

Board of Education Working Meeting

December 03, 2020 7:00 PM

Walton-Verona Board of Education

via video conference

<https://bit.ly/wvboemeeting>

Attendance Taken at 7:03 PM:

Present Board Members:

Ms. Megan Jones

Ms. Heather Stewart

Ms. Stacey Thornberry

Mr. David Turner

Updated Attendance:

Mr. Kyle Art was updated to present at: 7:08 PM

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 #20-1165 - Motion Passed: Approval of the Agenda passed with a motion by Ms. Heather Stewart and a second by Ms. Stacey Thornberry.

4 Yeas - 0 Nays.

Mr. Kyle Art	Absent
Ms. Megan Jones	Yes
Ms. Heather Stewart	Yes
Ms. Stacey Thornberry	Yes
Mr. David Turner	Yes

II. Informational Items

II.A. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Baker discussed Targeted Services at our schools. There are in-person, as well as virtual Targeted Services options. We are offering lunch pickup for families at this time as well. Ms. Megan Jones asked what days the pickup is available for families. Dr. Baker confirmed that pickups are available on Tuesday and Thursday.

II.B. Discussion of District Facilities Plan

Dr. Baker advised that the LPC is currently developing the DFP, which will be presented to the board members in a few months for approval. We are looking for board input at this point to help narrow the options at this time. Mr. Ehmet Hayes discussed the two scenarios at this point, which include adding onto the current elementary school or potentially adding an intermediate school at

the sports complex property in Verona. Mr. Hayes discussed how these scenarios would work and the challenges that each present. Ms. Megan Jones asked what grade levels would be at the intermediate school. Mr. Hayes stated that the initial phase would be for 325 students and slated for grades 4-5 and then the end phase would allow up to 475 students to include grade 3. Ms. Jones also asked about a playground area. Mr. Hayes stated that there would be plenty of greenspace for this. Mr. David Turner asked about how the safety requirements could be met if the building is built in phases. Mr. Hayes stated that they may have to frontload the build initially with 40-50% of the build in Phase I to sufficiently meet all of the requirements. Dr. Baker stated that he would like to move the 5th grade out of the MS, as it aligns much better with the 3rd and 4th grade curriculum. Ms. Stacey Thornberry asked if we have the salaries budgeted for this. Dr. Baker stated that if we continue to grow at the ES, we would have to add staff there to accommodate, so while there would be some new positions, several would be necessary in either scenario. Mr. Kevin Ryan stated that this would be potentially be included in the budget presented to the board members next year. Ms. Stacey Thornberry stated that she would like to get an estimate on the cost of staffing the new intermediate school. Ms. Megan Jones and Ms. Stacey Thornberry would like to get estimates for the utilities and insurance items as well. Ms. Heather Stewart asked if we could include both options in the DFP at different priority levels. Mr. Hayes stated that KDE would not allow this. Ms. Heather Stewart asked if we would need additional buses and/or have staggered start times. Mr. David Turner asked if we would get another SRO at a new school. Dr. Baker stated that we will continue to gather data to present to the board for another discussion on this topic.

II.C. Preliminary Feedback Survey Results

Dr. Baker discussed the district employee survey feedback. The survey was anonymous and very general to allow employees to be open about their concerns and comments. Mr. David Turner stated that he feels that some of the strategies for improvement feel more like justification and would like to look a little bit more in depth at the responses. Dr. Baker stated he intends to discuss this directly with teachers and staff to be sure that the communication is open and effective. Ms. Heather Stewart asked how many staff members participated. Dr. Baker stated that the rate was a bit low at around 35%.

III. Recommended Board Motions

III.A. Adjournment

Order #20-1166 - Motion Passed: Approval to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 PM passed with a motion by Ms. Heather Stewart and a second by Mr. David Turner.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays.

Chairperson

Secretary