

**WALNUT BEND ISD**  
**Walnut Bend ISD Board Minutes**  
**February 7th 7:00 pm**

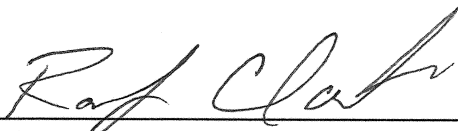
---

Present:Randy Clark, Roxi Castillo, Cindy Phillips, Emily Southerland, Virginia McNairn, and Supt. Ken Kemp

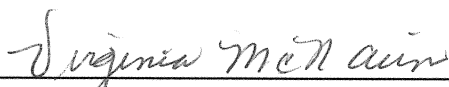
Absent: Shane Foster

1. Call to Order and Declaration of Quorum: Randy Clark
2. Invocation: Virginia McNairn
3. Pledge to the American Flag: All
4. No Audience
5. Federal and State Report Cards for 2021-2022 discussed.
6. Motion made by Virginia McNairn to approve seeking RFP as the auditor to replace the retiring firm of Schalk and Smith. Second by Cindy Phillips; all voted in favor.
7. Supt.Kemp honored Board Members with an array of snacks and sodas; notes and pictures made by students expressing thanks were also presented. Appreciation was expressed by each member.
8. Motion made by Roxi Costillo to approve the Consent Agenda:
  - A. Minutes for November 15, 2022 and January 24, 2023 (No Dec. Meeting)
  - B. Nov./Dec. Financial Report  
Bank balances, tax deposits, investments, revenues, and expenditures were reviewed; funds available: \$1,825,037.70 as of December 31, 2022.
  - C. Delinquent Taxes collected in November 2022: \$.67
  - D. Payment of Nov./Dec./Jan. bills
  - E. No budget amendment.Second by Cindy Phillips; all voted in favor
9. Motion made by Roxi Costillo to approve Policy Update 120. Second by Cindy Phillips; all voted in favor.
10. Sunocoip, the company that WBISD leased a fuel tank from, will no longer do business in our area. The company does not want the tank, therefore it becomes the property of the school.
11. Walnut Bend and Callisburg will be experiencing a safety audit in March. The audit occurs every three years.
12. Personnel
  - A. No change in at-will employees.
  - B. No resignations
13. Superintendent's Report:
  - a. 54 students enrolled; 92.48% attendance
  - b. No information regarding activities.
  - c. Mrs. Taylor, one of our teachers, was diagnosed with cancer today. Supt. Kemp has begun a plan to prevent disruption of student's education. Prayer for Mrs. Taylor.

- d. Social media update reflected continued viewing as well as an increase in viewers.
- e. Supt. Kemp has researched the tax status of government land in our district. He discovered that compensation from the U.S. should be paid for all private land that was claimed as a flood plain for Lake Texoma in the 1940's. He obtained a listing of all former landowners after much research aided by The Cooke County Appraisal District. He submitted a report, that was accepted by the proper authorities; a response is expected in the next few months. This report reflected many hours of work by Supt. Kemp.
- 14. Executive Session called at 8:09 by the President to discuss our Superintendent's annual evaluation; returned to Open Session at 9:39.**
- 15. Evaluation was discussed. Motion made by Roxie Castillo to extend the current contract one year. Second by Cindy Phillips; all voted in favor. Board Members expressed their appreciation for his work and all the improvements in our school.
- 16. Executive Session called at 9:46 to discuss student issues; returned to Open Session at 10:19.**
- 17. No action taken in reference to the Executive Session.
- 18. No student transfers
- 19. No candidate for becoming a Board Member
- 20. Motion made by Roxi Castillo to approve the current lease extension on the school residence for 1 year with the existing terms. Second by Cindy; all voted in favor,
- 21. Motion made by Roxi Castillo to approve a multi region purchasing agreement for child nutrition. Second by Emily Southerland; all voted in favor.
- 22. Supt. Kemp advised that he is working on a government report with 25 items requesting information/action on school safety. Many of the items cannot relate to a school the size of WBISD, a second building to move students to, eg.
- 23. No additional business; adjournment: 10:29

  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 President

2/21/2023  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date

  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Secretary

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF  
WALNUT BEND INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees ("Board") of the Walnut Bend Independent School District ("District") is authorized by Texas Education Code § 11.151 to govern and oversee the management of the public schools in the District; and

**WHEREAS**, Walnut Bend ISD endured unusually inclement weather during the 2022-2023 school year and, for the safety of all students and staff, closed school facilities because of bad weather during January and February 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, the vast majority of employees were directed to not come to work on those weather affected days and the Board believes there is a public purpose for paying employees for missed work days that will not be made up; and

**WHEREAS**, the decision was made to seek any applicable waivers if needed from the Texas Education Agency ("TEA") and pay employees for work days missed due to the emergency closure of school facilities;

**WHEREAS**, the Board believes the public purpose for payment of employees for the work days missed increases morale, reduces employee turnover, reduces the District's exposure to possible unemployment or Fair Labor Standards Act claims, and results in equitable treatment of all employees.

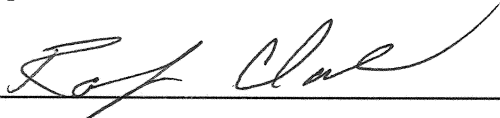
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE WALNUT BEND INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT:**

**RESOLVED**, the Board of Trustees finds that the public interest was served by paying employee who were idled due to the unexpected closure of the District due to bad weather for missed work days that will not be made up.

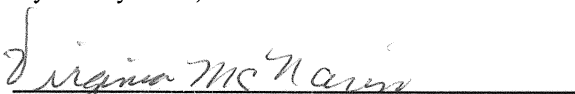
**RESOLVED**, the Board of Trustees hereby ratifies the decision of the Superintendent to pay employees for a regular duty day pursuant to Walnut Bend Board Policy for the unexpected closure of the District due to bad weather or school closings due to illness, including those employees who were idle and not working those days that will not be made up.

**RESOLVED**, the Board of Trustees further ratifies that (1) the paying of employees served a public purpose, (2) the terms of the payments pursuant to District policy provides for sufficient control over the expenditure to ensure a public purpose is served, and (3) the District will receive a return benefit from the payment of employees.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** this 21<sup>st</sup> day of February 2023 by the Board of Trustees for the Walnut Bend Independent School District.



By: Randy Clark, Board President



Attest: Virginia McNair, Board Secretary