

**Walnut Township Local School District Board of Education**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Monday, March 11, 2013**  
**Elementary Media Center**  
**7:00 p.m.**

President Whitaker called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. with all members present.

After the meeting was called to order the Pledge of Allegiance was conducted.

**13-034: Approval of Amended Agenda**

Motion by Mr. Cumbow and seconded by Mrs. Keller to accept the amended agenda as presented by the Treasurer and Superintendent. Vote results were Mr. Cumbow-yea, Mrs. Keller-yea, Ms. King-yea, Mr. Popo-yea, Mrs. Whitaker-yea. Motion carried.

**13-035: Executive Session**

Motion by Mr. Cumbow and seconded by Mrs. Whitaker to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel with possible action to follow. (Time: 7:07 p.m.) Vote results were Mr. Cumbow-yea, Mrs. Keller-yea, Ms. King-yea, Mr. Popo-no, Mrs. Whitaker-yea. Motion carried.

**13-036: Open Session**

Motion by Mr. Cumbow and seconded by Mrs. Keller to reconvene to Open Session. (Time: 7:30 p.m.) Vote results were Mr. Cumbow-yea, Mrs. Keller-yea, Ms. King-yea, Mr. Popo-yea, Mrs. Whitaker-yea. Motion carried.

**13-037: Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Ms. King and seconded by Mr. Cumbow to approve the minutes from the February 11, 2013 Board Meeting. Vote results were Mr. Cumbow-yea, Mrs. Keller-yea, Ms. King-yea, Mr. Popo-yea, Mrs. Whitaker-yea. Motion carried.

**13-038: Treasurer's Report**

Motion by Ms. King and seconded by Mr. Cumbow to approve the motions contained in the Treasurer's Report as presented.

- a. Approval of the Financial Report
- b. Approval of bills for payment
- c. Adopt the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS  
DETERMINED BY THE *FAIRFIELD COUNTY BUDGET COMMISSION*  
AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND  
CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR  
(ORC 5705.34-5705.35)

WALNUT TOWNSHIP LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT,  
FAIRFIELD COUNTY, OHIO

Vote results were Mr. Cumbow-yea, Mrs. Keller-yea, Ms. King-yea, Mr. Popo-yea, Mrs. Whitaker-yea. Motion carried.

Mr. Dickson, Superintendent, discussed the following topics:

1. Income Tax Issue
2. Third Grade Reading Guarantee
3. Staffing
4. Safety Committee Meeting
4. Race to the Top update with Kim Yenni

Mr. Stought, High School Principal, discussed the following topics:

1. OGT Testing started today
2. Talent Show will be 3-28-13
3. National Honor Society Tapping
4. Show Choir qualifying for state

Ms. Harrison, Elementary Principal, discussed the following topics:

1. Kindergarten Registration
2. Writing Workshop
3. Book Fair starts 3-18-13
4. Spring Fling will be 4-19-13
5. Destination Imagination contest will be 3-16-13

Mike Washburn, Supervisor, gave an update on transportation and building maintenance.

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**13-039: Superintendent's Recommendation**

Motion by Mr. Cumbow and seconded by Mrs. Keller to approve the Superintendent's recommendation as presented.

- a. Motion to approve the purchase of Psychologist Services from the Fairfield County Educational Service Center for the 2013-14 school year.

Vote results were Mr. Cumbow-yea, Mrs. Keller-yea, Ms. King-yea, Mr. Popo-yea, Mrs. Whitaker-yea. Motion carried.

**13-040: Superintendent's Recommendation**

Motion by Mr. Popo and seconded by Ms. King to approve the Superintendent's recommendation as presented.

- a. Motion to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS Governor Kasich's biennial budget (HB 59) proposes two expansions to the Educational Choice Scholarship Program that significantly expand the number of publicly-funded vouchers for students to attend private or parochial schools; and

WHEREAS one of the programs provides a private or parochial school tuition voucher in an amount up to \$4,250 to any entering kindergarten student of a family with a household income less than 200 percent of the federal poverty level, to be used at the parent's choice of participating private schools; and

WHEREAS the following year, such vouchers would be expanded to include students in both kindergarten and first grade totaling \$25 million over the biennium; and

WHEREAS such vouchers would be granted without regard to the academic performance or quality of the public school that the student is assigned to attend; and

WHEREAS the second voucher expansion proposed by the Governor offers EdChoice vouchers to students enrolled in schools that fail to make adequate progress on the Third Grade Reading Guarantee for two successive years; and

WHEREAS funds for this Third Grade Reading Guarantee scholarship would be deducted from the resident district in the amount of \$4,250 per student for grades K-8 and \$5,000 for 9-12; and

WHEREAS the operation of the proposed programs would effectively take dollars from the already financially beleaguered local public school districts, resulting in fewer resources for the education of remaining students;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT, AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Walnut Township Local Board of Education does hereby express its opposition to these provisions in HB 59; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Walnut Township Local Board of Education expresses its opposition to any legislation that seeks to transfer public dollars to support private education; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Treasurer be directed to spread this resolution upon the minutes of the Board of Education and that copies of the resolution be forwarded to the Governor and members of the Ohio General Assembly.

Vote results were Mr. Cumbow-yea, Mrs. Keller-yea, Ms. King-yea, Mr. Popo-yea, Mrs. Whitaker-yea. Motion carried.

**13-041: Rehire Notice**

Motion by Mr. Popo and seconded by Mr. Cumbow to approve the following notice: The Walnut Township Local School District Board of Education hereby gives public notice in accordance with Section 3309.345 of the Ohio Revised Code that Randy Cotner, currently employed in the district as Athletic Director, Dean of Students, and teacher will be retired and is seeking employment with the District in such position following retirement. The Board of Education will hold a public meeting on the issue of Randy Cotner being employed in the District at 7:00 p.m. on April 8, 2013 at the regular Board Meeting. Vote results were Mr. Cumbow-yea, Mrs. Keller-yea, Ms. King-yea, Mr. Popo-yea, Mrs. Whitaker-yea. Motion carried.

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**13-042: Superintendent's Personnel Recommendations**

Motion by Mr. Popo and seconded by Ms. King to approve the Superintendent's personnel recommendations as presented.

- a. Motion to recognize the pending retirement of Mrs. Paula Clark, elementary teacher, with regrets, effective May 31, 2013 after 30 years of successful and dedicated service to the students of Walnut Township Schools.
- b. Approve the employment recommendation for contract renewal, limited contract status, beginning with the 2013-2014 school year and expiring at the end of the contractual obligation in 2015, for the following classified personnel. Terms and conditions of this contract to be consistent with the descriptors contained in the appropriate adopted salary schedule and Board of Education Policy currently in effect and subject to any changes by subsequent Board action.

<u>Person</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary Schedule</u>	<u>Contract Type</u>	<u>Eff. Date</u>
Patricia Blackledge-Hendrickson	Lunchroom	Lunchroom	(2) Year Limited	8/1/13-7/31/15
Joni McCauley	Lunchroom	Lunchroom	(2) Year Limited	8/1/13-7/31/15

- c. Approve the employment recommendation for contract renewal, continuing status, beginning with the 2013-2014 school year, for the following classified personnel. Terms and conditions of this contract to be consistent with the descriptors contained in the appropriate adopted salary schedule and Board of Education Policy currently in effect and subject to any changes by subsequent Board action.

<u>Person</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary Schedule</u>	<u>Contract Type</u>	<u>Eff. Date</u>
Mary "Lynette" Engle	Lunchroom	Lunchroom	Continuing	8/1/13
Kathy McDonough	Lunchroom	Lunchroom	Continuing	8/1/13

- d. To non-renew the following limited, non-teaching contract(s) scheduled to expire at the conclusion of the 2012-2013 contractual obligation. The treasurer is directed to give written notice of this resolution to the employee no later than April 30, 2013.

Amy C. Anderson - Educational Aide

- e. To non-renew the following limited, non-teaching contract(s) scheduled to expire at the conclusion of the 2012-2013 contractual obligation. The treasurer is directed to give written notice of this resolution to the employee no later than April 30, 2013.

Heather Metcalf – Title I Paraprofessional Tutor

- f. To non-renew the following limited, non-teaching contract(s) scheduled to expire at the conclusion of the 2012-2013 contractual obligation. The treasurer is directed to give written notice of this resolution to the employee no later than April 30, 2013.

Barbara Raynard – Special Needs Bus Driver

- g. Approve the following non-certified person(s) to be employed under supplemental contract(s) for a period of one year, beginning with the 2012-2013 school year and ending in June of 2013. Salary terms and conditions of these supplemental contract(s) to be consistent with the descriptors contained in the appropriate negotiated Master Agreement between the Walnut Township Education Association and the Walnut Township Local Board of Education. ***(all contracts contingent upon sufficient participation)***

<u>Person</u>	<u>Position</u>
Kevin "Chip" Schneider	Assistant Baseball

- h. Recognize the following volunteer coaches:

Ciara Gant Wells	Girls Softball
Gary Allison	Girls Softball

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- i. Approve the following individual(s) as a substitute to be used on an as-needed basis in positions determined to be appropriate by school district administrators:

Samantha Shumaker  
Steven Reasoner

Vote results were Mr. Cumbow-abstain, Mrs. Keller-yea, Ms. King-yea, Mr. Popo-yea, Mrs. Whitaker-yea. Motion carried.

**13-043: Shared Superintendent Contract Exit**

Motion by Mr. Cumbow and seconded by Mrs. Keller to exit the employment agreement with Berne Union Local Schools concerning shared services for the superintendent. Vote results were Mr. Cumbow-yea, Mrs. Keller-yea, Ms. King-no, Mr. Popo-no, Mrs. Whitaker-no. Motion failed.

**13-044: Executive Session**

Motion by Mr. Cumbow and seconded by Mrs. Whitaker to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel. (Time: 8:25 p.m.) Vote results were Mr. Cumbow-yea, Mrs. Keller-yea, Ms. King-yea, Mr. Popo-yea, Mrs. Whitaker-yea. Motion carried.

**13-045: Open Session**

Motion by Mr. Cumbow and seconded by Mrs. Keller to reconvene to Open Session. (Time: 10:02 p.m.) Vote results were Mr. Cumbow-yea, Mrs. Keller-yea, Ms. King-yea, Mr. Popo-yea, Mrs. Whitaker-yea. Motion carried.

**13-046: Adjournment**

Motion by Ms. King and seconded by Mr. Cumbow to adjourn the meeting. (Time: 10:03 p.m.) Vote results were Mr. Cumbow-yea, Mrs. Keller-yea, Ms. King-yea, Mr. Popo-yea, Mrs. Whitaker-yea. Motion carried.

I certify these minutes to be correct.

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**PRESIDENT**

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**TREASURER**