

## **Board of Education Regular Meeting**

November 19, 2020 7:00 PM

Walton-Verona High School

MS/HS Commons

30 School Road

Walton, KY 41094

### **Attendance Taken at 7:00 PM:**

#### Present Board Members:

Mr. Kyle Art

Ms. Megan Jones

Ms. Heather Stewart

Ms. Stacey Thornberry

Mr. David Turner

The following people were in attendance: Dr. Matt Baker, Darrin Pollock, Adam Nash, Michelle Gregg, Brittany Robinson, Caitlyn Sullivan, Chris Schadler, Kevin Ryan, Luke Patterson, Rob Hartman, Eric Morwessel, Eric Fangman, Robert Tarvin, Claire Parsons, Carrie Ryan, Bebe Mosier and Jordan Thomas.

### **I. Routine Business**

#### **I.A. Call to Order**

#### **I.B. Pledge of Allegiance**

#### **I.C. Roll Call**

#### **I.D. Approval of the Agenda**

**Order #20-1150 - Motion Passed:** passed with a motion by Ms. Megan Jones and a second by Ms. Stacey Thornberry.

**5 Yeas - 0 Nays.**

### **II. Informational Items**

#### **II.A. Spotlight Report - New Employees at Walton-Verona Middle School and Walton-Verona High School**

Mr. Morwessel stated that new MS employees were unable to attend. Mr. Nash introduced Darrin Pollock, HS English Teacher and Eric Fangman, HS Assistant Principal. Other new HS employees had previous engagements.

#### **II.B. Principals/Bridge/ECC Report**

Mr. Patterson discussed the ES Principal report. Mr. Morwessel discussed the MS Principal report, including recent failures from the first quarter. Mr. Kyle Art asked what the figures looked like last year. Mr. Morwessel shared this data. Ms. Megan Jones asked what would be done at this point to help students since we are moving to virtual instruction. Mr. Morwessel discussed expanding Targeted Services for students who need additional help. Ms. Stacey Thornberry asked about students having accessibility to teachers in the evening. Mr. Morwessel stated that teachers will have

dedicated time during the school day and some teacher teams are making one teacher available each evening. Mr. Morwessel discussed possibly coordinating with the FRYSC Coordinator for additional evening time at school. Ms. Stacey Thornberry asked why Group A was significantly worse than Group B. Mr. Morwessel stated there are more students in Group A. Ms. Megan Jones also asked about teachers have more accessibility in the evenings beyond email. Mr. Morwessel stated that they are targeting students come into the building during the day to offset the need in the evening, but it is something that he will be looking at regarding the continued need in the evening. Mr. David Turner stated that he agrees with the approach to bring students into the building during the day for targeted services. He feels that asking teachers to be online in the evening may be too much to ask when this can be accomplished during the school day. Mr. Nash discussed the HS Principal report, including a joint project that Ms. Horn coordinated with NKU and KOLAR Design. Ms. Sullivan discussed the ECC report, including the preschool plan to remain on the hybrid model. Mr. Hartman discussed the Bridge report.

### **II.C. Construction Report**

Dr. Baker discussed the construction report.

### **II.D. Participation/Enrollment Report**

Mr. Hartman discussed the participation/enrollment report for month three. Ms. Stacey Thornberry asked how participation is determined. Mr. Hartman stated there are a few ways, including coming to school, turning in assignments regularly and contacting the teacher regularly.

### **II.E. Chapter 3 Procedures**

### **II.F. 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 School Calendars**

Mr. Hartman discussed the proposed school calendars for the next two school years. He plans to keep the start date later to take advantage of the variable school calendar option. Ms. Heather Stewart asked about early release days. Mr. Hartman stated that the committee did not feel like they were necessary. Ms. Megan Jones asked about how the later start would affect college classes and HS exams. Mr. Nash stated this would push the end of the first semester into January, so exams would be later, but there would be no impact on college classes. Mr. David Turner commented that he was a member of the calendar committee and feels that the calendars submitted provide the most flexibility.

### **II.G. Superintendent's Expense Report - September and October**

### **II.H. Discussion of Meeting Attendance by Board Attorney**

Dr. Baker discussed the presence and roll of the board attorney at the board meetings in other districts. Dr. Baker has requested that our attorney, Claire Parsons, attend the regular board meetings. This item is being discussed at the request of a board member. Mr. Kyle Art stated that he feels that it is good idea to have our attorney present, especially in our current environment of constant changes. Mr. David Turner does not feel it is a good use of resources to have our attorney attend, as the board is capable of running the meeting. Mr. Kyle Art stated that if something comes up, it is good to have our attorney as a resource. Mr. David Turner again stated he does not feel it is worth the cost associated. Ms. Megan Jones stated that while we did not have an attorney present at board meetings in the past, it is helpful during this time while things are changing quickly. Ms.

Stacey Thornberry feels that having our attorney present is a good idea during the pandemic also. She feels that it instills confidence in the decisions of the board. Ms. Heather Stewart stated that she did not feel it was necessary for Ms. Parsons to be present during both the working and regular meetings. She feels that if an issue comes up, the item in question could be tabled to consult with our attorney rather than have her attend the meetings. Mr. Kyle Art stated that he would like to get through the pandemic first and then revisit this issue; however, Ms. Heather Stewart pointed out the uncertainty of how long that may take. Mr. Kyle Art asked if the board members are expecting Ms. Parsons to be on call while the board meetings take place. Mr. David Turner stated he feels that the board meetings today are the same as the board meetings of two years ago for the most part. Ms. Megan Jones states that with things changing so quickly, there may be things that the board is unaware of and having a legal presence is helpful. Mr. Kyle Art asked that this item be moved to a board motion for the December meeting.

## **II.I. Personnel**

## **II.J. Other**

Dr. Baker stated that the KSBA meeting that was scheduled in-person has been changed to a virtual meeting. He discussed the working meeting on December 3rd. There will be an important agenda item pertaining to the DFP. Dr. Baker also discussed Targeted Services. He met with principals and staff yesterday and will be meeting regarding this again tomorrow to finalize these services. Dr. Baker also discussed the need to have staff available for students; however, he does want to protect teacher time as well. Ms. Stacey Thornberry asked if all schools would be open for Targeted Services. Dr. Baker indicated that they would be open at all levels for this.

## **II.K. Audience of Citizens**

## **III. Recommended Board Motions**

### **III.A. Approval of Minutes**

**Order #20-1151 - Motion Passed:** Approval of the meeting minutes passed with a motion by Mr. David Turner and a second by Ms. Megan Jones.

**5 Yeas - 0 Nays.**

### **III.B. Approve Treasurer's Report**

<b>Treasurer's Report</b>		
<b>Month</b>		
<b>Ending:</b>		<b>October 31, 2020</b>
Beginning Balance:	\$	3,696,987.98
Receipts:	\$	5,186,963.59
Expenditures:	\$	(1,218,381.74)
<b>Ending Balance:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>7,665,569.83</b>
General Fund:	\$	7,029,375.96
Fund 2:	\$	(107,147.69)
Other Funds:	\$	743,341.56
<b>Total All Funds:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>7,665,569.83</b>

**Order #20-1152 - Motion Passed:** Approval of the Treasurer's Report passed with a motion by Ms. Heather Stewart and a second by Ms. Stacey Thornberry.  
**5 Yeas - 0 Nays.**

### **III.C. Approve Orders of the Treasurer (bills)**

**Order #20-1153 - Motion Passed:** Approval of Orders of the Treasurer (bills) passed with a motion by Ms. Megan Jones and a second by Ms. Heather Stewart.

**4 Yeas - 1 Nays.**

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

### **III.D. FY21 KISTA Bus Lease Participation Resolution**

**Order #20-1154 - Motion Passed:** FY21 KISTA Bus Lease Participation Resolution passed with a motion by Ms. Heather Stewart and a second by Ms. Megan Jones.

**5 Yeas - 0 Nays.**

### **III.E. Approval of 2021 KETS Offer of Assistance**

**Order #20-1155 - Motion Passed:** Approval of 2021 KETS Offer of Assistance passed with a motion by Mr. David Turner and a second by Ms. Heather Stewart.

**5 Yeas - 0 Nays.**

### **III.F. Approval of Final Pay Application 17 for Morel Construction - Walton-Verona Early Childhood Center**

**Order #20-1156 - Motion Passed:** Approval of Final Pay Application 17 for Morel Construction - Walton-Verona Early Childhood Center passed with a motion by Ms. Heather Stewart and a second by Ms. Megan Jones.

**5 Yeas - 0 Nays.**

### **III.G. Approval of BG4 - Walton-Verona Track & Field phase 1**

**Order #20-1157 - Motion Passed:** Approval of BG4 - Walton-Verona Track & Field phase 1 passed with a motion by Ms. Heather Stewart and a second by Ms. Stacey Thornberry.

**5 Yeas - 0 Nays.**

### **III.H. Approval of Surplus Bid Results and Recommendations**

**Order #20-1158 - Motion Passed:** Approval of Surplus Bid Results and Recommendations passed with a motion by Mr. David Turner and a second by Ms. Megan Jones.

**5 Yeas - 0 Nays.**

**III.I. Approval of Agreement for Mutual Aid for Unusual Incidents for Northern Kentucky Cooperative for Educational Services (NKCES) member school districts for the 2020-2021 school year with automatic renewal and opt-out option**

**Order #20-1159 - Motion Passed:** Approval of Agreement for Mutual Aid for Unusual Incidents for Northern Kentucky Cooperative for Educational Services (NKCES) member school districts for the 2020-2021 school year with automatic renewal and opt-out option passed with a motion by Mr. David Turner and a second by Ms. Megan Jones.

**5 Yeas - 0 Nays.**

**III.J. Approval to Adopt a Resolution authorizing the Walton-Verona Independent School District Finance Corporation to issue Refunding Revenue bonds**

**Order #20-1160 - Motion Passed:** Approval to Adopt a Resolution authorizing the Walton-Verona Independent School District Finance Corporation to issue Refunding Revenue bonds passed with a motion by Ms. Megan Jones and a second by Mr. David Turner.

**5 Yeas - 0 Nays.**

**III.K. Adjournment**

**Order #20-1161 - Motion Passed:** Approval to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 PM passed with a motion by Ms. Heather Stewart and a second by Ms. Megan Jones.

**5 Yeas - 0 Nays.**

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Chairperson

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Secretary