

MINUTES OF THE LEWIS COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Monday, September 28, 2020

Date: September 28, 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: Bruce Heater, Rebecca Young, 304-276-8423, 304-672-2452, 681-433-9502; Staff Members: Tommy Gettings, Noel Hardman, Mackenzie Smith, Kim Bonnett, Bob Stewart, W. Lee Barbo

Regular Meeting in attendance: Staff Members: Melissa Riley, Terry Cogar, Jeff Tidd, Sarah Linger, Marissa Shanholtz, Andrea Heath, Steve Hall, Bill Tucker, Terry Sprouse, 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 Phyllis Hinterer, Board Vice President at 6:35 p.m.

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

There were no agenda adjustments.

There were no student/personnel achievements.

After requesting and making no corrections to the minutes of the meeting held on September 14, 2020, on motion by Kenny Lowther and seconded by Mike Holden, the minutes were approved as submitted, with a 4-0 vote.

On motion by David Bush and seconded by Kenny Lowther, the board approved the following consent agenda item, with a 4-0 vote:

A. Out of County Student Transfers:

1. Lucas Walsh, requesting that his 5th grade child be permitted to attend Lewis County Schools (Leading Creek Elementary) for the 2020-2021 school year. Home School County: Gilmer

On motion by David Bush and seconded by Kenny Lowther, the board approved the following consent agenda item, with a 4-0 vote:

B. Out of State Meeting Request:

1. Kimberly Bonnett, National Education Association, Washington, D.C.,
September 23-27, 2020, February 10-14, 2021 and April 28 – May 2, 2021,
*(Please note: Ms. Bonnett will not be traveling during COVID restrictions).

Lee Barbo, Teacher, Robert L. Bland Middle School, spoke via phone, as a delegation to the board and the individuals present about her concerns allowing students to return 4 days/week at this time.

James Flesher, Board President, was present at this time for the meeting.

Mr. Flesher and the board members discussed ideas on ways to recognize volunteers.

Dr. Lewis revisited the Re-Entry Plan and shared updates with the board.

Andrea Heath, Teacher, PCES, shared the Fine Arts re-entry plan with the board.

On motion by David Bush and seconded by Kenny Lowther, the board approved the updated/revised Re-Entry Plan, pending the local health departments approval, (elementary students returning 4 days/week beginning October 19, 2020 and middle/high students returning 4 days/week beginning November 9, 2020) for the 2020-2021 school year, with a 5-0 vote.

On motion by Kenny Lowther and seconded by David Bush, the board approved the Fine Arts Re-Entry Plan, pending the local health departments approval, for the 2020-2021 school year, with a 5-0 vote.

There were no executive sessions.

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. **Garry Alderman**, resignation, Bus Driver for Donated Food Truck Run, effective September 21, 2020.
- b. **Sharla Sherwood**, resignation, Substitute Aide and Substitute Cook, effective September 30, 2020.
- c. **Elizabeth Vincent**, resignation, Substitute Aide, effective September 16, 2020.
- d. **Sheryl Short**, resignation, Substitute Secretary, effective September 18, 2020.
- e. **Joseph Taylor**, resignation, Bus Driver, effective September 21, 2020.
- f. **Robert Smith**, resignation, Bus Driver, effective September 21, 2020.

- g. **Joe Nichols**, resignation, Assistant Boys Basketball Coach, Lewis County High School, effective September 28, 2020.
- h. **Bonnie Krum**, resignation, Preschool Teacher, Roanoke Elementary School, effective September 30, 2020.

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

- a. **Agnes Starcher**, Non-paid medical leave of absence, Cook, Lewis County High School, effective ½ day on September 30, 2020 (P.M.), for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year.

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

- g. **Tyler Perske**, General Music/Chorus/Band Teacher, Robert L. Bland Middle School, pending background check and release from Randolph County.
- k. **Bonnie Krum**, Substitute Teacher, Lewis County Schools, effective 2020-2021 school year.

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

- a. **Crystal Clem** and **Joyce Pumphrey**, Day-to-Day Substitute Cooks, Lewis County Schools, pending training and background checks.
- b. **Amanda Hager**, Cook, Robert L. Bland Middle School.
- c. **Loria Brown**, Cook, Lewis County High School

On motion by Phyllis Hinterer and seconded by David Bush, the board approved the payroll/payment of bills - \$1,025,303.10, with a 5-0 vote.

On motion by Phyllis Hinterer and seconded by James Flesher, the board approved the annual financial statements for fiscal year ended June 30, 2020, with a 5-0 vote.

Monika Weldon discussed and shared the Levy Money Report.

Melissa Riley gave the following facilities/construction updates: LCHS bleachers, Paving Projects and Covid cleaning in schools.

Terry Cogar, Transportation Supervisor, gave a report on the number of students riding buses at this time.

Bill Tucker and Sarah Linger, CIS, gave a report on the Community-In-Schools Report.
Supt updates

Jeff Tidd reported on the usage of Chromebooks by students at this time.

The board thanked everyone in the school system that has worked diligently throughout the Covid pandemic to make sure the students and staff have what they need.

The following was for board information:

- a. Fred W. Eberle Technical Center 2020-2021 Semester 1 Student Enrollment.

The first regular meeting in October will be held on Monday, October 12, 2020, at 5:30 p.m., at the Administration Building to conduct CEFP Hearing and the regular meeting at be held at 6:00 p.m.

On motion by David Bush and seconded by Kenny Lowther, the board adjourned at 9:07 p.m., with a 5-0 vote.