

Walnut Township Local School District Board of Education
Regular Meeting
Monday, December 14, 2020
Laker Learning Center
6:00 p.m.

The board meeting was live on Zoom Pro.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. with all members present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted.

There was a presentation of the following awards by Mrs. Kim Miller-Smith, OSBA Central Region Representative:

OSBA Exemplary Employee was awarded to William “Bill” Yates
OSBA Friend of Public Education was awarded to Michael Stutske

20-259 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, Mr. Popo-yes, Mrs. Whitaker-yes, Ms. King-yes.
Motion carried.

Public Participation –

Mr. Tom Nebbergall addressed the Board in regards to the softball field; specifically, the wind damage and additional funding for the softball field and baseball field issues. He also mentioned the amounts people have donated for some of these issues. Mrs. Bradford and Mr. Kirby addressed his concerns and explained the process of asking for funding through the purchasing process.

20-260 Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mrs. Whitaker, and seconded by Mrs. Keller, to approve the minutes from the November 16, 2020 Regular Board Meeting.

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

Treasurer’s Report:

Treasurer Bradford gave the November 2020 Financial report. November General Fund revenues were \$157,161 which included the state foundation settlement, investment earnings, Personal Tangible disbursement and a BWC refund. November General Fund expenditures were \$740,657 and total checks written for the month was \$1,123,203.82. November revenues were lower than expenditures by \$583,496.

Mrs. Bradford also discussed the bond payoff carryover and is interested in starting a Permanent Improvement fund. She explained the process that will need to happen with the Tax Budget Commission. Discussion was also had on the levy timeline and there were several questions on checks written for the month along with the COVID money for the district.

20-261 Motion by Mrs. Armstrong, and seconded by Mrs. Keller, to approve the Treasurer’s Report and accept the bills paid for November, 2020 as presented.

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

Mrs. Bradford also held the public hearing for the FY21 Federal Funds. She reviewed all of the federal grants awarded to the District. A copy can be attained at the Office of the Treasurer at Walnut Township Local School District.

Communications:

Ms. Yenni, Elementary Principal – Ms. Yenni stated that the Elementary is happy and healthy and there is lots going on. She also stated that one of the goals she has set is to improve communication between the school and parents.

Mrs. Terry, HS Principal – Mrs. Terry congratulated the students of the month and stated they have been very busy with White Christmas. She gave a special thank you to Mrs. Blevins, teacher and students and thank everyone for the donations. Interims were sent home. She stated that Mr. Stout and the Laker choir did a great job and also congratulated the Laker Varsity boys' basketball for their winning streak. Special congratulations to Mr. Miller for hitting a school record at the Grove City Christian basketball game.

Board Committee Report – Mrs. Armstrong recapped the Extra/Co-Curricular committee meeting. This football town hall meeting was held on Thursday, December 17, 2020 at 7:30 pm. Mr. Nick Lewis also joined the Board meeting via Zoom to speak about restarting the football program. He reviewed the equipment inventory along with costs associated with safety equipment such as pads, helmets and practice gear.

Mr. Kirby, Superintendent – Mr. Kirby updated the board in regards to COVID numbers and that the CDC released new guidance for quarantine. He also updated the Board on Laker Virtual and the change to fully remote in the Jr/Sr High School building.

Superintendent's Recommendations:

20-262 Motion by Mrs. Armstrong, and seconded by Mrs. Whitaker to adopt the mandated policies as presented, effective immediately.

AC Nondiscrimination	IND/INDA School Ceremonies & Observances/ Patriotic Exercises
ACA Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex	JED Student Absences and Excuses
ACAA Sexual Harassment	JF Student Rights and Responsibilities
ACAA-R Sexual Harassment Grievance Process	JEE Student Attendance Accounting
BDC Executive Sessions	JF Student Rights and Responsibilities
BDDG Minutes	JFCF Hazing and Bullying-Regs.
DJ Purchasing	JFCF-R Hazing and Bullying-Regs.
GBCB Staff Conduct	JG Student Discipline
GBH Staff-Student Relations	JGD Student Suspension
GCPD Suspension & Termination of Prof Staff	JGDA Emergency Removal of Student
GDPD Suspension, Demotion & Termination of Support Staff Members	JEE Student Attendance Accounting
IJA Career Advising	JM Staff-Student Relations
IKF Graduation Requirements	KG Community Use of School Premises
IKFC Graduation Plans & Students at Risk of Not Qualifying for a HS Diploma	KJA Distribution of Materials in the Schools
	KLD Public Complaints About District Personnel
	KLD-R Public Complaints About District Personnel-Regs

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

20-263 Motion by Mrs. Whitaker, and seconded by Mrs. Keller, to approve the following facility usage(s):

Facility Usage Requests 2020-2021			
Group	Facility	Date	Purpose
Millersport Biddy Basketball (Megan Terry)	Elementary & HS Gyms	11/23/2020 – 3/12/2020 (varies around JH/HS practice)	Biddy Basketball practices
Millersport Biddy Basketball (Megan Terry/Jasmine Reynolds)	HS Gyms	Saturdays from 12/27/2020 – 2/21/2021	Host Millersport 5 th & 6 th grade girls home basketball games

Discussion was had in regards practices and custodial coverage and groups following protocols. There was also discussion in regards to groups being charged and collection of fees by the groups. It was mentioned that these are unusual circumstances due to the pandemic. Ms. King would like to revisit this policy.

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

20-264 Motion by Mrs. Keller, and seconded by Mrs. Armstrong, to approve renewal of the Ohio School Boards Association Annual Membership Dues and the Annual Briefcase Subscription for calendar year 2021.

Discussion was had about digital copies versus hard copies.

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

20-265 Motion by Mrs. Armstrong, and seconded by Mrs. Whitaker, to approve the December substitute teacher lists, as approved by the Fairfield County Educational Service Center, for the 2020-2021 school year.

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

20-266 Motion by Mrs. Keller, and seconded by Mrs. Whitaker, to accept the donation of \$250.00 of nurse office supplies from School Health to support the ongoing challenges related to COVID-19.

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

20-267 Motion by Mrs. Armstrong, and seconded by Mrs. Whitaker, to approve Public Surplus as the primary auction site for the disposal of items the board has voted to dispose of in accordance with Board of Education policy.

Discussion was had by Mr. Kirby explaining that there is no expense to the district for this service and is an ongoing process per policy.

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

20-268 Motion by Mrs. Armstrong, and seconded by Mrs. Whitaker, to approve the Head Cook Job Description.

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

Board Recommendations:

20-273 Motion by Mrs. Keller, and seconded by Mrs. Whitaker to approve to hold the following meetings on Monday, January 11, 2021: Annual Budget Hearing at 6:00 p.m.; the Reorganizational Meeting immediately following the Annual Budget Hearing and the Regular January Meeting immediately following the Reorganizational Meeting. (Note the location of these meetings will be in the Laker Learning Center at Millersport High School).

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

20-274 Motion by Mrs. Whitaker and seconded by Mrs. Keller to appoint Ms. King to serve as President Pro-Tempore for the Reorganizational Meeting on Monday, January 11, 2021.

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

20-275 Executive Session

Motion by Mrs. Whitaker, and seconded by Mrs. Keller, to go into Executive Session to consider the employment, or compensation of a public employee or official. No action to follow.
(Time: 7:56 p.m.)

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

Reconvened to Open Session. (Time: 8:18 p.m.)

20-276 Adjournment

Motion by Mrs. Armstrong, and seconded by Mrs. Keller, to adjourn the meeting.
(Time: 8:19 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.