

**Walnut Township Local School District Board of Education  
Special Meeting  
Thursday, January 21, 2021  
Laker Learning Center  
6:15 P.M.**

The board meeting was live on Zoom Pro.

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m. with all members present. Both Mrs. Keller and Mrs. Whitaker attended remotely.

The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted.

**21-32 Approval of Agenda**

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

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

**21-33 Resolution to Proceed with Election**

Motion by Mr. Popo, seconded by Mrs. Armstrong, to approve the following Resolution to Proceed with Election on the Question of Renewal of an Emergency Levy.

**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 special session on January 21, 2021, at 6:15 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 133<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly of the State of Ohio, effective March 27, 2020, as amended:

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 5705.03, 5705.194 – 5705.197)  
Renewal Emergency Levy

WHEREAS, on January 11, 2021, 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 County Auditor of Fairfield County, Ohio (the "County Auditor") has certified to the Board that an estimated annual levy of 1.4 mills for each one dollar 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 May 4, 2021 (the "Election Date"). All of the territory of the School District is located in Fairfield County, Ohio.

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 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, commencing in 2021, first due in 2022?

	FOR THE TAX LEVY
	AGAINST THE TAX LEVY

Section 4. The Treasurer of the Board is hereby directed and shall certify, not later than February 3, 2021 (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 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, including Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22.

M\_\_\_\_ seconded the motion and, after discussion, a roll call vote was taken and the results were:

Discussion was had by Mrs. Bradford explaining the resolution.

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

**21-34 Approve MOU with WTEA**

Motion by Mr. Popo, and seconded by Mrs. Armstrong, to approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Walnut Township Education Association (WTEA) for the purpose of extending emergency paid sick leave.

Discussion was had by Mr. Kirby explaining that this is not a new benefit, just an expansion of EPSL and that this is not a new bank of days. The classified staff will be assigned to home by Mr. Kirby in order to relay the same benefit.

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

**21-35 Adjournment**

Motion by Mrs. Keller, and seconded by Mrs. Armstrong to adjourn the meeting. (Time: 6:24 p.m.)

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