

**Walnut Township Local School District Board of Education**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Monday, November 14, 2016**  
**Laker Learning Center @ Millersport High School**  
**7:00 p.m.**

President Popo called the meeting to order with three members present. Mr. Cumbow and Mrs. Keller were absent.

After the meeting was called to order the Pledge of Allegiance was conducted.

**16-201 Approval of Agenda**

Motion by Mr. Popo and seconded by Mrs. Armstrong to accept the agenda as presented by the Treasurer and Superintendent.

Roll Call: Mr. Popo-yes, Mrs. Armstrong-yes, Ms. King-yes  
Motion carried.

Mrs. Keller arrived at 7:02

**Public Participation**

Dina Reasoner presented her concerns with the 2015-2016 yearbook and that yearbooks were to portray positive memories. Mrs. Keller said she thought wording was to be changed and was taken aback as well. Dina also mentioned that black is not our school color; that we have always been purple and gold and that people should not be able to just change it. Christina Pettit also spoke her concerns and that the yearbook should reflect celebration of student years. She shared for another parent's concern that the band was placed in the back and not with fall sports and that the Career Center was not acknowledge for their honors received.

Christina Pettit brought the new handicapped school bus so that people could look over it and take a ride.

**16-202 Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Ms. King and seconded by Mrs. Keller to approve the minutes from the October 10, 2016 Special Board Meeting and October 10, 2016 Regular Board Meeting.

Roll Call: Ms. King-yes, Mrs. Keller-yes, Mrs. Armstrong-yes, Mr. Popo-yes  
Motion carried.

**16-203 Treasurer's Report**

Motion by Mrs. Keller and seconded by Mrs. Armstrong to approve the motions contained in the Treasurer's Report for October, 2016 as presented.

- a. Approval of the Financial Report
- b. Approval of bills for payment

Roll Call: Mrs. Keller-yes, Mrs. Armstrong-yes, Ms. King-yes, Mr. Popo-yes  
Motion carried.

First reading of Board policy DBDA, Cash Balance, with the intent of formally adopting the policy at the December board meeting of the Walnut Township Local Board of Education in accordance with current policy BF.

## **Communications:**

### **Principals' Reports**

**Mr. Stought, HS** - Presented list of students receiving awards for fall sports. College App Day went well with 3 colleges and 2 branches of military represented. They reviewed options and FAFSA. Great job by Mrs. VanTuyl in absence of Mrs. Sponseller. Veteran's Day assembly was great. Big thanks to Mrs. Peters and Senior Class, Mr. Mohler (choir) and Mrs. Savage (band). Mrs. Peters gave all credit to the Senior Class who organized and planned it. Mr. Kyle Mathews did a good job speaking.

**Ms. Yenni, Elementary** - Halloween Dance was the most attended dance by students and parents. Reported that last week the 3rd grade took the Reading/ELA standardized testing. ODE has increase our cut score from 42 to 44 for promotion to the 4th grade.

### **Superintendent's Report**

**Mr. Cotner** told how our transportation department was part of a highway safety pickup on 11/13/16. Purdue University Cross Country team was on their way back to school when bus had a tire blowout and the brakes caught on fire. We transported them to the Travel America truck stop to wait for their charter company to send a bus to finalize their trip home.

We are working on a 1:1 computer ratio. The first step is to increase internet and network upgrades that will cost approximately \$87,000. We are working with our E-Rate company for grants to support \$65,000 or the cost.

He highlighted the new graduation requirements of 18 points for our current junior class. As it is at this time about 50% are on track to graduate. Meeting with Senator Troy Balderson and ODE on Thursday to discuss this and how it is not good for students.

### **Superintendent's Recommendations**

**16-204** Motion by Mrs. Armstrong and seconded by Mr. Popo to adopt the following job descriptions:

Assistant to the Treasurer  
Accounting Clerk

Roll Call: Mrs. Armstrong-yes, Mr. Popo-yes, Mrs. Keller-yes, Ms. King-yes  
Motion carried.

### **Superintendent's Personnel Recommendations**

**16-205** Motion by Mrs. Keller and seconded by Ms. King to accept the resignation of Amy Amspaugh, Educational Aide, effective at the end of the day on November 4, 2016.

Mr. Cotner thanked Mrs. Amspaugh for her years of service to the district and the student's she served.

Roll Call: Mrs. Keller-yes, Ms. King-yes, Mrs. Armstrong-yes, Mr. Popo-yes  
Motion carried.

**16-206** Motion by Ms. King and seconded by Mrs. Keller to approve the following contract for a period of one (1) year, limited contract, effective November 21, 2016. Terms and conditions of this contract to be consistent with the descriptors contained in the appropriate adopted salary schedule and Board of Education Policy currently in effect and subject to any changes by subsequent Board action. *(All contracts pending proper certification and verification of experience).*

<u>Person</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary Schedule</u>	<u>Contract Type</u>	<u>Days</u>	<u>Step</u>	<u>Eff. Date</u>
Jennifer L. Blevins	HS Secretary	Secretary	(1) Year Limited	220	5	11/21/2016-7/31/17

Roll Call: Ms. King-yes, Mrs. Keller-yes, Mrs. Armstrong-yes, Mr. Popo-yes  
Motion carried.

**16-207** Motion by Ms. King and seconded by Mrs. Armstrong to approve the following individual(s) as a substitute to be used on an as-needed basis through the 2016-2017 school year in positions determined to be appropriate by school district administrators  
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Roll Call: Ms. King-yes, Mrs. Armstrong-yes, Mrs. Keller-yes, Mr. Popo-yes  
Motion carried.

**Adjournment**

**16-208** Motion by Ms. King and seconded by Mrs. Keller to adjourn the meeting.  
(Time: 7:55 p.m.)

Roll Call: Ms. King-yes, Mrs. Keller-yes, Mrs. Armstrong-yes, Mr. Popo-yes  
Motion carried.

I certify these minutes to be correct.

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President

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Treasurer

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In order for the Board to fulfill its obligation to complete the planned agenda in an effective and efficient fashion, a maximum of 30 minutes of public participation may be permitted at each meeting.  
If several people wish to speak, each person is allotted three minutes until the total time of 30 minutes is used.*