

Regular Session Minutes August 24th, 2020

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

Visitors were recognized. Guests were: Ms. Katie Robinson.

A motion was made by Shannen Meyers and seconded by Scott Jackson to approve the regular and executive session minutes of July 20th, 2020, as corrected. Roll call: 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 Jeff Stear, and seconded by Scott Jackson, to approve the Financial report, Treasurer's report, and presentation of bills for payment. Edu. \$123,427.55; Bldg. \$9,131.51; Trans. \$756.96; IMRF & SS. \$2,999.49; Capital Projects \$12,085.00 Tort \$0; Life Safety \$0 Total: \$148,400.51. Roll call: Scott Jackson, aye; Shannen Meyers, aye; Bill Holt, aye; Jeff Stear, aye; Barry Campen, abstain; and Ken Herz, aye.

The "EIS Administrator and Teacher Salary and Benefits Report for 2020" was given to the Board members for their review.

Mr. Jackson inquired if the Health Department or Administration was responsible for any actions taken if a student or staff tests positive for Covid-19. Mr. Dotson informed him that the Health Department would give guidance on that situation.

Mr. Herz thanked Mr. Dotson for his work during this unprecedented situation of starting school backup.

Superintendent's Report:

- **I want to start with several thank you's. First – our Re-Opening Committee that included Andrew Rehn, Jeff Stear, Darryl Pfeifer, Miranda Lingenfelter, and Katie Robinson. Our staff has been nothing short of remarkable from Amber and Sherry in the office to the teachers and our support staff. Our kitchen staff is riding the buses in the afternoon to make sure lunches get home to students properly. I also want to thank our parents and our students. We have completed two days and they have gone remarkably well – everyone is adapting because we know re-opening could change in a moment's notice. Both arrival and dismissal times have improved in just one day and I think that will continue as we become more accustomed to our routine.**

However, as I have shared with our staff and parents, this re-opening needs to be thought in terms of a marathon. If you start out at too quick of a pace, you won't finish the race.

- **IESA activities – softball, baseball, and cross country have all started a modified season. There will not be any state series this year, but there will be regionals. Speech is still a possibility but all other activities if approved, will not start until after January 1, 2021.**
- **Many thanks to Mrs. Lingenfelter for helping plan the in-person graduation that was held on Tuesday, July 21. Special thank you to Bill Holt for presenting the diplomas and also to Ken for delivering another great speech to the graduates. We had many positive comments about the ceremony being outside so in the future may consider another outdoor graduation.**
- **FYI - Next meeting is September 28, 2020 at 6 PM. The Building Committee will meet prior at 5 PM.**

New Business:

Mr. Dotson gave an overview of the “tentative” Fiscal Year 2021 Budget.

A motion was made by Jeff Stear, and seconded by Scott Jackson to go into executive session at 6:38 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: Scott Jackson, aye; Shannen Meyers, aye; Bill Holt, aye; Jeff Stear, aye; Barry Campen, aye; and Ken Herz, aye.

Ms. Katie Robinson left at 6:38 p.m.

A motion to come out of executive session at 7:17 p.m. was made by Scott Jackson, and seconded by Barry Campen. Roll call: 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 Barry Campen to approve the Board Committee assignments and meeting dates as presented. Roll Call; Scott Jackson, aye; Shannen Meyers, aye; Bill Holt, aye; Jeff Stear, aye; Barry Campen, aye; and Ken Herz, aye.

Ms. Katie Robinson returned at 7:19 p.m.

A motion was made by Barry Campen and seconded by Jeff Stear to approve the custodial contract with VSI as presented. Roll call: 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 Jeff Stear to approve the contract with Interim Healthcare as presented. Roll call: 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 approve the Fiscal Year 2021 salaries for non-certified personnel as presented. Roll call: Scott Jackson, aye; Shannen Meyers, aye; Bill Holt, aye; Jeff Stear, aye; Barry Campen, aye; and Ken Herz, aye.

Jeff Stear thanked Ms. Robinson for the signs she put in her students yards.

Motion to adjourn at 7:22 p.m. was made by Scott Jackson, and seconded by Jeff Stear. Roll call: Scott Jackson, aye; Shannen Meyers, aye; Bill Holt, aye; Jeff Stear, aye; Barry Campen, aye; and Ken Herz, aye.