

Walnut Township Local School District Board of Education
Regular Meeting
Monday, February 10, 2020
Laker Learning Center
6:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order with all members present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted.

Approval of Agenda

20-033 Motion by Mrs. Keller, and seconded by Mrs. Whitaker, to approve the amended agenda as presented by the Treasurer and Superintendent.

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

Public Participation - None

Approval of Minutes

20-034 Motion by Mrs. Whitaker, and seconded by Mrs. Armstrong, to approve the minutes from the January 13, 2020 Reorganizational Meeting and Regular Board Meeting.

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

20-035 Motion by Mrs. Whitaker, and seconded by Mrs. Armstrong, to approve the minutes from the January 29, 2020 Special Board Meeting.

Mrs. Keller felt that all community and staff members should be listed in attendance. Mrs. Armstrong stated this was not included in the past. Mrs. Moore stated it was a board meeting and attendance of board members are the only ones required. After discussion, it was agreed to add, "A committee comprised of local community members and staff members in attendance discussed attributes, characteristics and issues important in the search for a new Superintendent."

Motion to approve was withdrawn by Mrs. Whitaker and Mrs. Armstrong.

20-036 Motion by Mrs. Armstrong, and seconded by Mrs. Whitaker, to table the approval of the minutes from the January 29, 2020 Special Board Meeting until the March meeting.

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

Treasurer's Report

Mrs. Moore read thank you cards received from the families of Mr. Cobb, Mrs. Linda King and Mrs. Julie Alfred for the flowers sent on behalf of the school district for the loss of loved ones. Also, it was noted that a memorial gift was given to honor the passing of Amy Rigby's mother.

20-037 Motion by Mrs. Armstrong, and seconded by Mrs. Whitaker, to approve the Treasurer's Report for January, 2020 as presented.

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

20-038 Motion by Mrs. Whitaker, and seconded by Mrs. Armstrong, to accept the bills paid in January, 2020 as presented.

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

Communications:

Kim Yenni, Elementary Principal – Interims will be distributed this week via Parent-Teacher conference or to students on Friday. Last party of the year, Valentine’s Day, will be on Friday beginning at 1:45. Grades 1-3 will perform their music program on February 27 @ 7:00 titled “Squirm”. The MCT will take auditorium for rehearsals and their performance afterward.

Jeff Stought, HS Principal – Parent-Teacher conferences are Tuesday and Thursday evenings this week. The Varsity Basketball tournaments have been drawn. The Girls will take on Danville @ Danville on 2/18 and the Boys will take on Granville Christian at home on 02/20. Both games are scheduled for 7:00 p.m. This is Spirit Week with today’s theme Hillbilly, Tuesday – crazy hair, Wednesday-Tropical, Thursday-Disney and Friday-Purple & Gold Day with a pep rally ending the day.

Will Kirby, Curriculum Director – Advised that in FY2023, the Board will be required to adopt graduation seals for Community Service, Fine & Performing Arts and Student Engagement. This will be for local and county-wide. The elementary cameras are now in service.

Christy Moore, Treasurer - Shared copies of the general athletic account and the revenue and expenditures that are posted to this account. She advised the board to call her with any questions.

Randy Cotner, Superintendent – Planning an upcoming meeting with Mr. Yates, Mr. Amspaugh, Ms. Yenni at the end of next week regarding removing items from the current elementary playground to prepare for installation of the new playground. In case anyone is missing the athletic boards in the cafeteria area in high school, Doug Carpenter and Dave Everitt are updating them. OSBA Spring Conference is in March and Mr. Popo will be receiving an Award of Achievement and Mrs. Whitaker and Ms. King will receive their 15-year awards.

The 2021 school calendar, prepared by the Superintendent and WTEA committee, was presented. Much discussion regarding start and end dates and all the required days in between to meet academic requirements and the needs of the students. Teacher’s requested to work fair days and start later. Ms. King and Mrs. Keller still feel we need to be off fair days because it is tradition and we are Fairfield County. Mr. Cotner asked if they were choosing fair days over academics and Mrs. Keller responded no. Mrs. Whitaker asked if the calendar still remained the vote of the board, and Mr. Cotner answered yes. They requested that a different calendar be presented with the school closed for the fair days.

Board Committees – Mrs. Keller spoke about the Small School District Advisory Network that meets quarterly and that we do not stand alone on the issues that we experience locally.

Superintendent’s Recommendations

20-039 Motion by Mrs. Keller, and seconded by Mrs. Whitaker, to approve the agreement between the Walnut Township Local Board of Education and the law firm, McGown & Markling Co., for the School Law Hotline Agreement, for January 1, 2019 through June 30, 2019.

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

The following board policies were tabled until next month.

BD School Board Meetings
BDDB Agenda Format
BDDC Agenda Preparation and Dissemination
BDDH Public Participation at Board Meetings

GBR Family and Medical Leave
GBR-R Family and Medical Leave-Regs.
KD Public Participation at Board Meetings

20-040 Motion by Mrs. Armstrong, and seconded by Mrs. Whitaker, to approve the following facility usage(s):

Facility Usage Requests 2019-2020			
Group	Facility	Date	Purpose
Millersport Biddy Basketball (Shawn Johnston & Megan Terry)	HS Gym & Cafeteria	Sat., 2/29/20 8:00am-6:00pm Sun., 3/1/20 12:00-5:00pm	5th & 6th Grade Girls Basketball Tournament
Millersport Junior Boosters (Keilee Parker)	Elementary Library	Second Tuesday of each month Feb.-June	Monthly Board Meeting
Millersport Junior Boosters (Keilee Parker)	Elementary Library	Friday, Jan. 24, 2020 5:00-6:30pm	Emergency Millersport Little Laker (MLL) Board Meeting

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

20-041 Motion by Mrs. Keller, and seconded by Mrs. Whitaker, to approve the February substitute teacher lists, as approved by the Fairfield County Educational Service Center, for the 2019-2020 school year.

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

Mrs. Whitaker asked regarding the status of the Brainard/Mohler plaque. She says we need to proceed. Also asked about negotiation dates and was advised that we are to hear back from the attorney tomorrow.

Ms. Yenni asked if the committee would be receiving an order of interviews for Superintendent.

Mr. Cotner shared a compliment received from a Liberty Union parent who has a student in our Elementary ESC unit. The parent talked about Mrs. DeLong, Teacher, and Ms. Yenni, Principal, on the great communication and how her daughter loves coming to school.

Executive Session

20-042 Motion by Mrs. Keller, and seconded by Mrs. Whitaker, to go into Executive Session to consider the employment, or compensation of a public employee or official. Action may follow. (Time: 7:30 p.m.) Question was asked regarding action after Executive Session-no action to follow.

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

Reconvened to Open Session.

(Time: 9:04 p.m.)

20-043 Adjournment

Motion by Mrs. Keller, and seconded by Mrs. Whitaker to adjourn the meeting. (Time: 9:04 p.m.)

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