

Wolf Creek Local Board of Education
Regular Meeting – March 08, 2021

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:

The Wolf Creek Local Board of Education met in regular session on March 08, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. with the following members answering roll call: G. Adams; H. Arnold; J. Barnett; R. Doak; S. Lang.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

POSITIVE STROKES

Mrs. Coleman – The High School celebrated a couple of events last month. FFA week was February 22nd thru February 26th. Students participated in activities with the traditional hog roast moved to a later date.

The week of March 1st thru March 5th students celebrated Homecoming with the crowing of the King and Queen (Wade Smith and Skylee Lang) on Friday. Homecoming was moved from its traditional time in the hopes of restrictions being lifted. Unfortunately restrictions remained. Students participated in a variety of activities during lunch.

Mr. Tom Simms was recognized in front of the student body for his 200th career win. He was presented with a basketball.

Juniors will be taking the ACT on Tuesday (March 9th).

The 3rd nine weeks will end this Friday (03/12/21). Congratulations to the District for keeping student in seats for 3 consecutive 9 weeks.

The Girls Basketball Team has made it to the Final Four and will participate in the State Tournament on Thursday 03/11 and if they win they will participate in the final on 03/13.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

WCLEA – Mrs. Sharon Baumgard-Teachers are glad to be back and in a routine after time off from the snow days. The Elementary held “Right to Read” week with books from Dr. Seuss. The Elementary will be having a “March Madness” contest with students reading books.

Christy McCutcheon read a letter to the Board from a group of staff members that have concerns over the direction of the current leadership. They feel their elementary team is broken and there is division. There are some staff worried where the direction may be headed under the current leadership. There is too much micro management and not enough allowing staff to do what they do best. Over the years, with the current leadership, the Elementary team has lost over 20 staff members.

Tiffany Tornes expressed her concern over the “pop up” virtual learning. She asked if there was another reason, besides girls basketball tournament, why we were put on virtual learning Thursday (03/11). Mr. Baldwin answered that there was no other reason. The sport teams have such a strong community support that it would be difficult to have a normal day of school. Mrs. Tornes asked if there were other options besides having a virtual day on Thursday and Mr. Baldwin responded that there was but thought this was the best fit. Mrs. Tornes asked about the 70% success rate of the virtual day in December, stating that this was scheduled because it was well planned in advance. What about the unplanned day we had in February (snow day) and this Thursday, how successful will that be? Mr. Baldwin agreed with Mrs. Tornes and stated he himself did not like the virtual days but it would be better than adding the days on at the end of the year where students are doing nothing.

Mrs. Tornes also has concerns about the testing scores during the pandemic. Does the District have a contingency plan in place to tackle the issues that should arise if the scores are not good. Mr. Baldwin said that we do have a contingency plan but is still a work in progress and adjustments will be made once ODE or the Governor gives direction.

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:

RES. NO. 2021-028

Motion by Mr. Lang seconded by Mr. Adams to approve the minutes of the February 08, 2021 regular meeting as presented.

G. Adams, yes; H. Arnold, yes; J. Barnett, yes; R. Doak, yes; S. Lang, yes. Motion passed.

BUSINESS & FINANCIAL MATTERS:

RES. NO. 2021-029

Motion by Mr. Doak seconded by Mr. Barnett to approve the Treasurer's report for the month of February 2021 that includes: payment of bills, financial report and investment report.

G. Adams, yes; H. Arnold, yes; J. Barnett, yes; R. Doak, yes; S. Lang, yes. Motion passed.

RES. NO. 2021-030

Motion by Mr. Barnett seconded by Mr. Doak to accept a donation from Timothy & Barbara Birkeland in the amount of \$500.00.

G. Adams, yes; H. Arnold, yes; J. Barnett, yes; R. Doak, yes; S. Lang, yes. Motion passed.

RES. NO. 2021-031

Motion by Mr. Lang seconded by Mr. Adams to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, This Board of Education in accordance with the provisions of law has previously adopted a 5 Year Forecast for the next succeeding fiscal year commencing July 1, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Budget Commission of Washington County, Ohio, has certified its action thereon to this Board together with an estimate by the County Auditor of the rate of each tax necessary to be levied by this Board, and what part thereof is without, and what part within the ten mil tax limitation; therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the Board of Education of the Wolf Creek Local School District, Washington County, Ohio that the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission in its certification, be and the same are hereby accepted; and be it further

RESOLVED, That there be and is hereby levied on the tax duplicate of said School District the rate of each tax necessary to be levied within and without the ten mill limitation as follows:

General Fund	4.2 inside mileage	31.227 outside millage
Bond Levy Fund		5.50 outside millage

G. Adams, yes; H. Arnold, yes; J. Barnett, yes; R. Doak, yes; S. Lang, yes. Motion passed.

RES. NO. 2021-032

Motion by Mr. Doak seconded by Mr. Adams to approve payment to the following vendors. A purchase order was not opened at the time of purchase.

Sponey's IGA	\$104.73
Hillyard	\$1,250.47
Ohio Valley ESC	\$7,110.00

G. Adams, yes; H. Arnold, yes; J. Barnett, yes; R. Doak, yes; S. Lang, yes. Motion passed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

RES. NO. 2021-033

Motion by Mr. Barnett seconded by Mr. Adams to adjourn to executive session at 7:53 pm for the purpose discussing personnel.

G. Adams, yes; H. Arnold, yes; J. Barnett, yes; R. Doak, yes; S. Lang, yes. Motion passed.

Regular meeting called back to order at 8:38 pm by the Board President.

EMPLOYEES

RES. NO. 2021-034

Motion by Mr. Adams seconded by Mr. Barnett to approve maternity leave for Jana Thomas beginning March 08th and returning approximately April 19th.

G. Adams, yes; H. Arnold, yes; J. Barnett, yes; R. Doak, yes; S. Lang, yes. Motion passed.

RES. NO. 2021-035

Motion by Mr. Barnett seconded by Mr. Lang to approve the following coaches for the 2021-2022 school year, pending completion of all paperwork and the number of participants:

Eric McCutcheon	HS Head Football Coach	\$5,362.00
Bobby Lemasters	HS Assistant Football Coach	\$3,248.00
Phil McGraw	HS Assistant Football Coach	\$3,248.00
Darren McCutcheon	HS Assistant Football Coach	\$3,248.00
Jeff Welch	HS Volunteer Football Coach	
Scott Teters	HS Volunteer Football Coach	
Matt Hartline	HS Volunteer Football Coach	
Ty McGraw	HS Volunteer Football Coach	
Kim Barker	HS Head Volleyball Coach	\$3,248.00
Kylie Drake	HS Assistant Volleyball Coach	\$1,940.00
Chelsey Paxton	Freshman Volleyball Coach	\$1,311.00
Steve Littler	Co-Cross Country Coach	\$1,350.00
Kenley Schwendeman	Co-Cross Country Coach	\$1,350.00
Curry Ryan	Head Golf Coach	\$2,584.00
Tyson Powers	Volunteer Coach	

G. Adams, yes; H. Arnold, yes; J. Barnett, yes; R. Doak, yes; S. Lang, yes. Motion passed.

RES. NO. 2021-036

Motion by Mr. Barnett seconded by Mr. Arnold to accept the resignation of supplemental from Lisa Wagner for 20 extended days as Librarian/Tech Coordinator in the amount of \$3,720.40.

G. Adams, yes; H. Arnold, yes; J. Barnett, yes; R. Doak, yes; S. Lang, yes. Motion passed.

RES. NO. 2021-037

Motion by Mr. Barnett seconded by Mr. Doak to approve the following supplementals for the 2020-2021 school year:

Mitch Buchman	20 extended days	\$6,101.60
Mitch Buchman	Technology Coordinator	\$4,664.00
Nanette Varnadoe	Elementary Technology Specialist	\$3,574.00

G. Adams, yes; H. Arnold, yes; J. Barnett, yes; R. Doak, yes; S. Lang, yes. Motion passed.

RES. NO. 2021-038

Motion by Mr. Adams seconded by Mr. Barnett to approve the appointment of Mrs. Jana Thomas as Waterford Elementary Principal, as per the attached agreement, for a period of one (1) year beginning August 1, 2021 thru June 30, 2022.

Motion by Mr. Adams seconded by Mr. Barnett to table the resolution to a later date.

G. Adams, yes; H. Arnold, yes; J. Barnett, yes; R. Doak, yes; S. Lang, yes. Motion passed.

MISCELLANEOUS

RES. NO. 2021-039

Motion by Mr. Lang seconded by Mr. Doak to approve the attached list of Seniors for graduation on May 23, 2021 pending successful completion of all required coursework as verified by Principal Suellen Coleman.

G. Adams, yes; H. Arnold, yes; J. Barnett, yes; R. Doak, yes; S. Lang, yes. Motion passed.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:

Girls State Tournament tickets were given to the girls and their families tonight (03/08) and the team code will go out to the community on Tuesday (03/09) at 10 am. Any tickets unsold by both teams will go for public sale on Wednesday (03/10) at 10am.

Jesse Roush, Southeast Port Authority, spoke to the Board of Education last month to consider an abatement for 2 years for the purchase of the Muskingum River Industrial Park. Mr. Baldwin will have something before the Board at the April meeting. Mr. Baldwin has asked the Port Authority to take care of all legal fees and the abatement will start at the date of purchase.

Windows in the Vo-Ag Building are in production.

Tree Removal – everything is in place. The company is waiting for dryer weather to begin the process.

Energy Optimizers will be scheduling light replacements and will be working around classroom schedules and possibly at night. The football lights are scheduled to be done before the first game.

ADJOURNMENT
RES. NO. 2021-040

Motion by Mr. Adams seconded by Mr. Barnett to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m.
G. Adams, yes; H. Arnold, yes; J. Barnett, yes; R. Doak, yes; S. Lang, yes.
Meeting adjourned.

President

Treasurer