinterer, the board approved Board Goals (SMART Goals), with a 5-0 vote: Academic Achievement, Safety, Finance, Communication and Policy.

After requesting and making no corrections to the minutes of the meetings held on August 19, 2019, and August 26, 2019, on motion by Connie S. Riffle and seconded by Paul Derico, the minutes were approved as submitted, with a 5-0 vote.

On motion by Paul Derico and seconded by Connie S. Riffle, the board approved the following consent agenda items, with a 5-0 vote:

A. Out of State Meeting Request:

1. Kimberly Bonnett, National Education Association Board of Directors Meetings, September 25-29, 2019 – Washington, D.C., February 5-9, 2020 – Washington, D.C., March 13, 2019 – Florida and April 29-May 3, 2020, Washington, D.C. \*No cost to the Board.
2. Chris Derico, School Nutrition Association, National Board Meeting, Arlington, V.A., October 23-25, 2019. \*No cost to the Board.
3. Chris Derico, School Nutrition Association, Mississippi State Visit, Biloxi, Mississippi, November 1, 2019. \*No cost to the Board.
4. Jeff Tidd and Dr. Robin Lewis, Future Ready Schools, Coal Center, P.A., October 29, 2019.

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

B. Use of Buildings and Grounds:

1. Annie Brown, Lewis County Jr. Wrestling, Lewis County High School Gym and cafeteria for a wrestling tournament, December 13, 2019, at 5:00 p.m. – December 14, 2019, 8:30 p.m. \*will submit updated insurance when

available.

2. Annie Brown, Lewis County Jr. Wrestling, Robert L. Bland Middle School mat room for wrestling practices and clinics, October 1, 2019 – May 10, 2020.  
\*will submit updated insurance when available.
3. Desirea Detamore, Lewis County Mountaineer Youth Football, Cheerleading practices, Robert L. Bland Middle School mat room building, September 8, 2019 – November 14, 2019, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. (LC Mountaineer Youth Football/Cheerleading was previously approved on 6/10/19 – insurance approved)
4. Desirea Detamore, Lewis County Mountaineer Youth Football, Cheerleading practices, Roanoke Elementary Gym, September 24, 2019 – November 14, 2019, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. (LC Mountaineer Youth Football/Cheerleading was previously approved on 6/10/19 – insurance approved)

There were no delegations.

On motion by Paul Derico and seconded by Phyllis Hinterer, the board approved the following schools as polling places for the 2020 Board of Education Levy Election to be held on February 8, 2020, the Primary Election held on May 12, 2020, and the General Election held on November 3, 2020, with a 5-0 vote: Precinct #3 – Roanoke Elementary School, Precinct #4 & #7 – Lewis County High School, Precinct #9 – Lewis County Board of Education, Precinct #10 – RLBMS Vocational Building, Precinct #14 – Peterson-Central Elementary School - Hallway, Precinct #15 – Peterson-Central Elementary School – Cafeteria, and Precinct #21 – Leading Creek Elementary School.

Mike Holden discussed bullying in the school system.

The following personnel have the recommendation of the Superintendent.

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

- a. **Matthew Gillespie**, resignation, Head Football Coach, Robert L. Bland Middle School, effective September 12, 2019.
- b. **Daniel Nolte**, resignation, Assistant Football Coach, Robert L. Bland Middle School, effective September 13, 2019.
- c. **John Barnett**, resignation, Mechanic, Transportation Department, effective immediately.

- d. **Eddie Brandon Ellis**, resignation, Custodian, Lewis County High School, effective immediately.

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

- b. Permission to post Itinerant Autism Coach, Lewis County Schools.

On motion by Phyllis Hinterer and seconded by Mike Holden, with Connie S. Riffle abstaining, the board employed the following service personnel, with a 4-0 vote:

- a. **Tosha Clem**, Special Education Aide, Peterson-Central Elementary School, effective September 25, 2019.

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

- b. **Jesse Poling**, Special Education Aide, Jane Lew Elementary School, effective September 25, 2019.
- c. **Ann Phillips**, Cook – Peterson-Central Elementary School, effective September 25, 2019.
- d. **Christina Reese**, Bus Operator, Rt. 33 W, Pricetown, Keith’s Fork, W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, effective September 25, 2019.
- e. **Randall Starcher**, Bus Operator, River Road, Terrace Ave., Murphy’s Creek, Sand Run, effective September 25, 2019.
- h. **Jason Benedum**, Mechanic, Transportation Department, pending background check.

On motion by Phyllis Hinterer and seconded by Paul Derico, with Mike Holden abstaining, the board employed the following service personnel, with a 4-0 vote:

- f. **Barbara Holden**, Preschool Special Needs ECCAT/Aide, Peterson-Central Elementary School, effective September 25, 2019.

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

- a. **Janie Hawkins**, Cook, Peterson-Central Elementary School, effective September 24, 2019.

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

**Jane Lew Elementary School**: Myrtle Arbogast, Suzanne Blanco, Casey Brown, Alli Hefner Clark, Diane Dumont, Kristy Hall, Matthew Harris, Micah Harris, Wilma McKee, Heather Paugh, Ricky Paugh, Ginny Ruble, Joseph Shreve, Vicky Shreve, Amanda Smith, Rebecca Young, Gregory Zielinski, Tori Zielinski

Leading Creek Elementary School: June Dean, Wilma McKee, Ginny Ruble, Kasha Stitt, Rebecca Young

Lewis County High School: Alva Allen, Melanie Allen, Ethan Blyler, Veda Brake, Casey Brown, Amanda Hager, Kristy Hall, Erin Hunt, William Hunt, Lorie Lovejoy, Wilma McKee, Carol May, Nila Paugh, Ginny Ruble, Amanda Smith, Rebecca Young, Gregory Zielinski, Tori Zielinski

Peterson-Central Elementary School: Melanie Allen, Jennifer Barker, Michelle Carpenter, Courtney Griffith, Rebecca Hamon, Branson Mathess, Jeanetta Mick, Jamie Pratt, Ginny Ruble, Twila Simmons, Rebecca Young

Roanoke Elementary School: Jill Balsler, Sandra Crist, Jeanetta Mick, Laura Miller, Ginny Ruble, Bryan Smith, Brandi Wilson, Rebecca Young

Robert L. Bland Middle School: Alva Allen, Melanie Allen, Amanda Aman, Suzanne Blanco, Ethan Blyler, Casey Brown, Eric Carson, Sandra Crist, June Dean, Amanda Hager, Kristy Hall, Rebecca Hamon, Angie Holden, Erin Hunt, William Hunt, Wilma McKee, Laura Miller, Heather Paugh, Ricky Paugh, Shannon Putnam, Ginny Ruble, Amanda Smith, Rebecca Young, Gregory Zielinski, Tori Zielinski

The board received approved meeting requests.

On motion by Paul Derico and seconded by Phyllis Hinterer, the board approved the payroll/payment of bills - \$847,324.08, with a 5-0 vote.

Terry Cogar discussed the Fuel Tank information with the board.

On motion by James Flesher and seconded by Connie S. Riffle, the board approved requesting bids for fuel and tanks, with a 5-0 vote. Dr. Lewis stated that Monika Weldon and Terry Cogar will work together to get the specifications.

Melissa Riley gave a construction report on the roofing project at Lewis County High School.

Mike Holden shared information with the Board regarding Tri-County.

The Board thanked the staff and students at Lewis County High School for inviting them to their school for the Local School Improvement Council meeting.

The board received the following board information:

- a. WVDE Grant Award: \$44,168.00

There will be a special meeting held on Monday, September 30, 2019, at 6:00 p.m., at the Administration Building to approve finance and conduct a work session.

The first meeting in October will be held on Monday, October 14, 2019, at 6:00 p.m., at Robert L. Bland Middle School. The board will meet with the Robert L. Bland Middle School Local School Improvement Council at Robert L. Bland Middle School at 6:00 p.m.

On motion by Paul Derico and seconded by Mike Holden, the board adjourned at 8:11 p.m., with a 5-0 vote.