

Board of Education Regular Meeting
March 25, 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
Ms. Stacey Thornberry
Mr. David Turner

The following people were in attendance: Dr. Matt Baker, Caitlyn Sullivan, Michelle Gregg, Luke Patterson, Brittany Robinson, Eric Morwessel, Kendra Stahl, Tabitha Gaines, Adam Nash, Jason Reis, Bebe Mosier, Jordan Thomas, Carrie Ryan, Madison Button, Roseann Simmons, Brooke Massie, Beth Dingus, Nicole Schickling, Buffy Houchens, Lauren Gosney, Nick Milar, Patrick Luken, Peggy Schutzman, Jennifer Coleman, Tricia Brandenburg, Lindsey Stephens, Dana Brady, Hayley Downs, Phil Amstutz, Amber Hedges, Chris Schadler, Kevin Ryan, Rob Hartman, Jeremy Key, Ehmet Hayes, Ryan Borkowski, Mark Walters, Bethany Wright, Brooke Lingle, Emily Livingood, Liz Kidwell, Hannah Davis, Cassie Gibson, Cassie VonHandorf, Brianna Miller, Ellie Rice, Bobbie Black, Kelly Dylon, Drake Shinkle, Jeremy Key, Mieko Harris, Noah Harris, Brittany Day, Hannah Balmer, Tucker Teepen, Maggie Zumwalde, Nicole Day and Terri Willis.

I. Routine Business

I.A. Call to Order

I.B. Pledge of Allegiance

I.C. Roll Call

I.D. Approval of the Agenda

Order #21-1227 - Motion Passed: passed with a motion by Ms. Heather Stewart and a second by Mr. David Turner.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays.

II. Informational Items

II.A. Spotlight Report - Wake Up Walton

Peggy Schutzman introduced student, Ellie Rice. Ellie discussed the upcoming Wake Up Walton event set to take place on Saturday, May 8th.

II.B. Spotlight Report - New Employees

New district employees were introduced by their principals/managers.

II.C. Principals/ECC/Bridge Report

The Principals, as well as Mr. Hartman and Ms. Sullivan discussed current and upcoming events in the schools/buildings.

II.D. Construction Report

Jeremy Key discussed the construction report.

II.E. Participation/Enrollment Report

Rob Hartman discussed the participation/enrollment report.

II.F. Superintendent's Expense Report - February 2021

II.G. Personnel

II.H. Salary Schedule 2021-22

Dr. Baker discussed the concerns with regard to salaries. He discussed the strategic plan, as well as previous plans for salary scale adjustments that we altered due to COVID-19. Kevin Ryan discussed two options for the board members to review for approval at the April board meeting. Mr. Kyle Art asked about the possibility of raising taxes. Mr. Ryan stated that this is not something that would be required with either option, but is certainly not something that can be guaranteed. Mr. David Turner stated that he feels this is an investment in our district.

II.I. Other

Dr. Baker recognized Amy Buerger as the recipient of the Golden Apple Award. He stated that the Florence Rotary Teacher of the Year award would be announced soon. Dr. Baker also discussed a Broadband project that he is involved in with Boone County and Judge Moore's office. The goal for this is to run Broadband to every home and business in Boone County. Dr. Baker also discussed the current school schedule of 5 days/week at the elementary school and 4 days/week at the middle and high schools. He feels that we will start 2021-22 at 5 days/week for all schools. Dr. Baker also discussed WVHS Graduation at Florence Baptist Church. The current capacity is at 60% which allows for 3 tickets per graduate. This may change prior to the ceremony. Dr. Baker then discussed HB 563, which was vetoed by Governor Beshear yesterday, as well as SB 128, which was signed into law by Governor Beshear yesterday. SB 128 involves students repeating the school year due to COVID-19. The board discussed this issue and Dr. Baker stated that this may require a special meeting in May for further determinations.

II.J. Audience of Citizens

Amber Hedges discussed the salary schedule; including changes that she feels are needed as compared to neighboring districts.

III. Recommended Board Motions

III.A. Approval of the Minutes - January 28, 2021 - amended

Order #21-1228 - Motion Passed: Approval of the Minutes - January 28, 2021 - amended passed with a motion by Ms. Heather Stewart and a second by Ms. Stacey Thornberry.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays.

III.B. Approval of Minutes - February 25, 2021

Order #21-1229 - Motion Passed: Approval of Minutes - February 25, 2021 passed with a motion by Mr. David Turner and a second by Mr. Kyle Art.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays.

III.C. Approval of the Minutes - March 11, 2021

Order #21-1230 - Motion Passed: Approval of the Minutes - March 11, 2021 passed with a motion by Mr. Kyle Art and a second by Ms. Heather Stewart.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays.

III.D. Approval of the Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report	
Month Ending:	February 28, 2021
Beginning Balance:	\$ 9,453,518.27
Receipts:	\$ 879,144.97
Expenditures:	\$ (1,401,955.61)
Ending Balance:	\$ 8,930,707.63
General Fund:	\$ 8,725,559.27
Fund 2:	\$ (15,228.31)
Other Funds:	\$ 220,376.67
Total All Funds:	\$ 8,930,707.63

Order #21-1231 - Motion Passed: Approval of the Treasurer's Report passed with a motion by Ms. Stacey Thornberry and a second by Mr. David Turner.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays.

III.E. Approval of the Orders of the Treasurer (bills)

Order #21-1232 - Motion Passed: Approval of the Orders of the Treasurer (bills) passed with a motion by Mr. Kyle Art and a second by Ms. Stacey Thornberry.

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.F. Approval of the 2020-21 Salary Schedule Addition

Mr. David Turner confirmed that the addition referenced is for the summer program. Board members as well as Dr. Baker and Michelle Gregg discussed the summer program.

Order #21-1233 - Motion Passed: Approval of the 2020-21 Salary Schedule Addition passed with a motion by Ms. Heather Stewart and a second by Ms. Stacey Thornberry.

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.G. Approval for an additional teacher position at Walton-Verona Elementary School

Mr. David Turner asked if the elementary school would still function without this position. Luke Patterson stated that he would be short and it would require him to request going over classroom cap size with the WVES SBDM.

Order #21-1234 - Motion Passed: Approval for an additional teacher position at Walton-Verona Elementary School passed with a motion by Ms. Heather Stewart and a second by Mr. David Turner.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays.

III.H. Approval of an additional special education teacher position

Order #21-1235 - Motion Passed: Approval of an additional special education teacher position passed with a motion by Mr. David Turner and a second by Mr. Kyle Art.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays.

III.I. Approval of an additional instructional assistant position (special education)

Order #21-1236 - Motion Passed: Approval of an additional instructional assistant position (special education) passed with a motion by Mr. David Turner and a second by Mr. Kyle Art.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays.

III.J. Approval of STLP Coach position

Order #21-1237 - Motion Passed: Approval of STLP Coach position passed with a motion by Mr. David Turner and a second by Mr. Kyle Art.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays.

III.K. Acknowledgment receipt of the Superintendent's personnel actions regarding FMLA leave (see Personnel)

Order #21-1238 - Motion Passed: Acknowledgment receipt of the Superintendent's personnel actions regarding FMLA leave (see Personnel) passed with a motion by Ms. Heather Stewart and a second by Ms. Stacey Thornberry.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays.

III.L. Approval of Memorandum of Understanding with Boone County Schools regarding the Ignite Institute

Order #21-1239 - Motion Passed: Acknowledgment receipt of the Superintendent's personnel actions regarding FMLA leave (see Personnel) passed with a motion by Ms. Heather Stewart and a second by Ms. Stacey Thornberry.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays.

III.M. Approval of BG1 - Walton-Verona Elementary School - Paving 2021

Order #21-1240 - Motion Passed: Approval of BG1 - Walton-Verona Elementary School - Paving 2021 passed with a motion by Ms. Stacey Thornberry and a second by Mr. Kyle Art.

3 Yeas - 2 Nays.

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

III.N. Approval to Surplus Items

Order #21-1241 - Motion Passed: Approval to Surplus Items passed with a motion by Ms. Heather Stewart and a second by Ms. Stacey Thornberry.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays.

III.O. Approval of Graduation Date

Order #21-1242 - Motion Passed: Approval of Graduation Date of May 28, 2021 passed with a motion by Ms. Heather Stewart and a second by Mr. Kyle Art.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays.

III.P. Approval of Prom Contract for 2021

Order #21-1243 - Motion Passed: Approval of Prom Contract for 2021 passed with a motion by Mr. Kyle Art and a second by Ms. Heather Stewart.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays.

III.Q. Adjournment

Order #21-1244 - Motion Passed: Approval to adjourn the meeting at 8:53 PM passed with a motion by Ms. Heather Stewart and a second by Mr. Kyle Art.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays.

Chairperson

Secretary