

## **Regular Session Minutes December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

The regular Limestone Walters Board Meeting was held on Monday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. Present were: Ken Herz; Matt Maher; Nate Hurn; Bill Holt; Jeff Stear; Barry Campen; Tim Dotson; Sherry Rose and Stefani Pitzer. Absent: Shannen Meyers.

Visitors were recognized. Guests were: Darryl Pfeifer.

Communications: Matt Maher read a thank you card from Peoria Honor Flight for a \$240.00 donation from Student Council.

A motion was made by Jeff Stear, and seconded by Barry Campen to approve the regular session minutes of November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021. Roll call: Matt Maher, abstain; Nate Hurn, 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 Jeff Stear, and seconded by Nate Hurn, to approve the Financial report, Treasurer's report, and presentation of bills for payment. Edu. \$155,213.14; Bldg. \$12,281.85; Trans. \$2,572.96; IMRF & SS. \$5,209.65; Capital Projects \$0; Tort \$0; Life Safety \$0 Total: \$175,277.60. Roll call: Matt Maher, aye; Nate Hurn, aye; Bill Holt, aye; Jeff Stear, aye; Barry Campen, aye; and Ken Herz, aye.

Superintendent's Report:

- **Unland – We received a dividend check of \$347.34 due to the group's performance.**
- **Gym Project Update – bleacher contractor was here today to repair some of our seats – most issues were with the recessed handicap seating. H2I is giving us two new backboards at no charge to address the shaking on the north end. That installation is expected to take place on December 28<sup>th</sup> – backboards have already arrived.**
- **COVID Metrics – please see sheet presented to the Board**
- **SHIELD Testing – Ken, Stefanie, and I attended a ZOOM meeting to discuss potential school-wide testing with SHIELD. This test is the saliva test that was invented by the University of Illinois. For a school of our size, it had some challenges:**
  - **3 – 6 week start up delay/time frame**
  - **Weekly testing**
  - **18 hour turn around time**
  - **Would need to drive samples to Galesburg (closest location currently)**
  - **Would need consent from families – focus would be to catch non-symptomatic positives.**

- **\$300 start-up costs, but we would then be paid \$8 per test. Transportation would be at district expense.**
- **If we are not interested in weekly testing, then SHIELD is not for us.**
- **Midwest Coordination Center (Another option) – minimum of 5 tests**
- **Congratulations to our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls basketball teams on their excellent seasons. Both teams lost in the championship of their respective regionals.**
- **Special thanks to Ms. Kunkel for all of her efforts to host our K – 4 Christmas Program. Thank you as well to our staff and our parents for their understanding and flexibility.**
- **5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Grade Basketball – numbers are very low. We are going to allow 4<sup>th</sup> graders to practice only.**
- **Finally, General Assembly (legislature) plans to be in session starting January 4<sup>th</sup> (both houses). With a June primary, they want to be completed by the end of April.**

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Next meeting is January 24, 2022 at 6 PM.**

Mrs. Pitzer gave her monthly report on school functions to the Board.

New Business:

A motion was made by Jeff Stear and seconded by Matt Maher, to approve the 2021 Tax Levy as presented. Roll Call: Matt Maher, aye; Nate Hurn, aye; Bill Holt, aye; Jeff Stear, aye; Barry Campen, aye; and Ken Herz, aye.

A motion was made by Matt Maher and seconded by Jeff Stear, to approve the SEAPCO Hiring Survey as presented. Roll Call: Matt Maher, aye; Nate Hurn, aye; Bill Holt, aye; Jeff Stear, aye; Barry Campen, aye; and Ken Herz, aye.

First Reading – Board Policy:

1.20, 1.30, 2.10, 2.20, 2.30, 2.130, 2.240, 3.30, 5.10, 5.30, 6.100, 6.145, 6.160, 6.170, 6.235, 6.255, 6.260, 7.230, 7.280, 8.90.

Jeff Stear inquired if a 4<sup>th</sup> grade girl could play on the boys' 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade basketball team, since the numbers are low. The Board discussed that possibility.

Motion to adjourn at 6:49 p.m. was made by Nate Hurn, and seconded by Jeff Stear. Roll Call: Matt Maher, aye; Nate Hurn, aye; Bill Holt, aye; Jeff Stear, aye; Barry Campen, aye; and Ken Herz, aye.