# MINUTES OF GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

# WILLIAMSON COUNTY SPECIAL EDUCATION DISTRICT

## September 16, 2022

### Regular WCES Conference Room 7:30 A.M.

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### GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS

### PRESENT ABSENT

Kathy Clark, Unit 1 Steve Robinson, Unit 4

Keith Oates, Unit 2

Sy Stone, Unit 3

Nathaniel Wilson, Unit 4

Keith Liddell, Unit 5

Chris Cullum, Unit 1

Cindy Gibbons, Unit 2

Chris Blumenstock, Unit 3

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, Mr. Cullum, Ms. Gibbons, Mr. Blumenstock, in attendance. Mr. Schwartz presented at 7:36 via zoom.

There was no visitor participation.

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

-PreK information presented (600 children served with a $2 million grant). Loan will be required for flow of money. No funding increase in several years. Next grant will request increase. Salaries and healthcare costs have risen.

-Jump Start K was very successful. 75 children served. All five districts participated

-PreK Monitoring is every year and then every third year is more intensive.

-PreK is 82% full. Must be 97% by end of the school year.

-EC construction grant is available

-Herrin PreK has a waiting list for students. Had to take a PreK room and use for special education

-Enrollment has gone up since no longer requiring masks

-JC and Herrin are full.

-Universal PreK

-Special Education – mostly locally funded. Federal and state is 40% of budget. Co-op not a school district so did not qualify for same monies school districts did

-Significant rise in specialized programs. Specialized programs take more money to run.

-Special ed teacher shortage.

-Sub shortage

-CTE – WCES provides support to districts. $500,000 is distributed in funding to the county as a whole but most of the monies come from the school district itself. Went from high risk to low risk

-Child Count Data presented

-WCES – 18% special education which is above the state average of 15% and the national average of 14%. Identify too many children with a disability

-Inclusion and how to change culture for educating special needs

-Specialized programs may have 10 children with three/four staff members. Require a lot of resources and staff members

-Speech numbers are still too high

-LEA determinations just came out and can impact funding. Principals and coordinators working hard to make EE codes better.

Mr. Schwartz made the motion to accept the minutes of the last Governing Board meeting on March 4, 2022, as presented. Motion was seconded by Mr. Blumenstock.

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

Mr. Blumenstock made the motion to accept the employment of personnel by the Executive Board March 2022 through August 2022 as presented in Attachment 2. Mr. Cullum seconded the motion.

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

Mr. Blumenstock made the motion to accept the minutes of WCES Executive Committee March 2022 through August 2022 as presented in Attachment 3. Mr. Schwartz seconded the motion.

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

Mr. Cullum made the motion to accept the minutes of the WCECC Executive Committee March 2022 through August 2022 as presented in Attachment 4. Mr. Blumenstock seconded the motion.

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

Mr. Schwartz made the motion to accept the minutes of the WCCTE Board of Control March 2022 through August 2022 as presented in Attachment 5. Mr. Blumenstock seconded the motion.

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

Mr. Blumenstock made the motion to accept the FY23 Loan Resolution for WCECC as presented in Attachment 6. Mr. Cullum seconded the motion.

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

Mr. Blumenstock made the motion to accept the General Obligation Payment Note for WCECC as presented in Attachment 7. Mr. Blumenstock seconded the motion.

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

Mr. Blumenstock made the motion to accept the FY23 WCES/WCECC Budget as presented in Attachment 8. Mr. Cullum seconded the motion.

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

Mr. Schwartz made the motion to accept the FY23 WCCTE Budget as presented in Attachment 9. Mr. Blumenstock seconded the motion.

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

Mr. Blumenstock made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Cullum seconded the motion.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:13 a.m.

MINUTES ATTESTED TO:

Kathy Clark, Chairman Cindy Gibbons, Secretary