

Walnut Township Local School District Board of Education
Regular Meeting
Monday, February 8, 2021
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.

Presentation of Award:

Sadie Fayerweather was the 2020 American Legion Auxiliary Unit 637 Americanism Essay winner and was presented with her award by Mr. Kirby.

21-36 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:

There was no one signed up for public participation.

21-37 Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mrs. Armstrong and seconded by Mrs. Keller to approve the minutes from the January 11, 2021 Reorganizational Meeting and Regular Board Meeting and January 21, 2021 Special Board Meeting.

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

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

21-38 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 January, 2021 as presented.

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

21-39 Approve Transfer

Motion by Mrs. Keller and seconded by Mrs. Armstrong to approve transfer of \$20,046.45 from the 002 Bond Fund to the 003 PI fund.

Discussion was had by Mrs. Bradford explaining the reason for the transfer.

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

21-40 Approve Amounts and Rates Resolution

Motion by Mrs. Armstrong and seconded by Mrs. Keller to approve the attached Resolution Accepting the Amounts and Rates as Determined by the Fairfield County Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies and Certifying them to the County Auditor (ORC 5705.34-5705.35).

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

Communications:

Ms. Yenni, Elementary Principal – Ms. Yenni stated that it was a great 1st day back with all students. Spirit week is this week and crazy hair day was today. Also, this week is parent teacher conferences and the 3rd grade parent meeting. Progressbook opens this Friday for interims.

Mrs. Terry, HS Principal – Mr. Kirby gave the HS Principal report in Mrs. Terry's absence. He stated that parent teacher conferences are this week and our Quiz Team beat LU 140 to 90. Brag boards went up in the cafeteria and outside the office this week and the winter sports season is coming to an end. The HS received their People's Choice award for the county scarecrow contest.

Extra-Curricular Committee Meeting Report – Mrs. Armstrong stated that it was a good meeting and Mr. Lewis was in attendance to speak. Mr. Kirby reviewed the financials and discussed the sponsorship packet, fundraisers, and football planning. Varsity letter awards being cancelled last school year due to COVID was also discussed and resolved.

Policy Committee Meeting Report – Mrs. Whitaker reviewed the policies discussed in the meeting and any changes being considered. We will be re-adopting our own EDE-R policy. Many of the policies is just clean up of cash in the buildings.

Mr. Kirby, Superintendent – Mr. Kirby updated the Board on COVID numbers and reminded everyone that the numbers are on our District website. The also gave a vaccine update and that the District has put in sub requests for that day. He stated that we are moving forward with prom and graduation with the caveat that it could change at any time. Mrs. Armstrong stated that she is pleased with the services from Krile Communications and loves that it is reaching more people. She would like to see more HS students recognized and thinks the Elementary is doing a great job.

Superintendent's Recommendations

21-41 Approve Revised Laker Learning Plan

Motion by Mrs. Armstrong and seconded by Mrs. Whitaker to approve the revised Laker Learning Plan for the 2020-2021 school year.

Discussion was had by Mr. Kirby in regards to the changes. Once the learning plan is approved it will be posted to the District website.

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

21-42 First Reading of Board Policies

First reading of a complete revision of the following board policies, with the intent of formally adopting the policies at the March meeting of the Walnut Township Local Board of Education in accordance with current policy BF:

DH Bonded Employees & Officers - Discussion was had to keep the 1st paragraph that pertains to the bond.

DJB Petty Cash Accounts – This required policy is ok as suggested.

DM Deposit of Public Funds – Discussion was had and the policy is ok as suggested with the exception of removing "or other secure room" from the last sentence.

EDE Computer-Online Service – Discussion was had and this policy is ok as suggested.

EDE-E Computer Network Agreement Form – This policy will be withdrawn

21-43 Approve Substitute Teacher List

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

Discussion was had by Mr. Kirby explaining that subs will be offered to be vaccinated in anticipation that they will be more comfortable with subbing in the schools.

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

21-44 Approve Agreement with Fairfield Medical Center

Motion by Mr. Popo and seconded by Mrs. Whitaker to approve the Alcohol and Substance Abuse program agreement between Fairfield Medical Center and Walnut Township Local School District, as presented.

Discussion was had by Mr. Kirby explaining that this is required drug testing for our bus drivers. Mr. Popo is opposed to this as he feels it is more punitive and doesn't provide enough wellness information.

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

Superintendent's Personnel Recommendations

21-45 Approve Contract with Barri Woodfork

Motion by Mrs. Armstrong and seconded by Mrs. Whitaker to approve a contract between Walnut Township Local Schools and Barri Woodfork, School Psychologist, as presented.

Discussion was had by Mr. Kirby in regards to needing the additional services due to being hybrid during COVID.

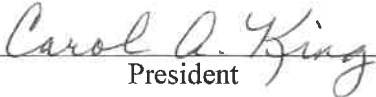
Roll Call: Mrs. Armstrong-yes, Mrs. Whitaker-yes, Mrs. Keller-yes, Mr. Popo-yes, Ms. King-yes
Motion carried.

21-46 Adjournment


Motion by Mrs. Armstrong and seconded by Mrs. Keller to adjourn the meeting. (Time: 6:44 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.

