

Board of Education Working Meeting

May 14, 2020 7:00 PM

Walton-Verona Board of Education

via video conference

<https://bit.ly/wvboemeeting>

Attendance Taken at 7:00 PM:

Present Board Members:

Mr. Kyle Art

Ms. Megan Jones

Ms. Heather Stewart

Ms. Stacey Thornberry

Mr. David Turner

This meeting was presented via video conference on our school YouTube channel.

I. Routine Business

I.A. Call to Order

I.B. Pledge of Allegiance

I.C. Roll Call

I.D. Approval of the Agenda

Order #20-1021 - Motion Passed: Approval of the Agenda passed with a motion by Ms. Heather Stewart and a second by Mr. David Turner.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays.

II. Informational Items

II.A. Other

Discussion:

Dr. Baker stated that we are in hiring season and discussed several positions that are currently open. Dr. Baker discussed his upcoming evaluation. He plans to provide the board members with documentation and is open to feedback in this process. Dr. Baker discussed the student pick-up/drop-off events at all schools this week. We are still moving forward with a plan to have an in-person graduation ceremony on July 31st at this time. Dr. Baker discussed the appreciation signs for staff and the positive feedback. Dr. Baker discussed the track project and showed an aerial video that demonstrates the previous repair marks as well as new blisters on the track. Ms. Stacey Thornberry stated that she appreciates morale as the year closed and is excited to be a part of that. Mr. David Turner discussed how well end of year events went including pick-up/drop off events, end of year videos and the senior parade. Kevin Ryan discussed the preliminary tentative budget that will be on the agenda for approval on May 28th.

III. Recommended Board Motions

III.A. Approval of Minutes

Order #20-1022 - Motion Passed: Approval of the meeting minutes passed with a motion by Mr. David Turner and a second by Ms. Stacey Thornberry.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays.

III.B. Approval to Adopt a Resolution authorizing the Walton-Verona Independent School District Finance Corporation to issue Revenue Bonds

Discussion:

Lincoln Theinert from Ross, Sinclair & Associates discussed the bond and associated interest rates.

Order #20-1023 - Motion Passed: Approval to Adopt a Resolution authorizing the Walton-Verona Independent School District Finance Corporation to issue Revenue Bonds passed with a motion by Ms. Megan Jones and a second by Ms. Stacey Thornberry.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays.

III.C. Approval of Construction Bids and Revised BG1 for Walton-Verona Paving and award contract to_____.

Discussion:

Dr. Baker discussed the paving project. This was previously discussed as addressing only minor work. Based on the bids, additional funds are being allocated in the BG1 to potentially complete the paving in its entirety. Ehmet Hayes discussed the total project and the bids received. Mr. Hayes recommends that the contract be awarded to Riegler Blacktop, Inc. Mr. David Turner asked if we contacted the other bidder regarding the additional allocations. Ehmet Hayes stated he did not as that would be more of a re-bid. He reached out to Riegler since they were the low bidder and the recommended contractor.

Order #20-1024 - Motion Passed: Approval of Construction Bids and Revised BG1 for Walton-Verona Paving and award contract to Riegler Blacktop, Inc. passed with a motion by Ms. Megan Jones and a second by Mr. David Turner.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays.

III.D. Approval of Construction Bids and Revised BG1 for Walton-Verona Track & Field - Phase 2 and award contract to_____.

Discussion:

Dr. Baker discussed the track project and referenced the bids, including the recommended bid from Riegler Blacktop, Inc. Ehmet Hayes discussed the bid options as well as the various systems for this project. Mr. Hayes recommended the base bid from Riegler Blacktop, Inc. as well the alternate 2 bid - Plexitrac Lightning. Claire Parsons discussed the warranty for the project/materials. Mr. Hayes discussed the warranty difference with the Plexitrac system as well as reference information for other schools who have a similar track using this product. Mr. David Turner asked if there was information regarding the surface wear/life based on the thickness/composition of the track product. Mr. Hayes discussed the differences of the Plexitrac product. Dr. Baker discussed the project costs. Ms. Megan Jones expressed that she is glad to have the track taken care of before next year. Ms. Stacey Thornberry asked about the unpaid bill relating to the track repairs. Dr. Baker stated that that is something that would be addressed in the future.

Order #20-1025 - Motion Passed: Approval of Construction Bids and Revised BG1 for Walton-Verona Track & Field - Phase 2 and award contract to Riegler Blacktop, Inc. passed with a motion by Ms. Megan Jones and a second by Mr. David Turner.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays.

III.E. Approval of District Professional Development Plan

Order #20-1026 - Motion Passed: Approval of District Professional Development Plan passed with a motion by Ms. Heather Stewart and a second by Mr. David Turner.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays.

III.F. Approval of the 2021 HS Quest Trip Proposal

Discussion:

Dr. Baker discussed the HS Quest Proposal. Mr. David Turner stated that he wants the program to be as equitable as possible. He suggested cutting back on those students who should go this year for the program next year to allow for more new students to apply. Ms. Heather Stewart asked about the liability insurance issues with students who have graduated when the trip occurs. Dr. Baker will work to get an answer for this and suggested that we could postpone this motion for the next meeting. Ms. Stacey Thornberry asked about taking 2 groups for a shorter period of time. The board members discussed this possibility. Ms. Megan Jones suggested a smaller trip where driving could be possible for a shorter trip as a second trip next year. Dr. Baker said he would take this back to the sponsors. All board members agreed to table the discussion for another meeting.

Order #20-1027 - Motion Failed: Approval of the 2021 HS Quest Trip Proposal failed with a motion by Ms. Heather Stewart and a second by Ms. Stacey Thornberry.

0 Yeas - 4 Nays - 1 Abstained.

Mr. Kyle Art	No
Ms. Megan Jones	No
Ms. Heather Stewart	No
Ms. Stacey Thornberry	No
Mr. David Turner	Abstain

III.G. Adjournment

Order #20-1028 - Motion Passed: Approval to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 to move to the WVISD Finance Corporation Meeting passed with a motion by Ms. Heather Stewart and a second by Ms. Megan Jones.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays.

Chairperson

Secretary