

Walnut Township Local School District Board of Education
Regular Meeting
Monday, March 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.

21-47 Approval of Agenda

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

Discussion was had that Mr. Jeff Dupler is not able to volunteer and is being removed from the agenda under **Item XXIII**.

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

Public Participation

There was no one signed up for public participation.

21-48 Approve Minutes

Motion by Mrs. Armstrong and seconded by Mrs. Keller to approve the minutes from the February 8, 2021 Regular 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)

21-49 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 February, 2021 as presented.

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

21-50 Approve FY2021 Amended Appropriations

Motion by Mrs. Armstrong and seconded by Mrs. Keller to approve the amended FY21 appropriations and authorize the creation of the 022 fund and retroactively authorize the creation of the 467, 499, and 536 funds.

Discussion was had by Mrs. Bradford in regards to creation of funds.

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 they have had 1 day of kindergarten screening so far and they have around 30 registered and always get more closer to school starting. Events happening include spring pictures, penny war, and a choir concert. She also recognized the spelling bee winners.

Mrs. Terry, HS Principal – Mrs. Terry stated that parent teacher conferences went well and were held in a team format this year. She congratulated the 2021 Homecoming court, February Students of the Month and basketball season awards. She also congratulated the Teen Eco Summit Team for being awarded a \$1,450 grant to help design and do their project. Seniors are selling candy bars and the juniors are taking the ACT test tomorrow.

Mr. Kirby, Superintendent – Mr. Kirby updated the Board on COVID numbers and stated that this is the 1st week that we have had 0 staff and students test positive for COVID-19. He gave an update on the Class of 2020's account since they were not able to go on their trip due to COVID-19. A survey was sent out multiple ways to those seniors with multiple options of what they could do with the money with in guidelines. Survey results were that they would hold back money for a five-year reunion and donate the remainder to a non-profit organization to set up scholarships that are school and work related for that graduating class. He also held the calendar hearing for the district and reviewed the 2021-2022 school calendar.

21-51 Approve META Solutions Resolution for Competitive Electric Service

The Board of Education (the "Board") of the Walnut Township Local School District, Fairfield County, Ohio, (the "School District") met in general session on March 8, 2021, at 6:00 p.m., in the Laker Learning Center at Millersport High School, 11850 Lancaster, Millersport, Ohio 43046, with the following members present:

Mrs. Armstrong introduced the following resolution and moved its passage:

RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF COMPETITIVE RETAIL ELECTRIC SERVICE FROM THE LOWEST RESPONSIBLE BID SUBMITTED FOR THE BILLING PERIOD COMMENCING WITH THE JULY 2022 BILLING CYCLE AND TERMINATING NO LATER THAN THE JUNE 2027 BILLING CYCLE.

WHEREAS, the School District is a member of [META Solutions (f/k/a Metropolitan Educational Council)] (the "Council"), a body authorized by state statute to aggregate purchasing needs of schools and of related nonprofit educational entities so as to take advantage of economies of scale when purchasing essential products and services; and

WHEREAS, the Council is joining with other major school districts and educational purchasing councils to conduct a Request for Proposal for competitive retail electric service commencing with the July 2022 billing cycle and terminating no later than the close of the June 2027 billing cycle, with bids to be submitted for various periods and durations (the "RFP");

WHEREAS, the RFP will seek a single, fixed-price for all energy charges, excluding capacity charges which shall be passed-through directly to the School District and also will seek alternative pricing for the pass-through of fees associated with the supplier's cost of compliance with Ohio's renewable portfolio standards ("RPS");

WHEREAS, the RFP calls for an administrative fee of \$0.0003 per kilowatt-hour of electricity used which such fee shall be payable to the School District's Council and shall be reflected in the CRES purchase price;

WHEREAS, the Council will send or has sent notices to bid on the School District's electric load to all competitive retail electric service providers licensed to sell power in the state of Ohio and registered with the applicable electric distribution utility;

WHEREAS, the Council will select the lowest responsible bid submitted in response to the RFP, contemplated to be on or before May 1, 2021;

WHEREAS, this School District may review the lowest responsible bid and corresponding term and elect anytime up to the time period as set forth in the RFP, unless extended to a later date as may be allowed under the RFP, to accept the lowest responsible bid with no obligation prior to that time or thereafter if the School District does not sign a Master Supply Agreement with the selected bidder; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee will review the lowest responsible bid and corresponding term when the RFP is concluded and determine whether the lowest responsible bid provides for competitive retail electric service for all of the School District's electric load that is the result of a public and competitive RFP.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE WALNUT TOWNSHIP LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, COUNTY OF FAIRFIELD, STATE OF OHIO, as follows:

Section 1. The Board of Education of this School District does hereby consent, as a member of the Council, to the conducting of an RFP process by the Council for competitive retail electric service commencing with the July 2022 billing cycle and terminating no later than the close of the June 2027 billing cycle, with bids to be submitted for various periods and durations on such terms and conditions as the Council deems appropriate.

Section 2. The Board of Education of this School District does hereby authorize the Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee to execute a Master Supply Agreement to be prepared by the Council between the School District and the lowest responsible bidder in the RFP so long as the Superintendent or his appointee finds that the price reflects the results of a public and competitive RFP.

Section 3. The Board of Education hereby directs the Treasurer to review the lowest responsible bid once received and the Master Supply Agreement and determine if the School District has sufficient funds to certify this resolution and, if the Treasurer so finds, to certify this resolution.

Mrs. Keller seconded the motion and, after discussion, a roll call vote was taken and the results were:

Ayes: Mrs. Armstrong, Mrs. Keller, Mr. Popo, Mrs. Whitaker, Ms. King

Nays: None

The resolution passed.

Passed: March 8, 2021

BOARD OF EDUCATION,
WALNUT TOWNSHIP LOCAL SCHOOL
DISTRICT, COUNTY of
FAIRFIELD
OHIO

Board President

Attest: _____
Treasurer

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

21-52 Renewal of Property Insurance Coverage

Motion by Mrs. Keller and seconded by Mrs. Whitaker to accept the renewal of the property insurance coverage policy with Owner's Insurance through Tom Jones Insurance, Inc. It is effective 4/12/21 through 4/12/22. Annual premium is \$15,892.00 which is up \$437 from last year. Discussion was had by Mrs. Bradford in regards to reviewing coverage for next year.

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

Board Recommendations

21-53 Appointment of Public Records Designee

Motion by Mrs. Armstrong and seconded by Mrs. Whitaker to appoint Jill Bradford as the Public Records Designee for the District.

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

Superintendent's Recommendations

21-54 Accept Donation

Motion by Mrs. Armstrong and seconded by Mrs. Whitaker to accept the donation of \$1,000 from KWIK 7596 LLC for the football program.

Discussion was had by Mr. Kirby that Nick Lewis got this on our behalf and it is to be used to help offset the start of the football program.

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

21-55 Approve FMC Alcohol and Substance Abuse Agreement

Motion by Mrs. Whitaker and seconded by Mrs. Keller to accept the approve the Alcohol and Substance Abuse agreement between Fairfield Medical Center and Walnut Township Local School District Athletic Department, as presented.

Discussion was had by Mr. Kirby in regards to services and programming.

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

21-56 Approve Substitute Teacher List

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

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

21-57 Approve Policy

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

DH Bonded Employees & Officers

DJB Petty Cash Accounts

DM Deposit of Public Funds

EDE Computer-Online Service

EDE-R Computer-Online Services-Regulations

Discussion was had that the Board kept the already approved form for Policy EDE-R and didn't take the suggested form from OSBA.

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

Superintendent's Personnel Recommendations

Discussion was had by Mr. Kirby that the following 3 positions are pending on need and non-renewals are the annual standard of approach.

21-58 Non-Renewal of Non-Teaching Contract

Motion by Mrs. Whitaker and seconded by Mrs. Keller to non-renew the following limited, non-teaching contract(s) scheduled to expire at the conclusion of the 2020-2021 contractual obligation. The treasurer is directed to give written notice of this resolution to the employee no later than April 30, 2021.

Theresa Willis – Educational Aide

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

21-59 Non-Renewal of Teaching Contract

Motion by Mrs. Keller and seconded by Mrs. Armstrong to non-renew the following limited, teaching contract(s) scheduled to expire at the conclusion of the 2020-2021 contractual obligation. The treasurer is directed to give written notice of this resolution to the employee no later than April 30, 2021.

Sharon Lawrence – Literacy Specialist

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

21-60 Non-Renewal of Non-Teaching Contract

Motion by Mrs. Armstrong and seconded by Mrs. Keller to non-renew the following limited, non-teaching contract(s) scheduled to expire at the conclusion of the 2020-2021 contractual obligation. The treasurer is directed to give written notice of this resolution to the employee no later than April 30, 2021.

Nancy Augsburger – On-Line Education Monitor/Supervisor

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

21-61 Accept Retirement

Motion by Mrs. Armstrong and seconded by Mrs. Keller to accept the retirement of Patty Zollinger, Elementary Secretary, effective at the end of the day on March 27, 2021.

Discussion was had by Mr. Kirby in regards to the significance of her retirement date and her wishes.

Roll Call: Mrs. Armstrong-yes, Mrs. Keller-yes (will be missed), Mr. Popo-yes, Mrs. Whitaker-yes, Ms. King-yes (with regrets)

Motion carried.

21-62 Approve 2020-2021 Supplemental Contract

Motion by Mrs. Whitaker and seconded by Mrs. Keller to approve the following non-certified person(s) to be employed under supplemental contract(s) for a period of one year (given an insufficient number of certified teachers interested in and qualified to hold student activity/athletic supplemental contract(s) as advisors and/or coaches), beginning with the 2020-2021 school year and ending in June of 2021. Salary terms and conditions of these supplemental contract(s) to be consistent with the descriptors contained in the appropriate negotiated Master Agreement between the Walnut Township Education Association and the Walnut Township Local Board of Education, pending receipt of all required documents (**all contracts contingent upon sufficient participation**).

<u>Person</u>	<u>Position</u>
Bob Hurst	Assistant Softball

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

21-63 Approve 2021-2022 Supplemental Contract

Motion by Mrs. Whitaker and seconded by Mrs. Keller to Approve the following non-certified person(s) to be employed under supplemental contract(s) for a period of one year (given an insufficient number of certified teachers interested in and qualified to hold student activity/athletic supplemental contract(s) as advisors and/or coaches), beginning with the 2021-2022 school year and ending in June of 2022. Salary terms and conditions of these supplemental contract(s) to be consistent with the descriptors contained in the appropriate negotiated Master Agreement between the Walnut Township Education Association and the Walnut Township Local Board of Education, pending receipt of all required documents (**all contracts contingent upon sufficient participation**).

<u>Person</u>	<u>Position</u>
Jack Treinish	Head Football

Discussion was had by Mr. Kirby reviewing the interview process. The district received 47 applications for this position and narrowed those down to 10 extensive interviews. There will be a 2nd town hall meeting for football to introduce the coach.

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

21-64 Non-Renewal of 2020-2021 Supplemental Contracts

Motion by Mrs. Armstrong and seconded by Mrs. Whitaker to non-renew all 2020-2021 supplemental contracts, effective at the conclusion of the contractual obligation, and to post the positions as per the contract with the WTEA.

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

21-65 Approve 2020-2021 Volunteer Coaches

Motion by Mrs. Whitaker and seconded by Mrs. Keller to recognize the following volunteer coaches for the 2020-2021 school year, pending receipt of all required documents:

- | <u>Person</u> | <u>Position</u> |
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| a) Brie Laird | Softball |

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

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| b) Steve Pierce | Track |
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Roll Call: Mrs. Whitaker-yes, Mrs. Keller-yes, Mrs. Armstrong-yes, Mr. Popo-yes, Ms. King-yes
Motion carried.

21-66 Adjournment

Motion by Mrs. Armstrong and seconded by Mrs. Whitaker to adjourn the meeting. (Time: 7:02 p.m.)

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