

Walnut Township Local School District Board of Education
Regular Meeting
Monday, May 11, 2020
Laker Learning Center
6:00 p.m.

The board meeting was live on Zoom Pro. The board meeting was also recorded on Zoom Pro and has been posted to the district website

The meeting was called to order with all members present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted.

20-104 Approval of Amended Agenda

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

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

Public Participation

Mr. Charles Underhill asked about the Senior Class Trip. He stated Bruce and Amy have been asking the students what they would like to do. He stated that some students did not want to travel at this time and wanted to know what options are available. Mrs. Keller suggested that the seniors correspond with each other and come up with some alternative ideas. He was advised that they would check into it and get back with him.

20-105 Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mrs. Armstrong, and seconded by Mrs. Whitaker, to approve the minutes from the April 6, 2020 Regular Board Meeting.

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

Treasurer's Report

20-106 Motion by Mrs. Armstrong, and seconded by Mrs. Whitaker, to approve the Treasurer's Report for April, 2020 as presented.

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

20-107 Motion by Mrs. Whitaker, and seconded by Mrs. Armstrong, to accept the bills paid in April, 2020 as presented.

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

20-108 Motion by Mrs. Armstrong, and seconded by Mrs. Whitaker, to approve the Five-Year Forecast for Walnut Township Schools for FY20 through FY24.

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

20-109 Motion by Mrs. Whitaker, and seconded by Mrs. Keller, to enroll Walnut Township Local Schools in the Group-Retrospective-Rating Program administered by Comp Management, for claims management of Workers' Compensation and Unemployment Compensation, for the policy year beginning January 1, 2021.

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

20-110 Motion by Mrs. Armstrong, and seconded by Mrs. Whitaker, to approve a 12% rate increase for the medical/prescription plans with SCOIC, effective 7/1/2020.

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

Communications:

Jeff Stought, HS Principal – Thank you to staff, custodians, students and all those working at school for the great communications and cooperation. On Thursday, May 14 @ 6:30 p.m., there will be the Senior Parade and Cap & Gown distribution in front of the high school. Staff will be on the sidewalk honoring our students and following social distancing.

Kim Yenni, Elementary Principal – Great things are still happening at Millersport Elementary virtually. Teachers are holding weekly google meets with fun activities such as scavenger hunts, hat days, pajama days and bring a snack day. Teachers are dropping off awards at student homes and mailing certificates. We will do a teacher checkout online and forms will be sent to teachers. Tomorrow morning at 9:00 we will be holding a virtual staff meeting. I am attending webinars and trainings online. Our 6th graders are sad as they will not be having a “clap out” this year, but I am working with Mrs. Terry to see if we can maybe do a 7th grade “clap in” next year. On Monday, May 18, we will have a virtual breakfast/award ceremony and it will be posted on the Laker Pride page.

Will Kirby - Shout-out to the lunchroom staff, and those helping, as they are working tirelessly to prepare food bags for our community.

Randy Cotner, Superintendent – Paul Alford, FCESC employee, who was our former Curriculum Director, passed away unexpectedly on Saturday. Our sympathies to his family.

Last month, Diane Spears attended in regards to the Wall of Honor/Fame. An update is that Theresa Ralston has been in and she is working on it. It is great that we had a student that went on to play at the Division 1 level! Also, a shout-out to the teachers and staff.

Reporting for Maintenance/Transportation, we are buying 2 spray misters with the BWC monies that will sanitize buses and areas in the buildings. We are still looking at a bus purchase with the state and set-aside monies. Mrs. Keller asked if we would be looking at Wi-Fi as an option on the bus. She thought it would be nice to have so that students could connect to do their work. Mr. Kirby mentioned that Reynoldsburg is currently using this method for students as a hotspot. Our new enrollment packets will ask if students have a Wi-Fi option available to them.

Board Recommendations

20-111 Motion by Mrs. Armstrong, and seconded by Mrs. Keller, to approve the resolution to appoint William Kirby as the Superintendent's designee to act as Superintendent when Mr. Cotner is out of the district.

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

20-112 Motion by Mr. Popo, and seconded by Mrs. Keller, 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 May 11, 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 DECLARING INTENT TO PROCEED
WITH ELECTION ON THE QUESTION OF
RENEWAL OF AN EMERGENCY TAX LEVY**

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

WHEREAS, on April 6, 2020, the Board passed a resolution (the “Resolution of Necessity”) declaring the necessity, in order to provide for the emergency requirements of the School District, to renew all of the existing emergency tax levy, which is a tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation, to raise \$250,000 for each year that said levy is in effect, for a period of five years, and upon the entire territory of the School District; and

WHEREAS, the Fairfield County Auditor has certified to the Board that an estimated annual levy of one and four tenths (1.4) mills for each one dollar of valuation, which is fourteen (\$0.14) cents for each one hundred dollars of valuation, will be required to produce the annual amount set forth in the Resolution of Necessity;

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. The Board desires to proceed with the submission of the question of such renewal emergency tax levy (the “Emergency Levy”) to the electors of the School District.

Section 2. The question of the Emergency 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 of the territory of the School District is located in Fairfield County,

Section 3. The form of the ballot to be used at said election shall be substantially as follows:

Shall a levy renewing an existing levy be imposed by the Walnut Township Local School District, Fairfield County, Ohio for the purpose of **providing for the emergency requirements of the School District** in the sum of two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) and a levy of taxes to be made outside of the ten-mill limitation estimated by the county auditor to average one and four tenths (1.4) mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to fourteen (\$0.14) cents for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for a period of five (5) years?

	FOR THE TAX LEVY
	AGAINST THE TAX LEVY

Section 4. The Treasurer of the Board is hereby directed and shall certify, not later than August 5, 2020 (which date is not less than 90 days prior to the Election Date), to the Board of Elections of Fairfield County, Ohio (the “Board of Elections”) a copy of the Resolution of Necessity and a copy of this resolution together with the amount of the average tax levy expressed in dollars and cents for each one hundred dollars of valuation, as well as in mills for each one dollar of valuation, as estimated by the Fairfield County Auditor.

Section 5. The Treasurer of the Board is hereby directed and shall certify to the Board of Elections that the Emergency Levy is to run for a period of five years, and that the Emergency Levy will include a levy on the 2021 tax list and duplicate (2022 collection year) if approved by a majority of the electors voting thereon.

Section 6. 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, M____. _____ seconded the motion and, after discussion, a roll call vote was taken and the results were:

Ayes: _____

Nays: _____

The Resolution passed.

Passed: May 11, 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 May 11, 2020, and that a true copy was certified to the Board of Elections of Fairfield County, Ohio.

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

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

Superintendent's Recommendations

20-113 Motion by Mrs. Armstrong, and seconded by Mrs. Keller, to approve the following list of seniors for graduation on Sunday, June 28, 2020, pending their satisfactory completion of graduation requirements.

Hailey Autumn Blanchard
Ian Robert Bowen
Maria Renee Bussey
Manson Edward Collins
Nathan Wayne Dolby
Sydni Lauren Eslich
Mark Edward Fausnaugh
Coltin Michael Haney
Kenedi Grace Hardy
Tanner Matthew Harris
Chase Nicholas Hines
Riley Elizabeth Leonard
Emily Daricia Lester
Cadyn Thomas Lewis

Kenedi Brooke Ramey
Darren Curtis Reese
Devan Eugene Richard
Ethan Jeffrey Richard
Gregory Calob Sager
Preston Allen Sanner
William Richard Schilling
Cole Thomas Sheets
Nicholas Zoran Shopovski
Payton Savannah Stewart
Breanna Nicole Stoneburner
Christian Guy Thompson
Emily Grace Thompson
Sydney Layne Tisdale

Blair Ann Murphy
 Abby Michelle Nelson
 Elizabeth Ann Nowak
 Jada Logan Pack
 Haley Eden Petrey

Corbin Ray Underhill
 Andrew Francis Warner
 Stephen Alexander Warner
 Kelli Nicholle Worstall

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

20-114 Motion by Mrs. Keller, and seconded by Mrs. Armstrong, to enter into a contract with the Ohio School Boards Association to provide the Policy Development Service and access to the *Policy Development Quarterly (PDQ)*.

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

20-115 Motion by Mrs. Keller, and seconded by Mrs. Whitaker, to approve an agreement for 2020-2021 with META Solutions for Core Services (Master Service Agreement) and Library Services/INFOhio.

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

20-116 Motion by Mrs. Whitaker, and seconded by Mrs. Armstrong, to replace the normal board adopted grading policies found in student’s handbooks with the following:

For the 2019-2020 school year’s 4th 9-week grading period only, grades will be determined by taking the higher of the two options below:

- Option #1 – Use the current grading scale found in student handbooks
- Option #2 – Grade on the percentage of online/hardcopy assignments completed

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

20-117 Motion by Mrs. Keller, and seconded by Mrs. Whitaker, to approve the following facility usage(s):

Facility Usage Requests 2020-2021			
Group	Facility	Date	Purpose
Millersport Lions Club, SCF	HS & Grounds; Elementary grounds	Wednesday, September 2, 2020 2:00-8:00pm	SCF Parade & Visiting Queen Hosting

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

Superintendent’s Personnel Recommendations

20-118 Motion by Mr. Popo and seconded by Mrs. Whitaker to approve the job description of Student Services Director.

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

20-119 Motion by Mrs. Whitaker, and seconded by Mrs. Armstrong, to approve the position of Student Services Director.

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

20-120 Motion by Mrs. Keller, and seconded by Mrs. Whitaker, to approve the following Resolution:

**Board Resolution Regarding Continued Payment of Employees
During Mandatory School Building Closure**

WHEREAS, Governor Mike DeWine declared a state of emergency in Ohio and the Governor and the Director of the Ohio Department of Health closed all Ohio schools to students on an extended basis, commencing at the end of the day on March 16, 2020;

WHEREAS, the District has followed state directives and guidance to continue to operate and provide instruction and food services to students during the period of extended school building closure to students; and

WHEREAS, Congress has recently enacted the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, which makes certain funds available to school districts on the condition that they retain and continue to pay employees and contractors to the extent practicable.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- In accordance with **teachers'** individual employment contracts and the current collective bargaining agreement between the Board and WTEA, which require that teachers be paid for days worked, the Treasurer shall continue to pay teachers at their contracted rate so long as they continue to work and provide instruction to students during the extended school building closure to students. It is the Board's determination that payments made to teachers to date during the extended school building closure to students were justified for these reasons and under prior authority provided to the Treasurer.
- In accordance with and under the authority of R.C. 3319.081 and R.C. 3319.082, **non-teaching employees'** individual employment contracts, and the federal Fair Labor Standards Act, which mandate that nonteaching employees be paid for time working and/or being on call and available to work, the Treasurer shall continue to pay all regular nonteaching employees at their contracted rate, so long as they continue to work or are on call and available to work during the extended school building closure to students. It is the Board's determination that payments made to regular nonteaching employees to date during the extended school building closure to students were justified for these reasons and under prior authority provided to the Treasurer.

- In accordance with **administrators'** individual employment contracts, which require that administrators be paid for days worked, the Treasurer shall continue to pay administrators at their contracted rate so long as they continue to work and perform assigned duties. It is the Board's determination that payments made to administrators to date during the extended school building closure to students were justified for these reasons and under prior authority provided to the Treasurer.
- In accordance with **supplemental coaching contracts**, the Board approves payment of those contracts for the additional reasons that the coaches undertook work under the contracts, coaches were willing to fully perform those contracts had the season not been cut short, and the Board has difficulty recruiting and retaining coaches for students' activities. The Treasurer is further directed to compensate holders of spring 2020 supplemental contracts who are inside and outside the teachers' bargaining unit in the amount of their contracts, provided they provide documentation of work performed, for those reasons approved by the Board.

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

20-121 Motion by Mrs. Whitaker, and seconded by Mrs. Keller, to employ Mr. William Yates, as Maintenance/Transportation Director for the Walnut Township Local School District, on a three-year administrative contract, effective July 1, 2020 and continuing through June 30, 2023.

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

20-122 Motion by Mrs. Armstrong, and seconded by Mrs. Keller, to employ Mrs. Karen Reedy, as Food Service Director for the Walnut Township Local School District, on a three-year administrative contract, effective August 1, 2020 and continuing through July 31, 2023.

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

20-123 Motion by Mrs. Keller, and seconded by Mrs. Whitaker to employ Tena Singleton as the School Nurse Assistant, on an as-needed basis, for the 2020-2021 school year, at Step 3.

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

20-124 Motion by Mrs. Keller, and seconded by Mrs. Whitaker, **to TABLE (items a-w)** the approval to employ the following certified person(s) under supplemental contract(s) for a period of one year, beginning with the 2020-2021 school year and ending in June of 2021. Salary terms and conditions of these supplemental contract(s) 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, pending receipt of all required documents (**all contracts contingent upon sufficient participation**)

<u>Person</u>	<u>Position</u>
a) Kevin Keener	Cross Country
b) Kevin Keener	Head Track
c) Adam Evans	Assistant Track
d) Tyler Coward	Boys Golf

e) Tyler Coward	Girls Golf
f) Tyler Coward	Head Boys Basketball
g) Tom Howard	Assistant/JV Boys Basketball
h) Katie McKibben	Elementary Student Council
i) Greg Hines	Quiz Team Advisor (1/2)
j) Steve Harris	Quiz Team Advisor (1/2)
k) Michelle Peters	Yearbook Advisor
l) Summer Montanez	Spanish Club
m) Sarah Reed	Art Club
n) Gretchen Schroeder	National Honor Society
o) Tasia Savage	Band Director
p) Caleb Stout	HS Music/Select Director
q) Caleb Stout	School Play Director
r) Kayla Randolph	High School Student Council
s) Kayla Randolph	ASL Club
t) Cheryl Turner	Spelling Bee Coordinator-1/2
u) Cheryl Turner	Right-To-Read Coordinator (1/2)
v) Laura Phillips	Right-To-Read Coordinator (1/2)
w) Laura Phillips	Spelling Bee Coordinator-1/2

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

20-125 Motion by Mrs. Armstrong, and seconded by Mrs. Keller, **to Table (items a-m)** the approval to employ the following non-certified person(s) under supplemental contract(s) for a period of one year (given an insufficient number of certified teachers interested in and qualified to hold student activity/athletic supplemental contract(s) as advisors and/or coaches), beginning with the 2020-2021 school year and ending in June of 2021. Salary terms and conditions of these supplemental contract(s) 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, pending receipt of all required documents (**all contracts contingent upon sufficient participation**).

<u>Person</u>	<u>Position</u>
a) Theresa Ralston	Head Volleyball
b) Theresa Ralston	Head Girls Basketball
c) Lindsey Eclebery	Assistant Volleyball
d) Dena Hannigan	Junior High Volleyball
e) Sherrie Beane	Assistant Girls Basketball
f) Samantha Eiginger	Fall Cheerleading
g) Samantha Eiginger	Basketball Cheerleading
h) Les Smith	Jr. High Boys Basketball
i) Dave Everitt	Head Baseball
j) Bob Barker	Assistant Baseball
k) Steve Treinish	Head Soccer Coach
l) Allie Schilling	Jr. High Cheerleading Coach
m) Tommy Nebbergall	Head Softball Coach

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

20-12 Motion by Mrs. Armstrong, and seconded by Mrs. Whitaker, to approve the local Superintendent's recommendation to pay stipends for the following personnel, for the positions listed.

