

Regular Session Minutes August 26th, 2019

The regular Limestone Walters Board Meeting was held on Monday, August 26th, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. Present were: Ken Herz; Matt Maher; Scott Jackson; Shannen Meyers; Bill Holt; Jeff Stear; Barry Campen; Tim Dotson; Chad Bentley and Sherry Rose.

Visitors were recognized. Guests were: Ms. Katie Robinson; Mr. Alan Granneman.

A motion was made by Shannen Meyers and seconded by Matt Maher to approve the regular and executive session minutes of July 22nd, 2019. Roll call: Matt Maher, aye; Scott Jackson, aye; Shannen Meyers, aye; Bill Holt, aye; Jeff Stear, aye; Barry Campen, aye; and Ken Herz, aye.

Mr. Dotson gave an overview of the Financial/Treasurer Reports.

A motion was made by Shannen Meyers, and seconded by Scott Jackson, to approve the Financial report, Treasurer's report, and presentation of bills for payment. Edu. \$126,834.84; Bldg. \$25,832.60; Trans. \$124.46; IMRF & SS. \$2811.93; Tort \$60.00; Life Safety \$0 Total: \$155,663.83. Roll call: Matt Maher, aye; Scott Jackson, aye; Shannen Meyers, aye; Bill Holt, aye; Jeff Stear, aye; Barry Campen, aye; and Ken Herz, aye.

The "EIS Administrator and Teacher Salary and Benefits Report for 2019", was given to the Board members, for their review.

Superintendent's Report:

- CFST Update – we are still running a little under the previous year totals. However, new legislation has been added that may account for sales tax for online sales. We will have a more conservative budget number for FY 20.
- Amber Fulton did submit her resignation as a paraprofessional. We thank her for her service and wish her well.
- PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT – We had a very nice turnout for Parent Information Night. We have started to have this evening on the first Teachers' Institute of the Year – night before the first day of school.
- NEW HOUSE SYSTEM ON AUGUST 30 – Teacher Institute. This year we will be instituting Ron Clark's House System in all grades, K – 8. We are looking forward to improving the school climate and culture at Limestone Walters. Students will reveal what "house" they belong to on Tuesday, September 3.
- Softball, Baseball, and Cross Country have all started their seasons.

- Next meeting is September 23, 2019.

New Business:

Mr. Dotson gave an overview of the “tentative” Fiscal Year 2020 Budget.

A motion was made by Matt Maher and seconded by Scott Jackson to approve the Board Committee assignments and meeting dates as presented. Roll Call; Matt Maher, aye; Scott Jackson, aye; Shannen Meyers, aye; Bill Holt, aye; Jeff Stear, aye; Barry Campen, aye; and Ken Herz, aye.

A motion was made by Matt Maher, and seconded by Scott Jackson to go into executive session at 6:20 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity. 5 ILCS 120/2(c) (1). Roll call: Matt Maher, aye; Scott Jackson, aye; Shannen Meyers, aye; Bill Holt, aye; Jeff Stear, aye; Barry Campen, aye; and Ken Herz, aye.

Ms. Katie Robinson and Mr. Alan Granneman left at 6:20 p.m.

A motion to come out of executive session at 7:23 p.m. was made by Scott Jackson, and seconded by Shannen Meyers. Roll call: Matt Maher, aye; Scott Jackson, aye; Shannen Meyers, aye; Bill Holt, aye; Jeff Stear, aye; Barry Campen, aye; and Ken Herz, aye.

Ms. Katie Robinson and Mr. Alan Granneman returned at 7:25 p.m.

A motion was made by Shannen Meyers and seconded by Matt Maher to approve Ashley Petersen as the cafeteria manager at \$12.50 per hour, pending a completed and passed background check. Roll call: Matt Maher, aye; Scott Jackson, aye; Shannen Meyers, aye; Bill Holt, aye; Jeff Stear, aye; Barry Campen, aye; and Ken Herz, aye.

A motion was made by Scott Jackson and seconded by Shannen Meyers to hire Melissa Strausbaugh as additional kitchen personnel at \$9.00 per hour, pending a completed and passed background check. Roll call: Matt Maher, aye; Scott Jackson, aye; Shannen Meyers, aye; Bill Holt, aye; Jeff Stear, aye; Barry Campen, aye; and Ken Herz, aye.

A motion was made by Shannen Meyers and seconded by Scott Jackson to hire Dianne Grafelman as a part-time paraprofessional at \$15.00 per hour, pending a completed and passed background check. Roll call: Matt Maher, aye; Scott Jackson, aye; Shannen Meyers, aye; Bill Holt, aye; Jeff Stear, aye; Barry Campen, aye; and Ken Herz, aye.

A motion was made by Shannen Meyers and seconded by Matt Maher to approve maternity leave for Jamie Peacock, as requested per doctor’s orders. Roll call: Matt Maher, aye; Scott Jackson, aye; Shannen Meyers, aye; Bill Holt, aye; Jeff Stear, aye; Barry Campen, aye; and Ken Herz, aye.

A motion was made by Shannen Meyers and seconded by Matt Maher to approve volunteer baseball assistant coach Chris Yocum for the 2019/2020 baseball season. Roll call: Matt Maher, aye; Scott Jackson, aye; Shannen Meyers, aye; Bill Holt, aye; Jeff Stear, aye; Barry Campen, aye; and Ken Herz, aye.

Mr. Granneman addressed the Board with concerns involving an incident with a student. Mr. Dotson assured him that all procedures and precautions were taken to ensure the safety of our students and he will continue to monitor the situation.

Motion to adjourn at 7:38 p.m. was made by Jeff Stear, and seconded by Scott Jackson. Roll call: Matt Maher, aye; Scott Jackson, aye; Shannen Meyers, aye; Bill Holt, aye; Jeff Stear, aye; Barry Campen, aye; and Ken Herz, aye.