

Walnut Township Local School District Board of Education
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, September 16, 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 at 6:01 p.m. with all members present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted.

20-211 Approval of Agenda

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

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

Public Participation – There was no public participation.

20-212 Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mrs. Keller, and seconded by Mrs. Whitaker, to approve the minutes from the August 12, 2020 Regular Board Meeting.

Discussion was had that the minutes contained discussions had during open session and changes were well received.

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

Treasurer's Report:

Mrs. Bradford, Interim Treasurer, gave the August 2020 Financial report. August General Fund revenues were \$641,322 which included the state foundation settlement, investment earnings, real estate tax, casino tax, and our Homestead & rollback disbursements. August General Fund expenditures were \$646,448 and total checks written for the month was \$770,075. August expenditures were higher than revenues by \$5,126.

20-213 Motion by Mrs. Armstrong, and seconded by Mrs. Whitaker, to approve the Treasurer's Report and accept the bills paid for August, 2020 as presented.

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

20-214 Motion by Mrs. Keller, and seconded by Mrs. Armstrong, to approve the Amended Certificate and Permanent Appropriations Resolution for FY2021, at the fund level.

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

Communications:

Ms. Yenni, Elementary Principal – Ms. Yenni stated that Progressbook opens for interims this week and the PTO's mum sale starts today. Pickup will be October 7, 2020. Upcoming events include the mobile dentist in October and the 3rd grade reading test will be October 19. The 2nd round for the test will be in the spring. She applied and received the Rural Ed Grant in the amount of \$34,000 this year and the team will meet on how to spend that this school year.

Mrs. Terry, HS Principal – Mrs. Terry thanked all the staff, students and parents for a good start to the school year. There are many upcoming events including fundraising for the class accounts, picture day, NHS is hosting a blood drive at the Lions, and the ASFAB test for all 10th graders. Student Council is voting is wrapping up today and it is a tight race. Google Classroom is set up for all grade levels and interims will open up in Progressbook for attending students as well as virtual students. The volleyball team has had back to back wins and the Advanced Biology class has been invited to the zoo for a program.

Mr. Kirby, Superintendent – Mr. Kirby stated that Ohio Department of Health (ODH) is mandating reporting for COVID therefore a dashboard will be set up on our website. He has created three letter for COVID situations. A COVID Coordinator has been established and accommodations for re-opening is being looked at. There are issues with students coming to school sick. Currently there are 478 students in our district.

Discussion was had by Board members in regards to the new playground, 1st day for kindergarten, virtual students being included in student of the month, and Mrs. Whitaker appreciates the weekly updates from the principals.

Superintendent's Recommendations:

20-215 Motion by Mrs. Keller, and seconded by Mrs. Armstrong, to approve the substitute teacher list for September, 2020, as approved by the Fairfield County Educational Service Center.

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

20-216 Motion by Mrs. Keller, and seconded by Mrs. Whitaker, to approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Fairfield County Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security for the use of school buses for emergency evacuations which will be utilized in the Emergency Operation Center, when needed.

Discussion was had by Mr. Kirby explaining that this is done annually.

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

20-217 Motion by Mrs. Armstrong, and seconded by Mrs. Whitaker, to approve the Interagency Agreement with Lancaster-Fairfield Community Action Agency-Early Childhood Programs (LFCAA), Early Head Start (EHS) & Head Start (HS), Fairfield County Board of Developmental Disabilities (FCBDD), Fairfield County Early Intervention (EI) Help Me Grow (HMG) Part C regarding the provision of service delivery and transition for young children and families from May 2020 through April 2021.

Discussion was had by Mr. Kirby explaining the this is a collaborative agreement to bring all of these agencies together. There is no cost to this agreement and it helps with the child find program for students in our district.

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

20-218 Motion by Mrs. Whitaker, and seconded by Mrs. Armstrong, to approve Millersport Jr/Sr High School Social Studies teacher, Michelle Peters, to take the students to vote on November 3, 2020. Students will maintain at least 6 feet social distance while traveling to/from polling location, wear masks at all times during the walk and voting, sanitize hands upon entering the polling location and upon exiting the polling location.

Discussion was had by Mr. Kirby that this happens annually and that typically we do not bring field trips to the Board, however due to COVID, he wanted to make the Board aware of the safety precautions and that the students will be walking instead of being bused.

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

20-219 Motion by Mr. Armstrong, and seconded by Mrs. Whitaker, to approve the motion to waive the first reading of the following Board Policy and to adopt the mandated policy as presented, effective immediately

AC Nondiscrimination

Discussion was had by Mr. Kirby explaining that the change is by position instead of specific name of person.

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

20-220 Motion by Mr. Popo, and seconded by Mrs. Keller, to approve to pay annual membership dues at an expense of \$0.50 per student based on ADM of 478 totaling \$239 for the 20-21 school year for the Ohio Coalition of Equity & Adequacy.

Discussion was had in regards to what this organization does. It is an organization who fights for funding and now is focusing on vouchers. Mr. Popo stated that this organization, led by Mr. Phyllis, has been an advocate for public education and has been fighting for years. Our district was a founding member of this organization.

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

20-221 Motion by Mr. Popo, and seconded by Mrs. Armstrong, to approve the Millersport Athletic Department Return to Play, previously acknowledged by the Fairfield Department of Health (FDH).

Discussion was had in regards to department requirements, negative finances due to admission limits, and volleyball tickets limits.

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

20-222 Motion by Mrs. Keller, and seconded by Mrs. Armstrong, to accept the quote for vehicle insurance for the period of October 12, 2020 – October 12, 2021 in the amount of \$10,797.60 from Auto Owners Insurance Co.

Discussion was had by Mrs. Bradford that the quote is from a local insurance agent and was lower than last year's quote.

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

Superintendent's Personnel Recommendations:

20-223 Motion by Mr. Popo, and seconded by Mrs. Whitaker, to accept the resignation of Christina Pettit, effective September 18, 2020.

It was stated the this is a loss for our district as Mrs. Pettit was a loyal employee for years.

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

20-224 Motion by Mrs. Popo, and seconded by Mrs. Keller, to approve the following contract for a period of one (1) year, limited contract, effective August 17, 2020. Terms and conditions of the 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>
Christy Durbin	Bus	Bus	(1) Year	187	0	8/17/20-
	Driver	Driver	Limited			7/31/21

Discussion was had by Mr. Kirby stating this was a vacant position that was filled by a sub during the pandemic.

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

20-225 Motion by Mr. Popo, and seconded by Mrs. Keller, to approve the following individual as a substitute to be used on an as-needed basis through the 2020-2021 school year in positions determined to be appropriate by school district administrators.

Christina Pettit – bus driver

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

20-226 Motion by Mrs. Armstrong, and seconded by Mrs. Keller, to go into Executive Session to consider the employment, or compensation of a public employee or official. Action to follow.
(Time: 7:07 p.m.)

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

Reconvened to Open Session. (Time: 9:15 p.m.)

20-227 Motion by Mrs. Keller, and seconded by Mrs. Armstrong to hire Jill Bradford as Treasurer beginning October 1, 2020 for a contract period of five-years as presented.


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

20-228 Adjournment

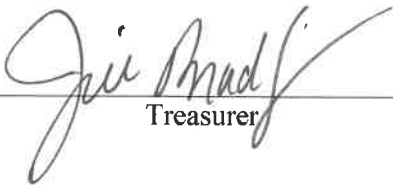
Motion by Mrs. Armstrong, and seconded by Mrs. Keller, to adjourn the meeting.
(Time: 9:18 p.m.)

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.



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.

