

**Walnut Township Local School District Board of Education**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Wednesday, August 12, 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.

**20-194 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** – There was no public participation.

**20-195 Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Mrs. Whitaker, and seconded by Mrs. Armstrong, to approve the minutes from the July 13, 2020 Regular Board Meeting, the July 20, 2020 Special Board Meeting, and the July 27, 2020 Special Board Meeting.

Discussion was had by Mrs. Keller in regards to the discussions had by the Board during open session being incorporated into the minutes.

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

**Treasurer's Report:**

Mrs. Bradford, Interim Treasurer, gave the July 2020 Financial report. July General Fund revenues were \$2,483,562 which included the state foundation settlement, investment earnings, real estate tax and our quarterly income tax disbursements. July General Fund expenditures were \$745,729 and total checks written for the month was \$838,555. July revenues were higher than expenditures due to the real estate tax advance and the income tax disbursement and to keep in mind that these revenues carry spending throughout the year.

**20-196** Motion by Mr. Popo, and seconded by Mrs. Armstrong, to approve the Treasurer's Report and accept the bills paid for July, 2020 as presented.

Discussion was had in regards to the Senior Class account and trip. Reimbursement to the district is in process and we are looking at options available to us. We should have a direction by the end of August. All student activity accounts will be reviewed.

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

**Communications:**

**Ms. King, Board President** – Ms. King read a thank you card from Ms. Eyerman of the Fairfield County ESC thanking the Board for allowing them to use the Walnut Township building for professional development meetings.

**Ms. Yenni, Elementary Principal** – She says she is excited to be back at school and is excited to work with the admin team this year. She reviewed the changes to the handbook. Class lists will be posted Friday at 3p.m. and will include the purple and gold groupings. Currently we have 32 kindergarteners enrolled and the meeting is tonight at 7 p.m. in the auditorium. Safety is in place for her building using masks and family groupings. New teacher orientation is Friday, August 14<sup>th</sup>. She also stated that the principals tried to align the two buildings this year.

**Mrs. Terry, HS Principal** – Mrs. Terry explained the amendment in the handbook. ACT data from the spring came back and the average score was 20.6 which is higher than the past couple of years. The past 2 years had a 17.5 average. We also had 3 students score a 30 or higher with the highest score being a 33. There were 11 students taking 22 courses on Florida Virtual and there was an 82% success rate. The golf team had its 1<sup>st</sup> competition and the boys placed 1<sup>st</sup> overall. It took 8 hours to play 12 holes due to the new COVID regulations.

**Mr. Yates, Maintenance/Transportation Supervisor** – Mr. Yates reviewed the bus routes for the 2020-2021 school year in regards to the hybrid plan. The plan includes 5 buses and up to 60 walkers. Drop-offs at each school was also reviewed and bus drivers will be calling parents on their route.

Discussion was had by Mrs. Whitaker with concerns with crosswalks and the high traffic areas. She believes there is an adult needed in this area. There was also discussion on the impact of the levy due to increase in walkers. It was stated that the decisions were made with safety in mind and that other options that were looked at potentially would put staff members in a full-time status with hours and also increased benefits cost.

**Mr. Kirby, Superintendent** – Information for the beginning of the school year will be going out through our one call system along with being posted on the district website. Parents will need to watch for information starting at 3 p.m. Friday. Opening day for staff will include breakfast at 7:30 a.m. and lunch will be provided by the Board. Opening day comments will include presentations from Mr. Kirby, Mrs. Bradford, and Mr. Yates. Staff meetings will be held after lunch. He also stated that Florida Virtual license price has been reduced which will open up some additional money in our CARES ACT funding. We will be hosting virtual open houses this year.

Discussion was had by Mrs. Armstrong in regards to what types of technology resources are available to parents to help them with the online part of the hybrid. Google classroom training along with Clever trainings are provided online.

**Superintendent's Recommendations:**

**20-197** Motion by Mrs. Keller, and seconded by Mrs. Whitaker, to approve the August substitute teacher list, as approved by the Fairfield County Educational Service Center, for the 2020-2021 school year.

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

**20-198** Motion by Mrs. Armstrong, and seconded by Mrs. Whitaker, to approve the 2020-2021 Millersport Elementary School Student Handbook as presented.

Discussion was had by Mr. Kirby explaining that face masks are now in the handbook due to the Governor's directive change, but it is not necessarily punitive.

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

**20-199** Motion by Mrs. Armstrong, and seconded by Mrs. Keller, to approve an amendment to the Millersport Jr./Sr. High School Student Handbook as presented.

Discussion was had by Mr. Kirby explaining the change with excused absences.

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

**20-200** Motion by Mrs. Keller, and seconded by Mrs. Whitaker, to approve the 2020-2021 Walnut Township Local School District bus routes, as presented.

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

**20-201** Motion by Mr. Popo, and seconded by Mrs. Armstrong, to approve a one-year contract with New Horizons Mental Health Services, effective August 1, 2020-May 31, 2020 for Early Mental Health Intervention Services.

Discussion was had by Mr. Kirby explaining a credit due from last school year and the decrease in the hourly rate. He also explained that online students have access to this service and that due to this service adding layers of Social Emotional Learning for our students, Wellness Funds will be used to pay for this service.

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

**20-202** Motion by Mr. Popo, and seconded by Mrs. Keller, to approve a one-year contract with The Fairfield County Board of Developmental Disabilities, effective August 1, 2020-July 31, 2021 for educational aide services, for identified students of the Walnut Township School students who attend the preschool and school-age programs at Forest Rose School.

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

**20-203** Motion by Mrs. Armstrong, and seconded by Mrs. Whitaker, to approve the motion to waive the first reading of the following Board Policies and to adopt the mandated policies as presented, effective immediately:

- EBEA – Use of Face Coverings
- JED – Student Absences and Excuses
- KK – Visitors to the Schools

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

**20-204** Motion by Mrs. Whitaker, and seconded by Mrs. Keller, to approve the Walnut Township Local Schools District Remote Learning Plan which will be submitted to the Ohio Department of Education for the 2020-2021 school year only.

Discussion was had in regards to counting online days, absence tracking, transportation, work expected of teachers, Florida Virtual tracking and teachers of record. Mr. Kirby stated that ODE has to have this plan but doesn't approve it; only the Board approves the plan for the District.

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

**20-205** Motion by Mrs. Keller, and seconded by Mrs. Whitaker, to approve the Revised 2020-2021 Laker Learning Plan based on feedback from the Fairfield Department of Health.

Discussion was had by Mr. Kirby in regards to the change and that this document will be updated with changes throughout the year.

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

**20-206** Motion by Mrs. Armstrong, and seconded by Mrs. Keller, to approve the attached open Purchase Orders, which are for a "specific" permitted purpose and exceeds the \$10,000 limit outlined in board policy DJ.

United Dairy - \$17,000  
Gordon Foods - \$85,500

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

**20-207** Motion by Mrs. Armstrong, and seconded by Mrs. Whitaker, to recommend not having soccer as a competitive league sport but to continue to facilitate practices and possible intramural competitions to sustain the program for future years.

Discussion was had by Mr. Kirby that this was a direct recommendation from the AD and the coach due to only having 4-5 kids consistently at practices. The coach will continue to work with students so there is no loss of program. Mrs. Armstrong asked about MSL standings.

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

**Superintendent's Personnel Recommendations:**

**20-208** Motion by Mrs. Armstrong, and seconded by Mrs. Whitaker, to approve the following certified contracts 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. **(All contracts pending proper certification and verification of experience).**

<u>Person</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary Schedule</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Contract Eff. Date</u>
Maci Noel Payne	Kdg	BA/Step 2	(1) Year Limited	8/17/20

Discussion was had by Mr. Kirby stating that there was a great candidate pool and that 6 were interviewed by a committee and the top 2 candidates were interviewed by Mr. Kirby.

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

**20-209** Motion by Mrs. Whitaker, and seconded by Mrs. Keller, to accept the resignation of Lindsey Eclebery, Assistant Volleyball Coach, effective August 5, 2020.

Discussion was had in regards to conflicts between coaches regarding schedules and proper positive communication of all staff.

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

Motion carried.

Other discussion was had in regards to Board members able to help serve lunch at the staff opening day, and wanting the photography contract looked into since it was prior approved and the District has had issues with service.

**20-210 Adjournment**

Motion by Mrs. Armstrong, and seconded by Mrs. Keller, to adjourn the meeting.  
(Time: 7:51 p.m.)

Roll Call: Mrs. Armstrong-yes, Mrs. Keller-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

**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.

