

WALNUT BEND INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board Minutes

April 18th, 2023

Present: Randy Clark, Emily Southerland, Roxi Castillo, Cindy Phillips, 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 Flag: All
4. No Audience
5. Motion made by Roxi Casrillo to approve the following Consent Agenda items:
 - A. Minutes for March 21, 2023
 - B. Financial report reviewed; funds available: \$1,969,878.42
 - C. \$377.40 delinquent tax collected by Jim Robertson
 - D. Feb./March monthly bills
 - E. No budget amendmentSecond made by Cindy Phillips; all voted in favor
6. Supt. Kemp advised that a local parent had expressed interest in serving on the Board. An invitation will be extended to attend the May meeting.
7. Motion made by Roxi Castillo to approve Interlocal Agreement with ESC11 for participation in the benefits coop. Second by Emily Southerland; all voted in favor.
8. Motion made by Virginia McNairn to approve contracts with Region 11 for 2023/2024. This will include adding a Basic Life Insurance plan for \$20,000 @ \$.94 monthly per employee and MDLIVE telehealth @ \$4.50 per employee. Second by Roxi Castillo; all voted in favor.
9. Repairing one of the buses following a recent no injury accident was discussed. Repair costs, considering the age of the bus were deemed unwise. Estimate for a new bus is \$130,000.00.
Motion was made by Viginia McNairn to procure the new bus. Second by Roxi Castillos; all voted in favor. Ref: Agenda Item 12.
10. Personnel
 - A. No at-will employee changes or additions
 - B. Mrs. Pierce is considering retiring but would like to volunteer & sub occasionally.
No additional changes.
11. Tabled until further information is received.
12. See Agenda Item 9.
13. Superintendent's Report
 - A. Enrollment: 53 Average attendance: 95.42% Student progress reviewed.
Following the death of our math teacher, Mrs Taylor some students have experienced difficulties, raising concern regarding 5th-8th grade STAAR test scores.

Supt. Kemp has written a letter to the Commissioner of Education regarding any process that might be in place for small schools with circumstances such as this, noting the "A" rating achieved last year.

B. Graduation is May 16th. Several end of school activities are planned

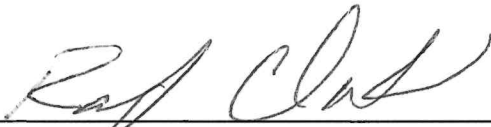
14. **Executive Session called @7:58 and returned to Open Session @ 8:23.**

15. No action taken regarding the Session Session.

16. No student transfers

17. Recent bank failures were discussed as well as the placement of Walnut Bend's funds.

18. No additional business; adjournment: 8:34



President

5/23/23
Date



Secretary *was President*