

Board of Education Working Meeting
May 20, 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, Vicki Shinkle, Jeremy Key, Karen Rodgers, Tony Grizovic, Becky Grizovic, Caitlyn Sullivan, Chris Schadler, Kevin Ryan, Michelle Gregg, Jennifer Cook, Kristin Bach, Rob Hartman, Brandi Frost, Jolie Lehmkuhl, Jess Lehmkuhl, Tina Ackels, Adam Nash, Amber Hedges, Carrie Ryan, Jason Reis, Gabe Brown

I. Routine Business

I.A. Call to Order

I.B. Pledge of Allegiance

I.C. Roll Call

I.D. Approval of the Agenda

Order #21-1263 - Motion Passed: Approval of the Agenda passed with a motion by Ms. Heather Stewart and a second by Mr. Kyle Art.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays.

II. Recommended Board Motions

II.A. Approval of the Owner - Architect Agreement for Walton-Verona Elementary - Paving 2021

Order #21-1264 - Motion Passed: Approval of the Owner - Architect Agreement for Walton-Verona Elementary - 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

II.B. Approval of BG3 for Walton-Verona Elementary - Paving 2021

Order #21-1265 - Motion Passed: Approval of BG3 for Walton-Verona Elementary - 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

II.C. Approval of Bid Documents for Walton-Verona Elementary - Paving 2021

Order #21-1266 - Motion Passed: Approval of Bid Documents for Walton-Verona Elementary - 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. Informational Items

III.A. Athletics Discussion - Lacrosse

Kyle Bennett discussed the possibility of adding Varsity Lacrosse as a high school spring sport.

III.B. Discussion of Supplemental Year

Adam Nash discussed SB 128 and our district plan should the board decide to approve this item next week. Mr. Nash discussed the positive and negative sides of this issue. A potential student contract was discussed and if approved, all eligible students will be required to sign this contract.

III.C. Discussion of Code of Conduct

Dr. Baker discussed the transportation issues connected with the code of conduct. He discussed the potential solution of removing transportation from the actual code of conduct and instead adopting a transportation procedure. Ms. Vicki Shinkle spoke about issues with bus passes at our elementary school stating that she processed over 1700 bus passes in one school year. The board discussed the code of conduct, in particular the bus pass issue. Mr. David Turner made additional suggestions for changes relating to the dress code.

III.D. Discussion with Mayor Brown

Mayor Gabe Brown discussed upcoming events and news related to the City of Walton. He also discussed a potential tax abatement to attract more upscale restaurants and businesses in both

the Walton Towne Center and the downtown Walton district. The board members discussed this issue with Mayor Brown.

III.E. Discussion of 2021-2022 Tuition Rate

Dr. Baker discussed the proposed tuition rate, which includes keeping the current rate for the 2021-2022 school year and then increasing by \$100 each year until reaching \$2000 in 2025-2026. Several board members felt this was too low in comparison to other districts. Kevin Ryan stated that he feels that increasing the tuition rate will not only deter people from applying to be out of district students, but we may lose families by pricing them out of our district.

III.F. Field Trips

III.G. Discussion of Tentative Budget

Kevin Ryan discussed the tentative budget. He provided a handout to the board members for review.

III.H. Discussion of School Calendar

Ms. Megan Jones stated there was discussion at the school level regarding moving to a 4-day week on a regular basis. Ms. Jones called on Karen Rodgers to discuss this. Ms. Rogers discussed her experiences with the 4-day week this year and how she feels this would benefit students moving forward. The board members, as well as Dr. Baker discussed this issue. Dr. Baker stated that moving forward; we will not have the same flexibility that we were afforded this year, which made hybrid schedules and unlimited NTI days possible.

III.I. Other

Dr. Baker discussed recent events, including the ECC graduation, field day at the elementary school, and COVID vaccines being administered at the middle and high schools. He is looking forward to a productive last week of school.

III.J. Audience of Citizens

Tony Grizovic addressed the board regarding the potential addition of Lacrosse as a high school sport.

IV. Adjournment

Order #21-1267 - Motion Passed: Adjournment passed with a motion by Ms. Heather Stewart and a second by Mr. Kyle Art.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays.

Chairperson

Secretary