

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

The meeting was called to order with all members present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted.

Special Guests – Mrs. Megan Terry reported that, due to the pandemic, Prom has been postponed until June 6, 2020, pending restrictions of the virus at that time. The Junior Class members may attend next month's Board Meeting, depending on the virus restrictions.

20-084 Approval of Agenda

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

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

Public Participation

Mrs. Diane Spears thanked Mr. Cotner for his duties as the Superintendent. She enjoyed working with him as the Interim Treasurer. She also congratulated Mr. Kirby for his appointment as the Superintendent in the upcoming year. She is also asking about the Wall of Honor/Fame, as nothing has been done at this time. She inquired about the status of the renewal of the Emergency levy and was advised that it is on tonight's agenda. Also, the 2020 Alumni Banquet is cancelled. We will honor the Class of 1970 & 1971 next year as well as two Hall of Fame selections.

20-085 Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mrs. Armstrong, and seconded by Mrs. Keller, to approve the minutes from the March 5, 2020 Special Board Meeting and the March 9, 2020 Regular Board Meeting.

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

Treasurer's Report

20-086 Motion by Mrs. Whitaker, and seconded by Mrs. Armstrong, to approve the Treasurer's Report for March, 2020 as presented.

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

20-087 Motion by Mrs. Armstrong, and seconded by Mrs. Whitaker, to accept the bills paid in March, 2020 as presented.

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

Communications:

Kim Yenni, Elementary Principal – Submitted a written update to the Board, which was included in their Board packets.

Jeff Stought, HS Principal - He cannot express enough Thank Yous to Staff, Students, Mr. Cotner and Mr. Kirby for being ahead of this online education plan. Mr. Cotner added Mrs. Heidi Deyo (100% of time is paid from federal grants) and Mrs. Caitlin Wood, Gifted Coordinator, both with the ESC. OHSAA has cancelled all winter tournaments and spring sports are still on hold until further instructions from the state. Mrs. Gretchen Schroeder and the MHS National Honor Society held a blood drive during this pandemic. Their goal was 25 units and received 34 units, which will serve the needs of 104 patients! Thank you to Mrs. Schroeder, the NHS students and the Millersport Lions Club for the use of their facility.

Mr. Cotner, Superintendent – A revised calendar for this year is on the agenda tonight with new plans for the remainder of the year. If approved, a video message will go out to update the families of the change. Mrs. Armstrong asked that Mr. Brownfield post all announcements and info on the website as not all community members have a Facebook page. Mr. Cotner reiterated what Mr. Stought said about the online education. He has not received any complaints and it has been amazing. Lunchroom staff has done a great job, under the leadership of Mrs. Reedy, distributing food bags to our students. The FCESC aides in our county units have assisted preparing them during the day. Security Cameras are being installed at the High School. The Elementary playground is underway at this time. We have a new baseball scoreboard being installed, thanks to Lindsay Acura and Buckeye Lake Marina. Thank you to Stutske Construction who has been donating some phenomenal work throughout the district (i.e. underground drainage, removing a structure and the playground). The new girls’ softball field is underway, but weather has not been cooperating.

23-088 Motion by Mrs. Keller, and seconded by, Mrs. Armstrong, to approve the following Resolution:

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
WALNUT TOWNSHIP LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
FAIRFIELD COUNTY, OHIO**

The Board of Education (the “Board”) of the Walnut Township Local School District, Fairfield County, Ohio (the “School District”), met in regular session on April 6, 2020, at 6:00 p.m., in the Laker Learning Center at Millersport High School, 11850 Lancaster Street, Millersport, Ohio 43046, with the following members present:

M____. _____ introduced the following resolution and moved its passage:

**RESOLUTION OF NECESSITY
FOR THE RENEWAL OF AN EMERGENCY TAX LEVY**

(R.C. Sections 5705.194 – 5705.197)
Renewal Emergency Levy

WHEREAS, the School District currently has in existence an emergency tax levy to raise \$250,000 per year for a period of five years, approved by the voters of the School District on August 2, 2016, and first placed on the tax list and duplicate in 2016 for collection in years 2017 through 2021 (the “Existing Levy”); and

WHEREAS, the revenue that will be raised by all tax levies which the School District is authorized to impose, when combined with state and federal revenues, will be insufficient to provide for the emergency requirements of the School District;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Walnut Township Local School District, Fairfield County, Ohio, a majority of the members thereof concurring, that:

Section 1. It is necessary to renew all of the Existing Levy, which is a tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation for the purpose of providing for the emergency requirements of the School District. The amount of money that it is necessary to raise for that purpose is \$250,000 for each calendar year that the millage is in effect. Such renewal emergency levy shall be in effect upon the entire territory of the School District for a period of five years and shall include a levy upon the 2021 tax list and duplicate (commencing in 2021, first due in calendar year 2022), if approved by a majority of the electors voting thereon.

Section 2. The question of renewing the Existing Levy shall be submitted to the electors in the entire territory of the School District at the election to be held on November 3, 2020 (the "Election Date"). All the territory of the School District is located in Fairfield County, Ohio.

Section 3. The Treasurer is directed to immediately certify a copy of this resolution to the Fairfield County Auditor with instructions to calculate and certify to the Board the annual levy expressed in dollars and cents for each one hundred dollars of valuation, as well as in mills for each one dollar of valuation, throughout the life of the levy, which will be required to produce the amount set forth in this resolution.

Section 4. It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22.

M____. _____ seconded the motion and, after discussion, a roll call vote was taken and the results were:

Ayes: _____

Nays: _____

The Resolution passed.

Passed: April 6, 2020

BOARD OF EDUCATION
WALNUT TOWNSHIP LOCAL SCHOOL

DISTRICT
FAIRFIELD COUNTY, OHIO

Attest: _____
Treasurer

By: _____
President

CERTIFICATE

The undersigned Treasurer of the Board of Education of the Walnut Township Local School District, Fairfield County, Ohio hereby certifies that the foregoing is a true copy of a resolution duly passed by the Board of Education of said School District on April 6, 2020, and that a true copy thereof was certified to the County Auditor of Fairfield County, Ohio.

Treasurer, Board of Education
Walnut Township Local School District
Fairfield County, Ohio

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

Superintendent's Recommendations

20-089 Motion by Mrs. Armstrong, and seconded by Mrs. Keller, to approve the following Resolution:

META Solutions Cooperative Advertising and Receiving Bids for School Buses

Whereas, the Walnut Township Local School District Board of Education wishes to advertise and receive bids for the purchase of two (2) – 77-passenger conventional school buses,

Therefore, be it resolved the Walnut Township Local School District Board of Education wishes to participate and authorize the META Solutions (META) to advertise and receive bids on said Board's behalf as per the specifications submitted for the cooperative purchase of two (2) – 77-passenger conventional school buses.

Note: The District has received a state School Bus Purchase Program grant of \$16,486.19 to be used toward the purchase of a school bus before June 30, 2021.

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

20-090 Motion by Mrs. Keller, and seconded by Mrs. Armstrong, to approve the motion to waive the first reading of Board Policy IKF, Graduation Requirements, and to adopt the mandated policy as presented, effective immediately.

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

20-091 Motion by Mrs. Keller, and seconded by Mrs. Armstrong, to approve resolution to change Spring Break days of April 9, 10, 13 to student days and make the last student day May 22, 2020 and the last staff day May 26, 2020.

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

20-092 Motion by Mrs. Keller, and seconded by Mrs. Whitaker, to accept the attached quote from Tom Jones Insurance, Inc., for Property Insurance Coverage, effective April 12, 2020 to April 12, 2021 at a cost of \$15,455.00.

Commercial Property Insurance	<u>Premium</u> \$15,455.00
Includes:	
System Breakdown Coverage and	
Commercial Inland Marine	

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

Superintendent’s Personnel Recommendations

20-093 Motion by Mrs. Armstrong, and seconded by Mr. Popo, to employ Mrs. Megan Terry as Junior/ High School Principal for the Walnut Township Local School District on a one (1) year contract effective August 1, 2020 and continuing through July 31, 2021.

Roll Call: Mrs. Armstrong -yes, Mr. Popo-yes, Mrs. Keller-(with all due respect) no, Mrs. Whitaker-yes, Ms. King-(not that I won’t back you, but) no.
Motion carried.

20-094 Motion by Mrs. Keller, and seconded by Mrs. Whitaker, to approve the employment recommendation for contract renewal, limited contract status, beginning with the 2020-2021 school year and expiring at the end of the contractual obligation in 2022, 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>
Bruce Amspaugh	Bus Driver/ Bldg/Grounds/Maint.	(2) Year Limited	7/1/2020-6/30/2022
Tina Mullins	Bus Driver	(2) Year Limited	8/1/2020-7/31/2022

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

20-095 Motion by Mrs. Armstrong, and seconded by Mrs. Keller, to approve the following contracts which expire at the end of the 2019-2020 school year, be renewed for a period of one (1) year, limited contract status, beginning with the 2020-2021 school year and expiring at the end of the contractual obligation in 2021. 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>
Sadie Butts	Teacher	One (1) Year Limited Contract
Cloe M. Cooperrider	Teacher	One (1) Year Limited Contract
Ashley V. Lawson	Teacher	One (1) Year Limited Contract
John R. Phipps	Guidance	One (1) Year

Caleb Stout	Counselor Teacher	Limited Contract One (1) Year
Christina Wentz	Teacher	Limited Contract One (1) Year Limited Contract

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

20-096 Motion by Mrs. Armstrong, and seconded by Mrs. Whitaker, to approve the following contracts which expire at the end of the 2019-2020 school year, be renewed for a period of three (3) years, limited contract status, beginning with the 2020-2021 school year and expiring at the end of the contractual obligation in 2023. 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>
Chancey P. Jonas	Teacher	Three (3) Year Limited Contract

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

20-097 Motion by Mrs. Keller, and seconded by Mrs. Armstrong, to approve the following contracts which expire at the end of the 2019-2020 school year, be renewed for a period of five (5) years, limited contract status, beginning with the 2020-2021 school year and expiring at the end of the contractual obligation in 2025. 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>
Joseph B. Brownfield	Teacher	Five (5) Year Limited Contract
Lori B. Dupler	Teacher	Five (5) Year Limited Contract
Katie E. McKibben	Teacher	Five (5) Year Limited Contract
Tina M. Stoner	Teacher	Five (5) Year Limited Contract
Tracey K. Tisdale	Teacher	Five (5) Year Limited Contract

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

20-098 Motion by Mrs. Keller, and seconded by Mrs. Armstrong, to approve the following certified person(s) be employed for extended service days for FY 2021. 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 2020-2021
John R. Phipps	Guidance Counselor	25 Days Extended Service 2020-2021

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

20-099 Motion by Mrs. Whitaker, and seconded by Mrs. Keller, to approve a one-year On-Line Education Monitor/Supervisor contract to Nancy Augsburger, step 10. This employment contract will be automatically non-renewed at the conclusion of the 2020-2021 school year and reconsidered for the 2021-2022 academic year.

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

20-100 Motion by Mrs. Armstrong, and seconded by Mr. Popo, to issue a one-year Intervention Specialist Aide contract to Theresa Willis, at step 5. If the students leave the district and the need for an aide no longer exists, the contract will non-renew immediately. This employment contract will be automatically non-renewed at the conclusion of the 2020-2021 school year and reconsidered for the 2021-2022 academic term.

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

20-101 Motion by Mr. Popo, and seconded by Mrs. Keller, to issue a one-year District Literacy Specialist (part-time) contract to Sharon Lawrence, at Bachelor's, step 0. This employment contract will be automatically non-renewed at the conclusion of the 2020-2021 school year and reconsidered for the 2021-2022 school year.

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

Board Recommendation

20-102 Motion by Mr. Popo, and seconded by Mrs. Armstrong, to employ Christy Moore as Treasurer of the Walnut Township Local School District on a three (3) year contract, effective August 1, 2020 through July 31, 2023.

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

20-103 Adjournment

Motion by Mrs. Keller, and seconded by Mrs. Armstrong, to adjourn the meeting. (Time: 7:12 p.m.)

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