

Regular Session Minutes February 24th, 2020

The regular Limestone Walters Board Meeting was held on Monday, February 24th, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. Present were: Ken Herz; Matt Maher; Scott Jackson; Shannen Meyers; Bill Holt; Jeff Stear; Barry Campen; and Tim Dotson.

Visitors were recognized. Guests were: Mrs. Barbara Vlachos and Mrs. Lisa Holt.

Mrs. Vlachos presented information concerning a digital sign for the school.

Mrs. Vlachos left at 6:23 p.m.

A motion was made by Scott Jackson, and seconded by Matt Maher, to approve the regular session minutes of January 27th, 2020 as corrected. Roll call: Matt Maher, aye; Scott Jackson, aye; Shannen Meyers, aye; Bill Holt, abstain; 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 Barry Campen, and seconded by Scott Jackson, to approve the Financial report, Treasurer's report, reimbursement of the Imprest Fund, and presentation of bills for payment. Edu. \$131,218.62; Bldg. \$12,253.18; Trans. \$11,529.68; IMRF & SS. \$4,271.81; Tort \$262.50; Total: \$159,535.79 Roll Call: Matt Maher, aye; Scott Jackson, aye; Shannen Meyers, aye; Bill Holt, aye; Jeff Stear, aye; Barry Campen, aye; and Ken Herz, aye.

Superintendent's Report:

- **Our new financial software, SDS, has a different look than what we had previously. Obviously, it will take some time adjusting. My thanks to Sherry Rose and Cody Martzluf for their extra efforts with the transfer. It definitely has been a learning curve and it continues to be.**
- **CFST history shows that the county sales tax is down approximately 5% from the prior year. Our distributions are down as well since our student count is lower, but it's also a county-wide issue. However, the CFST is still a great revenue source that we did not have previously.**
- **Governor Pritzker's budget address outlined two types of budgets – one if the graduated income tax passes in November, and one if it does not. If it passes it could affect the last 6 months of Fiscal Year 21. The Fiscal Year 21 Budget must be approved by May 31st. Any budget agreement that is not met by the May 31st deadline requires extra sessions and a 3/5ths majority vote to pass.**

- **School consolidation for dual districts, which we are one, will continue to be a topic this legislative session. Currently the state has done away with the incentives for consolidation.**

New Business:

The Board reviewed the architecture bids for the gym floor. They discussed having a test done on the floor to check for moisture. Shannen Meyers will look into different options for the bleachers. The architects will come to the March meeting. Item A on the agenda has been tabled.

A motion was made by Schott Jackson, and seconded by Shannen Meyers to move the March meeting date to March 30th, 2020. 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 go into executive session at 8:28 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.

A motion to come out of executive session at 9:48 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.

The Board will consider the digital sign at the next Board meeting, based upon more information from the PTO.

Motion to adjourn at 9:58 p.m. was made by Shannen Meyers, and seconded by Jeff Stear. Roll call: Matt Maher, aye; Scott Jackson, aye; Shannen Meyers, aye; Bill Holt, aye; Jeff Stear, aye; Barry Campen, aye; and Ken Herz, aye.