

Walnut Township Local School District Board of Education
Regular Meeting
Monday, September 9, 2019
Laker Learning Center
6:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. All members were present except Mrs. Whitaker.

The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted.

Mrs. Keller read a letter from the Millersport Lions Club, who had many positive things to say regarding our facilities for the parade. She also congratulated Mr. Bob Slater as our Friend of Education and Mrs. Patty Zollinger as our Exemplary Employee. They will be recognized at an upcoming OSBA dinner.

Special Guests

Mr. Greg Hines, HS Teacher, requested that the Board officially recognize a Board Game Club. He is currently asking for nothing in this proposition except to allow students to be recognized as part of the club. The Extra-Curricular committee will review and bring back a resolution at the October meeting.

Ms. Katie McKibben presented nine (9) Elementary Student Council Representatives who talked about the Crayola Color Cycle program they are conducting this year. Last year, they collected 713 markers in a week. The program has repurposed more than 70 tons of expended markers in the USA and Canada since 2013.

19-171 Approval of Agenda

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

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

Public Participation - None

19-172 Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mr. Popo, and seconded by Mrs. Armstrong, to approve the minutes from the August 19, 2019 Regular Board Meeting.

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

Treasurer's Report

19-173 Motion by Mrs. Armstrong, and seconded by Ms. King, to approve the Treasurer's Report for August, 2019 as presented.

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

19-174 Motion by Mr. Popo, and seconded by Mrs. Armstrong, to accept the bills paid in August, 2019 as presented.

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

Ms. King would like to have the Extra-Curricular Committee sit down with the Athletic Boosters officers to discuss the Athletic negative balance. Mrs. Moore suggested she be a part of the conversation. The Boosters meeting is on a Tuesday in 2 weeks and Tom Nebbergall will have Teresa Thompson contact them.

19-175 Motion by Mr. Popo, and seconded by Mrs. Armstrong, to approve the Amended Certificate and Permanent Appropriations Resolution for FY2020, at the fund level.

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

Mrs. Moore excitedly reported the recent call from Moody & Associates who rate the financial stability of our district. He said he has never seen their committee move a district up 3 levels in the past. However, WTLSD was moved up 3 levels to an A1 bond rating due to our healthy financial standing. The 4 reasons indicated were:

1. Early passing of the emergency levy
2. Clean audits the last 2 years
3. Financial stability
4. Dramatic reduction in debt by paying off the COPS loan early.

Our only debt is the Bond, which will be paid off in December 2020.

Communications:

Ms. Yenni, Elementary Principal - Shared some Fantastic News as follows:

1. Applied last spring and received approval of the Dollar General Grant for \$2,000 to renovate the book room. It is to be used to buy new books, containers to store books, and baggies to transport the books to and from home with students.
2. Applied and received approval of "Spirit of School Play Group Game Time Grant" for \$30,000 for equipment for the playground. It is a matching grant. The equipment must be purchased through Game Time by the end of October 2019 and delivered by December 31, 2019. She will be in contact with the rep.
3. She has also applied for an Aldi Wellness Grant for the playground and still waiting to hear.

In other events, she awarded 16 summer readers with prizes for their efforts to continue their work throughout the summer. Interims being formulated for Friday. School pictures are September 19. "It's A Great Day to Be a Laker!"

Mr. Stought, HS Principal – "No Super-Duper News". However, the school year continues to go smoothly. Upcoming events include: Homecoming Pep Rally is this Friday 9/13, Homecoming parade Wednesday 9/25, with Homecoming Soccer Game on 9/27. The date of the dance is TBD for either Friday 9/27 after game or Friday 10/04. Also, the Honor Society will be hosting a Blood Drive on 09/19 as well as picture day is the same day.

Graduation requirements are constantly changing by the Ohio Department of Education. Mr. Phipps, Guidance Counselor is holding meetings with each grade 9-12 students on Monday, September 16 as follows: Grade 9 is 6:00; Grade 10 & 11 is 6:30 and Grade 12 is 7:00. He encourages all students and parents attend.

Mr. Kirby, Curriculum Director - The local report card will be released this week. There are credentialing grants available for teacher for CCP. We currently have the following students enrolled in AP classes: 18 in AP US History, 5 in AP European History, 2 in AP Computer Science and 3 in AP Physics.

Mrs. Megan Terry, Jr. Class/Prom Advisor - Presented to the board about prom expense. She said communication was important and asked them to call or text her anytime with questions. As we know, the 2019 Prom was in the negative approximately \$1,000 and she admits to being confused in how the policy read as far as funding the prom. She presented questions to the board as to how they thought the prom should be funded. The policy states a minimum of \$500 will be allocated to prom. Does the Board want to only permit \$500 and then fundraise an additional \$500? Are you suggesting to only have a \$1,000 prom? The venue and food are a minimum of \$2,000, then there is a DJ, photo booth and decorating. She asked about the Seniors being free. Mrs. Keller commented that it was always a gift from the Juniors to the Seniors. Mrs. Armstrong asked Mr. Cotner to schedule a meeting for the committee to review.

Maintenance/Transportation presented by Mr. Cotner – Mr. Yates has had a lot of AC issues. We have a district resident who was a foreman during the COPS project. He is meeting with Mr. Yates tomorrow to look at wiring and go over some of the issues to see how best to resolve the problems we are having.

Mr. Cotner, Superintendent – Playground is on hold as discussion continues as to the proper base to use. Mr. Yates would like to use local people to do the work under the guidance of Schorr Architect. The press box is now remodeled and the new stadium sound system has been ordered. In the meantime, Mr. Tom Cumbow is loaning us a sound system for scheduled events on the field. The sound system in the gymnasium originally thought to be about \$40,000-50,000 was fixed with a \$3,000 microphone.

Meet the Candidates night, sponsored by the HS Government class is September 24 @ 6:00.

With the assistance of Coach Tom Nebbergall, we looked at a topography shot of the new softball field. Coach Nebbergall explained the drainage issues we have had with TWC Enterprises and Oak Creations are due to elevation issues. The elevation issues are being corrected and will also benefit Laker Drive. The Village has added 36” drain lines across the street for the building of the new fire station and upcoming growth to the area. We had allocated \$15,000 for the project and the total cost is \$21,000. He is asking the Board to pay the additional amount to put in the drains. Mrs. Moore and Mr. Cotner will meet on this issue.

Superintendent’s Recommendations

19-176 Motion by Ms. King, and seconded by Mr. Popo, to approve the substitute teacher list for September, 2019, as approved by the Fairfield County Educational Service Center.

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

19-177 Motion by Mrs. Armstrong, and seconded by Mr. Popo, to adopt the mandated policies as presented, effective immediately.

DGA	Authorized Signatures	GBP	Drug-Free Workplace
GBE	Staff Health and Safety	JFCF	Hazing and Bullying
GBE-R	Staff Health and Safety-Regs	JFCF-R	Hazing and Bullying-Regs
GBH	Staff-Student Relations	JHH	Notification About Sex Offenders
		JM	Staff-Student Relations

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

19-178 Motion by Mr. Popo, and seconded by Mrs. Armstrong, to approve the following facility usage(s):

a)	Millersport Community Theater (Mary Dupler)	Elem Cafeteria/Music Rm/Dist Auditorium/Hallway/Teacher Lounge	Fri., Nov 8 - set-up 5-10pm Sat., Nov 9, 2019 – 9-11am workshop & performance	MCT Acting Workshop -opportunity for children to learn acting, performance, Annual Cabaret Show
		Elem Cafeteria/Music Rm/ Dist Auditorium/Kitchen	Feb 15-16, Feb 22-23, Feb 29-March 7, 2020 (9:00am-11:00pm)	MCT Spring Show Workdays, practices and Shows

Ms. King requested Mr. Cotner to check with Mrs. Reedy since one specifies kitchen.

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

b)	Girl Scout Troop 7571 (Michelle Wilson)	Elem Cafeteria	Sept. 9, 16, 30, Oct 14, 28 Nov 11, 25, Jan 6, 13, 27 Feb 10, 24, March 9, 23 April 6, 20, May 4 (All meetings 6:00-7:00pm)	Troop Meetings
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Roll Call: Mr. Popo-yes, Mrs. Armstrong-yes, Ms. King-yes, Mrs. Keller-yes.
Motion carried.

Superintendent’s Personnel Recommendations

19-179 Motion by Ms. King, and seconded by Mrs. Armstrong, to approve the following contract for a period of one (1) year, limited contract, effective 2019-2020 school year. 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>
Tina Mullins	Bus Driver	Bus Driver	(1) Year Limited	187	8	2019-2020 school year

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

19-180 Motion by Mrs. Armstrong, and seconded by Mr. Popo, to rescind Motion #19-094-d to hire: (all contracts were returned unsigned)
Kristi Hill as Assistant Girls Basketball

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

19-181 Motion by Ms. King, and seconded by Mr. Popo, to recognize the following volunteer, pending receipt of all required documents:
Randy Dorsey Band – Haul Equipment

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

Mr. Popo announced the Lieb’s Island Civic Association Memorial Walk is this Wednesday, 9/11 @ 6:30. Water and hotdogs will be served afterwards. He also reported that Fire Chief Bob Price

informed him that as of this morning, the department had 49 runs for the month in which 14 of 17 were for 55 or older residents.

Mrs. Moore reported that Ms. Beane had contacted Target Printing and North End Press to do an apples to apples comparison of the cost involved in printing and mailing the newsletter. At this time, North End Press is \$14 more. However, Mrs. Moore drops off the file and picks up the newsletters on her way to work with no additional cost to the district. However, if we changed to Target Printing, there would be an additional cost for the mileage to drop off the file and pick up the newsletters. Therefore, we will continue to use North End Press due to convenience and no additional cost to deliver and pickup from the printer. Mrs. Keller mentioned she had received the email as well with postal regulations without a fold. Mrs. Moore stated we needed it with the fold to fit into the postal boxes.

Ms. King showed an article from the Columbus Dispatch regarding the "Number Game" and stated how we are not the only district have issues fielding teams. Mr. Popo commented about an additional article stating it is inconclusive if the biddy programs are the problem long term.

19-182 Adjournment

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

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

I certify these minutes to be correct.

President

Treasurer

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.