Regular Session Minutes
January 28th, 2019

The regular Limestone Walters Board Meeting was held on Monday, January 28th , 2019 at 6:00 p.m. Present were: Ken Herz; Matt Maher; Scott Jackson; Shannen Meyers; Bill Holt; Jeff Stear; Barry Campen; Tim Dotson and Sherry Rose.

Visitors were recognized. Guests were: Ms. Michelle Lacy.

A motion was made by Jeff Stear, and seconded by Shannen Meyers, to approve the regular session minutes of December 17th, 2018, as corrected. 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 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. $133,381.11; Bldg. $8,452.51; Trans. $24,264.61; IMRF & SS. $3,939.92; Tort $93.50; Total: $170,131.65. 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:

- TAX ABATEMENT GRANT – Part of the new funding formula included $50 million for districts to consider property tax abatement. Districts had to apply for the grant. If districts are awarded the grant (1-31-2019), they still had the flexibility to decline it if necessary. One component of the tax abatement grant does allow the new grant money to be part of a district's EBF minimum. (See Financial Report).

- 6 - month overview of FY 19 Budget. Overall, budget appears to be on track as projected. Two items – special education costs continue to increase which is difficult to predict in a given year. Also, We have yet to receive any transportation payments as of today but have been assured they will be made. (However, the September payment was just released by the comptroller)

- New Testing Component – moving to the new Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR). The new contract was awarded to Access. However, Pearson, which operates PARCC, won a reprieve in court regarding the procurement of the new state contract. Therefore, Pearson was granted a year extension. It is going to be rebranded with fewer sessions. ISAT – PARCC – IAR – reliability and validity questions are a concern Mr. Dotson expressed. The testing window is March 11 – April 26.

- The County Facilities Sales Tax continues to perform at or above projection.

- Building Committee – will bring back a recommendation at the February meeting for FY 2020 projects.

The next Board Meeting is Monday, February 25th, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

New Business:

A motion was made by Matt Maher, and seconded by Scott Jackson, to approve Gorenz & Associates as the Fiscal Year 2019 auditor. 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 will have his self-evaluation submitted to the Board President, Ken Herz, by February 8th, 2019.

Motion to adjourn at 6:35 p.m. was made by Shannen Meyers, and seconded by Matt Maher. Roll call: Matt Maher, aye; Scott Jackson, aye; Shannen Meyers, aye; Bill Holt, aye; Jeff Stear, aye; Barry Campen, aye; and Ken Herz, aye.