

Board of Education Working Meeting
March 11, 2021 7:00 PM
Walton-Verona Early Childhood Center
ECC Commons
18 School Road
Walton, KY 41094

Attendance Taken at 7:00 PM:

Present Board Members:

Mr. Kyle Art
Ms. Megan Jones
Ms. Heather Stewart
Mr. David Turner

Updated Attendance:

Ms. Stacey Thornberry was updated to present at 7:32 PM

The following people were in attendance: Dr. Matt Baker, Jason Reis, Michelle Gregg, Patrick Luken, Caitlyn Sullivan, Chris Schadler, Kevin Ryan, Jeremy Key, Carrie Ryan, and Amber Hedges.

I. Routine Business

I.A. Call to Order

I.B. Pledge of Allegiance

I.C. Roll Call

I.D. Approval of the Agenda

Order #21-1225 - Motion Passed: Approval of the Agenda passed with a motion by Ms. Heather Stewart and a second by Mr. Kyle Art.

4 Yeas - 0 Nays.

II. Informational Items

II.A. Transportation Report

Chris Schadler discussed the transportation report, specifically a new process for tracking and attending to students with medical needs.

II.B. Food Service Discussion

Ms. Megan Jones indicated that she had received complaints from parents regarding the school lunch choices and portion sizes. She recently had a similar complaint from a member of the cafeteria staff and wanted to pursue this issue. Dr. Baker stated that he met with Vickie Benton regarding this and will meet again with Vickie and include building principals tomorrow. He is hoping to offer a larger variety of meals to students and possibly increase portion sizes. Dr. Baker also mentioned that while additional entrees and extras at lunch are charged, students can grab additional breakfast bags at no cost. This information will be clarified with Vickie Benton and communication to students and parents will be sent tomorrow.

II.C. Discussion of ESSER II Funds

Dr. Baker discussed the ESSER II presentation, including the potential for a Summer Blitz program to help students to bridge learning gaps due to COVID-19. Michelle Gregg also discussed the plans for this program in detail. There was a group discussion between the board members and audience of citizens. Mr. David Turner stated that he would prefer to use the funds during the school year. Dr. Baker suggested that with the funds allotted, we could potentially do both. Dr. Baker stated that there would be an upcoming agenda item to amend our current salary schedule to allow for staffing for these events.

II.D. Discussion of Summer Paving Project at WVES

Jeremy Key discussed the ES Paving project, including the expansion of the bus loop area. There was discussion on adding additional parking spaces, however it was determined that this option is too costly. Mr. Kyle Art suggested using the Athletic Complex for larger events. Dr. Baker stated that there would be a BG1 for this project on the agenda at the regular March meeting.

II.E. Discussion of Cognia Accreditation

Dr. Baker discussed the optional COGNIA Accreditation process. He asked the board members for input on whether they would like to pursue this accreditation. Board members agreed that this is not a necessity and Dr. Baker indicated that he would contact COGNIA to advise. Mr. David Turner suggested that the district possibly pursue other third party avenues to gain an external perspective.

II.F. Other

Dr. Baker discussed HB 563 and the potential implications of this bill. Ms. Megan Jones thanked Dr. Baker, Chris Schadler and the building principals for correcting the traffic issues that arose when the hybrid schedule changed on March 1st. Ms. Megan Jones inquired about senior events, including prom and graduation. Dr. Baker stated that he is meeting with high school administrators next week regarding this and will report back to students and parents. Ms. Heather Stewart inquired about the May working meeting as it coincides with the KSBA Annual Conference. Board members decided to change this meeting date from May 13th to May 20th. Ms. Megan Jones thanked the teachers who attended the meeting.

II.G. Audience of Citizens

III. Recommended Board Motions

III.A. Adjournment

Order #21-1226 - Motion Passed: Approval to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 PM passed with a motion by Ms. Heather Stewart and a second by Mr. David Turner.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays.

Chairperson

Secretary