

**Walnut Township Local School District Board of Education**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Monday, April 8, 2019**  
**Laker Learning Center**  
**6:01 p.m.**

The meeting was called to order with all members present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted.

Sydney Tisdale represented the Junior Class inviting the Board of Education to the Junior-Senior Prom on May 4, 2019 at Cheer's Chalet.

There was no public participation.

**19-058 Approval of Agenda**

Motion by Ms. King, and seconded by Mrs. Whitaker, to accept the agenda as presented by the Treasurer and Superintendent.

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

**19-059 Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Mrs. Armstrong, and seconded by Mrs. Whitaker, to approve the minutes from the March 11, 2019 Regular Board Meeting.

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

**Treasurer's Report**

**19-060** Motion by Mrs. Whitaker, and seconded by Ms. King, to approve the Treasurer's Report for March, 2019 as presented.

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

**19-061** Motion by Mrs. Armstrong, and seconded by Mrs. Whitaker, to accept the bills paid in March, 2019 as presented.

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

Mrs. Moore asked the Board to give instruction for intent of the COPS loan. A Resolution would need to be prepared for the next Board meeting if instructed to pay off the loan. Mrs. Whitaker asked if she was confident with the numbers to proceed with payoff and she advised yes. The Board asked her to present Resolution and Five-Year forecast at the next meeting.

**Communications:**

**Ms. Yenni, Elementary Principal** – Presented Board with a calendar of events going on in the elementary building. Tomorrow is the last day of testing. Next week is spring break and we come back to "Right to Read" week and looking for guest readers to come in and read to our students.

Book Fair is 4/22-4/26 with Parent's Night as Tuesday, 4/23 from 4-6. Grandparent Days are 4/25 & 4/26.

**Mr. Stought, HS Principal** – Presented upcoming calendar in board member packets. Testing and spring sports are all under way. The students recently participated in the "Game of Life". The Laker Learning Center was set up by Mrs. Qurschi for this game and students were given scenarios of married or single, having children and they had to live within a budget. Only one student bought their child a cell phone because of cost. It was a learning experience and thank you to all the community people who helped with this. The Ohio State Patrol was here on 3/22 with the simulator for distractive driving and spoke with our students. We had a vaping presentation by Adrienne Brown with the Recovery Center. National Honor Society Induction is tomorrow evening @ 6:00 with Mrs. Holly Armstrong as our guest speaker. We have 4 inductees.

**Maintenance & Transportation** – Included in the Superintendent's report.

**Mr. Cotner, Superintendent** – We are adding additional hours with New Horizons for the remainder of this school year. We are hoping to see additional money from the state level in the future for mental health. "Our sound systems are an embarrassment". He will continue to work with Mr. Yates to get them fixed. Engineers are coming Wednesday to evaluate the auditorium sound system. Questions were asked about the press box leak and if there was a time line for completion. Softball and Baseball coaches have a group of workers who plan to raise the roof on the press box. As soon as their schedule clears, work will begin. HS gym sound system seems to be minor. The engineers believe that they can clean contacts and see improvement.

Scoreboards and lightning strikes have been an issue. We will be looking at all of these. Tony Schorr Architects will be starting on the repair of the elementary gym floor as soon as school is out. We had a representative in regarding upgrade of the playground. We will have more information at a later date.

Landscaping is being assessed by both Eastland-Fairfield Career Center and Keller Landscaping. Work will begin soon and the landscaping will be ready for graduation.

We have included a job description of a P/R Communications position for review and consideration at the next meeting.

The Levy Committee has been working hard to get the information to the voters. There are yard signs available and Bob Slater has put out the larger signs in the district. Upcoming events for the committee are as follows and we encourage everyone to participate: 4/11 @ 5:00 campaign meeting, 4/28 students and adults meeting in HS cafeteria to start a door-to-door campaign. Mr. Cotner will be on the air with WFCO 90.9 radio on 4/28 @ 8:00 am. Early voting starts tomorrow 4/09.

### **Superintendent's Recommendations**

First reading of a complete revision of the following board policies, with the intent of formally adopting the policies at the May meeting of the Walnut Township Local Board of Education in accordance with current policy BF:

BCC	Qualifications & Duties of the Treasurer	JFCF	Hazing and Bullying
DGA	Authorized Signatures	JFCF-R	Hazing and Bullying-Regs
DH	Bonded Employees and Officers	JFCK	Use of Electronic Communications Equipment by Students
GBCB	Staff Conduct	JGD	Student Suspension
GBE	Staff Health and Safety	JGE	Student Expulsion
GBE-R	Staff Health and Safety-Regs.	JHG	Reporting Child Abuse – Mandatory Training
GBH	Staff-Student Relations	JHH	Notification of Sex Offenders
GBP	Drug Free Workplace	JM	Staff-Student Relations
JED	Student Absences and Excuses	KGB	Public Conduct on District Property
JEE	Student Attendance & Accounting		

**19-062** Motion by Ms. King, and seconded by Mrs. Whitaker, to approve resolution to declare transportation impractical for certain identified students as presented pursuant to the requirements of Revised Code Chapter 3327 and the procedures set forth by the Ohio Department of Education. The resolution follows careful evaluation of all other available options prior to consideration of impracticality.

The Walnut Township Local School Board of Education hereby approves the following parent/guardian payment in lieu of transportation, as of February 13, 2019.

**Forest Rose**

<u>Student Name</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Parent/Guardian Name</u>
Lesly Monroy- Ramirez	3	Kim & Cecile Ardrey

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

**19-063** Motion by Mrs. Whitaker, and seconded by Mrs. Armstrong, to approve the April, 2019 substitute teacher list, as approved by the Fairfield County Educational Service Center.

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

**Superintendent’s Personnel Recommendations**

**19-064** Motion by Mrs. Armstrong, and seconded by Ms. King, to approve the employment recommendation for contract renewal, limited contract status, beginning with the 2019-2020 school year and expiring at the end of the contractual obligation in 2021, for the following classified personnel. 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.

<u>Person</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Contract Type</u>	<u>Eff. Date</u>
Jennifer L. Blevins	High School Secretary	(2) Year Limited	8/1/2019-7/31/2021
Robin L. Henderson	Custodian	(2) Year Limited	7/1/2019-6/30/2021
Sandra E. O’Neal	Lunchroom	(2) Year Limited	8/1/2019-6/30/2021
Kris M. Raver	Elem Secretary	(2) Year Limited (90 Days)	8/1/2019-6/30/2021

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

**19-065** Motion by Ms. King, and seconded by Mrs. Whitaker, to approve the following contracts which expire at the end of the 2018-2019 school year, be renewed for a period of one (1) year, limited contract status, beginning with the 2019-2020 school year and expiring at the end of the contractual obligation in 2020. Terms and conditions of these contracts to be consistent with the descriptors

contained in the appropriate negotiated Master Agreement between the Walnut Township Education Association OEA-NEA and the Walnut Township Local Board of Education.

<u>Person</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Length of Contract</u>
Cloe M. Cooperrider	Teacher	One (1) Year Limited Contract
Chancey P. Jonas	Teacher	One (1) Year Limited Contract
Ashley V. Lawson	Teacher	One (1) Year Limited Contract
John R. Phipps	Guidance Counselor	One (1) Year Limited Contract

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

**19-066** Motion by Mrs. Whitaker, and seconded by Ms. King, to approve the following contracts which expire at the end of the 2018-2019 school year, be renewed for a period of three (3) years, limited contract status, beginning with the 2019-2020 school year and expiring at the end of the contractual obligation in 2022. Terms and conditions of these contracts to be consistent with the descriptors contained in the appropriate negotiated Master Agreement between the Walnut Township Education Association OEA-NEA and the Walnut Township Local Board of Education .

<u>Person</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Length of Contract</u>
Tyler J. Coward	Teacher	Three (3) Year Limited Contract
Adam H. Mick	Teacher	Three (3) Year Limited Contract

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

**19-067** Motion by Ms. King, and seconded by Mrs. Whitaker, to approve the following contracts which expire at the end of the 2018-2019 school year, be renewed for a period of five (5) years, limited contract status, beginning with the 2019-2020 school year and expiring at the end of the contractual obligation in 2024. Terms and conditions of these contracts to be consistent with the descriptors contained in the appropriate negotiated Master Agreement between the Walnut Township Education Association OEA-NEA and the Walnut Township Local Board of Education.

<u>Person</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Length of Contract</u>
Andrea L. George	Teacher	Five (5) Year Limited Contract
Steven G. Harris	Teacher	Five (5) Year Limited Contract
Heather L. Metcalf	Teacher	Five (5) Year Limited Contract

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

**19-068** Motion by Mrs. Armstrong, and seconded by Mrs. Whitaker, to approve the following certified person(s) be employed for extended service days for FY 2020. Salary terms and conditions of these extended service contracts to be consistent with the descriptors contained in the appropriate negotiated Master Agreement between the Walnut Township Education Association and the Walnut Township Local Board of Education.

<u>Person</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Extended Days</u>
Joseph B. Brownfield	District Coordinator Of Technology	25 Elem Days/25 HS Days Extended Service 2019-2020
John R. Phipps	Guidance Counselor	25 Days Extended Service 2019-2020

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

**19-069** Motion by Ms. King, and seconded by Mrs. Whitaker, to approve the following individual(s) as a substitute to be used on an as-needed basis through the 2018-2019 school year in positions determined to be appropriate by school district administrators, pending receipt of all required documents:

Zach Reaver	Brandy Weisenstein
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Roll Call: Ms. King-yes, Mrs. Whitaker-no, Mrs. Armstrong-yes, Mr. Popo-yes, Mrs. Keller-no.  
Motion carried.

No votes were due to process not sub employees\*\*

**19-070** Motion by Mrs. Armstrong, and seconded by Mrs. Whitaker, to recognize the following volunteer coaches, pending receipt of all required documents:

Bob Barker	Baseball
Bob Hurst	Softball
Doug Shell	Softball

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

Ms. King asked as the Personnel Committee Chair, how the Board would like them to pursue the Superintendent search. The Board agreed to do their own search.

Mrs. Keller expressed condolences on behalf of the Board to the Popo family.

### **19-071 Adjournment**

Motion by Mrs. Armstrong, and seconded by Mrs. Whitaker, to adjourn the meeting.  
(Time: 7:55 p.m.)

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

I certify these minutes to be correct.

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President

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Treasurer

**FYI:**

**May 22<sup>nd</sup> - Eastland Junior Recognition Assembly at 9:00am at Eastland Career Center**

**May 23<sup>rd</sup>- Eastland Senior Recognition Ceremony at 9:00am and Fairfield Career Center  
Senior Recognition Ceremony at 11:30am at Ohio Christian University**

**June 10th board meeting will be moved to June 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm and will be held in the  
Elementary Media Center**

**Facility Usage: Enclosed in packet**

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT BOARD MEETINGS**

All meetings of the Board and Board-appointed committees are open to the public. 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.