MINUTES OF GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

WILLIAMSON COUNTY SPECIAL EDUCATION DISTRICT

March 10, 2023

 Regular WCES Conference Room 7:30 A.M.

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GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS

\_\_\_\_PRESENT ABSENT\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Kathy Clark, Unit 1 Sy Stone, Unit 3

Keith Oates, Unit 2 Chris Blumenstock, Unit 3

Nathaniel Wilson, Unit 4 Steve Robinson, Unit 4

Keith Liddell, Unit 5

Chris Cullum, Unit 1

Cindy Gibbons, Unit 2

David Schwartz, Unit 5 via audio

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Jami Hodge

Jenny Malanowski

Durenda Fuchs, WCEA

Kelly Green Unit 4 board member entered at 8:13 a.m.

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

Roll call was taken with Mrs. Clark, Dr. Oates, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Liddell, Mr. Cullum, Ms. Gibbons in attendance and Mr. Schwartz present via audio.

There was no visitor participation.

Director’s Report:

 **PreK:**

* No Rif of staff (2 years in a row) and 100% retention rate of certified staff
* Grant is $2 million level funding
* Currently at 85-88% capacity and needs to be higher for funding
* Herrin numbers are low due to lack of space
* JC has a waiting list
* Carterville waffles between full and a waiting list
* Jump Start K – PreK summer school
* PreK concerns are teacher shortage and licensure for EC
* SIU-C began a Cohort for approval on endorsement
* EC capital development money also includes community daycares
* Universal PreK

**Special Education:**

 -50% of special ed is local dollars. 40% from federal, state reimbursements.

 -IEP numbers and child count numbers based on butts in seats

 -Staffing – good candidates for interviews

 -School psych interview – two candidates

 -WCES has more staff in the last eight years with less kids; however, behaviors are harder

 -Evidence Based Funding

 -ISBE findings

 -Herrin is busting at the seams regarding space issues

 -RTI

**CTE:**

 -$500,000 in grants shared with five districts. WCES polices the grant

 -New programming based on what kids want. Teacher programs with dual credit at JC and the Oasis is working with MHS for a sports/motor repair class. JC starting a SW track

 -Dr. Oates commended Director Hodge on the excellent job she is doing on CTE

Mr. Cullum made the motion to accept the minutes of the last Governing Board meeting on September 16, 2022, as presented. Motion was seconded by Mr. Wilson.

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

Mr. Schwartz made the motion to accept the employment of personnel by the Executive Board September 2022 through February 2023 as presented in Attachment 2. Dr. Oates seconded the motion.

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

Mr. Cullum made the motion to accept the re-employment of WCES certified personnel for 2023-2024 school year as presented in Attachment 3. Mr. Schwartz seconded the motion.

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

Mr. Cullum made the motion to accept the re-employment of WCES non-certified personnel for 2023-2024 school year as presented in Attachment 4. Mr. Schwartz seconded the motion.

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

Mr. Cullum made the motion to accept the re-employment of WCECC certified personnel for the 2023-2024 school year as presented in Attachment 5. Ms. Gibbons seconded the motion.

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

Mr. Cullum made the motion to accept the re-employment of WCECC non-certified personnel for the 2023-2024 school year as presented in Attachment 6. Ms. Gibbons seconded the motion.

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

Mr. Cullum made the motion to accept the minutes of the Executive Board from September 2022 through February 2023 as presented in Attachment 7. Dr. Oates seconded the motion.

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

Mr. Cullum made the motion to accept the minutes of the WCECC Executive Committee from September 2022 through February 2023 as presented in Attachment 8. Ms. Gibbons seconded the motion.

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

Mr. Cullum made the motion to accept the minutes of the WCTE Board of Control from September 2022 through February 2023 as presented in Attachment 9. Ms. Gibbons seconded the motion.

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

No miscellaneous remarks

Mr. Cullum made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Gibbons seconded the motion.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:19 a.m.

MINUTES ATTESTED TO:

Kathy Clark, Chairman Cindy Gibbons, Secretary

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