

**Walnut Township Local School District Board of Education**  
**Special Meeting**  
**Wednesday, May 22, 2019**  
**Laker Learning Center**  
**5:00 P.M.**

The meeting was called to order with four members present. Mrs. Keller was absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted.

Presentation by Sharon Lawrence on the Library position and what she would do if she were in the position

**19-099 Approval of Agenda**

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

Discussion - Randy Cotner asked that before the agenda is approved Motion V and VI be pulled from the agenda. He explained that after discussing with Carol and Faye, Ms. Beane was already approved at the May board meeting for a 2-year contract and that she would be full time in the District office at the same pay but doing the Newsletter and media communications, but change the retirement to all SERS. The job description already has "other duties as assigned by the Treasurer" and Mr. Cotner asked that Superintendent also be added to that statement. At the June Board meeting a part-time Literacy Specialist (paid ½ time) would be added to run the Library, which this title allows the position to include Jr. High, High School and possibly community time in the library. Carol said that it was discussed that Sherrie could also go in the library and work together with this position as time allows.

Motion to accept the amended agenda:

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

**Board Recommendations**

**19-100** Motion by Mrs. Armstrong, and seconded by Mrs. Whitaker, to approve the unofficial bid from Mr. David's Flooring, for the preliminary amount of \$28,075.00, for repair of the Elementary gym/stage floor (*contract contingent upon background checks and approval by Schorr Architects*).

Discussion – Bid came in under the budgeted amount of \$60,000. Tony Schorr will start after approval and after teacher work day. Vince asked if the design remained the same and Mr. Cotner explained that the design will be the same but the upper half of the key will be light instead of dark. Design still included the logo.

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

**19-101** Motion by Mr. Popo, and seconded by Mrs. Armstrong, to approve the position of Jr. High/High School Lang Arts/Social Studies teacher.

Discussion - Mr. Cotner explained that this requires a 4-9 licensure and will be dual certified in Language Arts and Social Studies. Will Kirby presented a handout with data showing that after the cuts were made, our scores declined on the state tests.

Will Kirby shared a comparison of districts around Walnut Township Schools and the time spent teaching Language Arts and Reading – with most having twice the amount of time (using both Reading and Language Arts) and one school who got rid of reading and now wants to bring it back and another who has the same time frame as Millersport, but also is looking to increase the time.

Megan Terry and Jeff Stought would both like to go in this direction. This position would provide opportunities for additional courses in the high school. This is the first position that the high school has asked for back since the RIF and is asking for a combined position instead of 2 separate teachers. The progress of the students will be watched annually for effectiveness and this position allows more flexibility for adjustments.

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

### **19-102 Adjournment**

Motion by Mrs. Armstrong, and seconded by Mr. Popo, to adjourn the meeting. (Time: 5:35 p.m.)

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

I certify these minutes to be correct.

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President

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Treasurer