

Walnut Township Local School District Board of Education
Regular Meeting
Monday, January 11, 2021
Laker Learning Center-High School
Following the Reorganizational Meeting

The board meeting was live on Zoom Pro.

The meeting was called to order at 5:33 p.m. with all members present. Both Mrs. Keller and Mrs. Armstrong attended remotely.

The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted.

21-21 Approval of Agenda

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

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

Public Participation:

Mr. Nick Lewis attended via zoom and gave a football update including inventory, equipment, logos, donations and sponsorship packets. Mr. Kirby also gave an update on the football coach posting.

21-22 Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mrs. Whitaker and seconded by Mrs. Armstrong, to approve the minutes from the December 14, 2020 Regular Board Meeting.

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

Treasurer's Report: (Treasurer's Financial Report can be found on the District website)

21-23 Approve Treasurer's Report and Bills

Motion by Mrs. Whitaker and seconded by Mrs. Keller to approve the Treasurer's Report and accept the bills paid for December, 2020 as presented.

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

21-24 Approve FY21 Transfer

Motion by Mrs. Whitaker and seconded by Mrs. Armstrong, to approve the following transfer for the purpose of termination benefits as presented:

FROM FUND	TO FUND	AMOUNT
001 0000 General Fund	035 District Agency Fund	\$7,365.11

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

Communications:

Ms. Yenni, Elementary Principal – Ms. Yenni stated that they collected approximately 58 lbs. of pop tabs in conjunction with the Lions. Mrs. Wentz’s class was the winner and the elementary will continue to collect pop tabs. ProgressBook opens up on Friday since it is the end of the semester. Report cards will be sent home starting the 22nd. There will be a parent meeting on January 20th & 21st.

Mrs. Terry, HS Principal – Mrs. Terry stated that exams are going on this week. Transportation is adjusting routes for the start dates for Laker Virtual Academy for the semester. Mr. Harris and a group of students will be participating in the Eco Summit next Wednesday. Many games have been postponed due to COVID. Currently our JV/VAR boys basketball and coaching staff are in quarantine.

Mr. Kirby, Superintendent – Mr. Kirby passed out certificates for Board appreciation month. He updated the Board on the hybrid plan and timeframe. There will need to be a revised restart plan due to the new CDC requirements. Discussion was had on vaccines and COVID numbers.

21-25 Approve Resolution of Necessity for the Renewal of Levy

Motion by Mrs. Whitaker and seconded by Mrs. Keller to approve the following Resolution of Necessity:

**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 January 11, 2021, 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 or participating by teleconference, videoconference or similar electronic technological means, as permitted by Amended Substitute House Bill 197 of the 133rd General Assembly of the State of Ohio, effective March 27, 2020 as amended:

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 May 4, 2021 (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 County Auditor of Fairfield County, Ohio 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:

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

Superintendent's Recommendations:

21-26 Approve OSBA Legal Assistance Fund Resolution

Motion by Mrs. Whitaker and seconded by Mrs. Keller to approve the following resolution:

Whereas, the Walnut Township Local School Board of Education wishes to support the efforts of other boards of education to obtain favorable judicial decisions and,

Whereas, the Ohio School Boards Association Legal Assistance Fund has been established for this purpose.

Therefore, the Board hereby resolves to participate in the OSBA LAF for calendar year 2021 and authorizes the treasurer to pay the LAF \$250.

Discussion was had that this will not replace our legal services.

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

21-27 Approve Delegates to OSBA Small School District Advisory Network

Motion by Mrs. Whitaker and seconded by Ms. King to approve resolution to appoint Mrs. Keller and Mrs. Armstrong as delegates to the OSBA Small School District Advisory Network

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

21-28 Approve Disposal of Buses

Motion by Mrs. Whitaker and seconded by Mrs. Armstrong to approve the disposal of two (2) buses listed below valued at less than \$10,000 each in accordance with board policy DN (School Properties Disposal).

Bus #2	Bus # 7
VIN#1HVBBAAN7VH490328	VIN#4DRBUAAN18B482647
72 Passenger - 1997 International	77 Passenger - 2008 International
Mileage: 171,391 as of 1/6/2020	Mileage: 177,866 as of 1/6/2020

Discussion was had in regards to options for the sale or trade in of these items. Bus #7 had to be turned in due to state grant.

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

21-29 Approve Sub List

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

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

21-30 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. (Time: 6:23 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: 7:28 p.m.)

21-31 Adjournment

Motion by Mrs. Whitaker and seconded by Mr. Popo to adjourn the meeting. (Time: 7:30 p.m.)

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