

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
WILLIAMSON COUNTY SPECIAL EDUCATION DISTRICT

August 13, 2021

Regular

WCES

9:00 A.M.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

Present

Absent

Mrs. Kathy Clark, Unit I

Mr. Keith Liddell, Unit V

Dr. Keith Oates, Unit II

Mr. Sy Stone, Unit III

Mr. Nathaniel Wilson, Unit IV

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Jami Hodge, WCES Director

Durenda Fuchs – WCEA

Jenny Malanowski

Vice-Chairman Oates called the Executive Board meeting to order at 9 a.m.

Roll call was taken with Mrs. Clark, Dr. Oates, Mr. Stone, and Mr. Wilson in attendance.

No Visitor Participation

Mrs. Clark made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on July 8, 2021, as presented. Mr. Stone seconded the motion.

Members Clark, Oates, Stone, and Wilson voted “yea.” Motion carried.

Mr. Wilson made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Mrs. Clark seconded the motion.

Upon Roll Call, Members Clark, Oates, Stone, and Wilson voted “yea.” Motion carried.

Mr. Stone made the motion to adopt the board policy update as attached. Mr. Wilson seconded the motion.

Members, Clark, Oates, Stone, and Wilson voted “yea”. Motion carried.

Mrs. Clark made the motion to accept the personnel as presented. Mr. Wilson seconded the motion with the exception of the leave of absence by Angi Hanson which was denied.

--Beth Blumenstock – hire as an LBS1 teacher for the 2021-2022 school year, pending finalization of paperwork

--Caroline Mallow – hire as an SLP for the 2021-2022 school year, pending finalization of paperwork

--Leah Bailey – hire as an LBS1 teacher for the 2021-2022 school year, pending finalization of paperwork

--Casey Sanders – hire as an LBS1 teacher for the 2021-2022 school year, pending finalization of paperwork, licensure, physical, TB and verification of fingerprints

--Katie Barkley – hire as a Social Worker for the 2021-2022 school year, pending finalization of paperwork, licensure, physical, TB and verification of fingerprints

--Rachel Blevins – hire as a paraprofessional for the 2021-2022 school year, pending finalization of paperwork and licensure, TB and physical

--Deborah Owens – hire as a paraprofessional for the 2021-2022 school year, pending finalization of paperwork, licensure, TB, physical and verification of fingerprints

--Sue Dawson – hire as a paraprofessional for the 2021-2022 school year, pending finalization of paperwork, licensure, TB, physical and verification of fingerprints

--Hannah Sickmeyer – hire as a paraprofessional for the 2021-2022 school year, pending finalization of paperwork, TB, physical and verification of fingerprints

--Rana Jallad – hire as a paraprofessional for the 2021-2022 school year, pending finalization of paperwork, TB, physical and verification of fingerprints and licensure

--Clarissa Ribbing – hire as a paraprofessional for the 2021-2022 school year, pending finalization of paperwork, verification of fingerprints, TB and physical

--Krystal Brown – hire as a paraprofessional for the 2021-2022 school year, pending finalization of paperwork, verification of fingerprints, licensure, TB and physical

--Louis Gaston – hire as a paraprofessional for the 2021-2022 school year, pending finalization of paperwork, verification of fingerprints, TB and physical

--Sarah Thoele – hire as a PreK teacher for the 2021-2022 school year, pending finalization of paperwork, TB, physical and verification of fingerprints

--Kassie Ebbert – hire as a PreK paraprofessional for the 2021-2022 school year, pending finalization of paperwork, TB, physical and verification of fingerprints

--Tim McMeen – resignation email dated 8-2-21 effective immediately

--Cassie Miles – resignation email dated 8-1-21 effective immediately

--Leslie Wiseman – resignation email dated 7-31-21 effective immediately

--Tracy Harrison – resignation email dated 7-26-21 effective immediately

--Kayla Bruce – resignation email dated 7-27-21 effective immediately

--Melissa Peebels – resignation email dated 7-22-21 effective immediately as a paraprofessional. Melissa was hired at the July board meeting as a certified PreK teacher

--Kara Renwick – resignation letter dated 7-26-21 effective immediately

--Tammy Horton – resignation email dated 7-26-21 effective immediately

--Malyna Dodd – resignation email dated 7-26-21 giving two-week notice

--Marcy Spowart – resignation letter dated 7-16-21 to be effective immediately

--Barb Abell – Permission for an extended sick leave to be effective August 27, 2021 to and including September 10, 2021

--Belinda Taylor – Resignation email dated 8-2-21 to be effective immediately

--Holly Egelston – Medical request letter dated August 3, 2021 to be effective approximately 10/1/21 to 12/1/21

--Durenda Fuchs – Retirement email dated August 3, 2021, to be effective at the end of the 2024-2025 school year

--Angi Hanson – Leave of absence request dated August 4, 2021 for two months or until suitable childcare is found for granddaughter

--Sara Nighswander – Retirement letter dated August 5, 2021, to be effective at the end of the 2024-2025 school year

--Skye Summers – Resignation email dated August 4, 2021 to be effective immediately

--Alysson Dotson – resignation letter dated August 8, 2021 to be effective immediately

- Lindsay Arnold – resignation email dated July 30, 2021 to be effective August 9, 2021
- Ashley Weber – resignation email dated August 10, 2021 to be effective immediately

Voluntary Transfer

Jessica Holland – Tri-C Elementary – Building Based

Permission to Post:

Occupational Therapist

Upon roll call, Members Clark, Oates, Stone, and Wilson voted “yea”. Motion carried.

Mr. Stone made a motion to put the WCES FY22 Tentative Budget on display for 30 days. Mr. Wilson seconded the motion.

Upon roll call, Members Clark, Oates, Stone, and Wilson voted “yea”. Motion carried.

Mrs. Clark made a motion for the Cooperative American Rescue Plan Tentative Budget to be approved. Mr. Stone seconded the motion.

Upon roll call, Members Clark, Oates, Stone, and Wilson voted “yea”. Motion carried.

Mr. Wilson made a motion to approve the September meeting date adjustment. Mrs. Clark seconded the motion.

Members Clark, Oates, Stone, and Wilson voted “yea”. Motion carried.

September meeting date adjustment – new date September 17, 2021 for a budget hearing to begin at 7 a.m. immediately followed by an Executive Board Meeting; followed by the Governing Board meeting

FY22 District Assessment Site presented

Transportation Costs Summer School July ’21 presented.

Director’s Report:

- Paraprofessional numbers in the building based classrooms by law can have 12-15 children in classes per period. STRIVE and STRUCTURE numbers are much lower than that. Due to resignations, many Building Based Paraprofessionals have been moved to the self-contained classrooms or 1:1 assistants
- Certified staff are stressed and picking up the slack (due to lack of paraprofessionals)
- Leaves of absence have not been granted in the past for medical leaves that were not immediate family. Due to low staff numbers, it is not recommended to change that policy
- E-Grant – Cooperatives did not get the ESSER money that school districts did. The latest ESSERS 3 money was much larger but no building improvements could be made. Most money was used for hiring additional staff.
- Governing Board will be set for September 17 at 7:30 a.m.
- PreK E-Grant was approved. PreK starts Monday. Teachers started when general education started.
- PreK will be asked to wear masks.
- Social Distancing is too hard with PreK.

- Last year not penalized for a full program. ISBE saying must have 90% enrollment this year
- CTE E-Grant is open but not submitted
- Masks – if not able to wear a mask must have a doctor note, then work on accommodations
- Il Central – making several runs to help social distance
- Homebound – what will that look like?
- 80% of our employees cannot do remote work so it is not being offered because all employees are in one contract
- Running out of space in our offices – JC portable building discussed being moved

Mr. Wilson made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Clark seconded the motion.

Members Clark, Oates, Stone, and Wilson voted “yea”. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:31 a.m.

MINUTES ATTESTED TO:

Keith Liddell, Chairman of the Board

Kathy Clark, Secretary to the Board
