MINUTES OF GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

WILLIAMSON COUNTY SPECIAL EDUCATION DISTRICT

September 17, 2021

Regular WCES Conference Room 7:30 A.M.

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GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS

PRESENT ABSENT

Kathy Clark, Unit 1 Chris Cullum, Unit 1

Keith Oates, Unit 2

Sy Stone, Unit 3

Nathaniel Wilson, Unit 4

Keith Liddell, Unit 5

Cindy Gibbons, Unit 2 – Via Zoom

Chris Blumenstock, Unit 3- Via Zoom

Steve Robinson, Unit 4 – Via Zoom

David Schwartz, Unit 5 – Via Zoom

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Jami Hodge

Jenny Malanowski, Treasurer

Durenda Fuchs, WCEA Representative

Chairman Kathy Clark called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.

Roll call was taken with Mrs. Clark, Dr. Oates, Mr. Stone, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Liddell, Ms. Gibbons, Mr. Blumenstock, Mr. Robinson, and Mr. Schwartz were in attendance.

There was no visitor participation.

Mrs. Clark recognized Mrs. Hodge for director’s remarks:

-Student data numbers are close to the same as the last few years but overall enrollment is down. Two districts will be monitored for special education numbers being too high. More students need to be in general education with more time.

-Carterville is the only district whose numbers for enrollment is on the climb

-PreK fully funded @ $2 million. Serves 600 EC/PreK children. Second or third largest in the state. Enrollment was low last year due to masks.

-Struggles in Kindergarten this year is a result of such low numbers in PreK.

-PreK is a state funded program and is based on enrollment. This year must keep slots filled. Must be at 90% capacity and monitored by the state.

-PreK is 70% full now; however, Carterville has a waiting list for PreK

-Special ed employs 300 employees and staffed in all five districts. Vax and testing has to be followed in each building.

-CTE – WCES basically polices the money from the federal and state grants. Paperwork from CTE is being monitored more thoroughly by the state and some past practices must be changed regarding classes being taught and certifications. CTE will be audited this year and Marion will have a separate audit themselves due to the size of its CTE program.

Mr. Liddell made the motion to accept the minutes of the last Governing Board meeting on March 5, 2021, as presented. Motion was seconded by Mr. Wilson

Members Clark, Oates, Stone, Wilson, Liddell, Gibbons, Blumenstock, Robinson, and Schwartz voted “yea”. Motion carried.

Mr. Liddell made the motion to accept the employment of personnel by the Executive Board March 2021 through August 2021 as presented in Attachment 2. Mr. Wilson seconded the motion.

Members Clark, Oates, Stone, Wilson, Liddell, Gibbons, Blumenstock, Robinson, and Schwartz voted “yea”. Motion carried.

Mr. Liddell made the motion to accept the minutes of WCES Executive Committee March 2021 through August 2021 as presented in Attachment 3. Dr. Oates seconded the motion.

Members Clark, Oates, Stone, Wilson, Liddell, Gibbons, Blumenstock, Robinson, and Schwartz voted “yea”. Motion carried.

Mr. Liddell made the motion to accept the minutes of the WCECC Executive Committee March 2021 through August 2021 as presented in Attachment 4. Dr. Oates seconded the motion.

Members Clark, Oates, Stone, Wilson, Liddell, Gibbons, Blumenstock, Robinson, and Schwartz voted “yea”. Motion carried.

Mr. Liddell made the motion to accept the minutes of the WCCTE Board of Control March 2021 through August 2021 as presented in Attachment 5. Dr. Oates seconded the motion.

Members Clark, Oates, Stone, Wilson, Liddell, Gibbons, Blumenstock, Robinson, and Schwartz voted “yea”. Motion carried.

Mr. Liddell made the motion to accept the FY22 Loan Resolution for WCECC as presented in Attachment 6. Mr. Wilson seconded the motion.

Upon roll call, Members Clark, Oates, Stone, Wilson, Liddell, Gibbons, Blumenstock, Robinson, and Schwartz voted “yea”. Motion carried.

Mr. Liddell made the motion to accept the FY22 WCES/WCECC Budget as presented in Attachment 7. Mr. Stone seconded the motion.

Upon roll call, Members Clark, Oates, Stone, Wilson, Liddell, Gibbons, Blumenstock, Robinson, and Schwartz voted “yea”. Motion carried.

Mr. Liddell made the motion to accept the FY22 WCCTE Budget as presented in Attachment 8. Mr. Wilson seconded the motion.

Upon roll call, Members Clark, Oates, Stone, Wilson, Liddell, Gibbons, Blumenstock, Robinson, and Schwartz voted “yea”. Motion carried.

No Questions or Miscellaneous Information.

Mr. Liddell made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Wilson seconded the motion.

Members Clark, Oates, Stone, Wilson, Liddell, Gibbons, Blumenstock, Robinson, and Schwartz voted “yea”. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 a.m.

MINUTES ATTESTED TO:

Kathy Clark, Chairman Cindy Gibbons, Secretary