

**WALNUT SPRINGS ISD
P.O. BOX 63
WALNUT SPRINGS, TX 76690**

**Pat Garrett, Superintendent
Lonnie Flippen, Principal
Christy Halbert, Principal**

**Board of Trustees:
Clint Pullin, President
Brent Prescher, Vice President
Johnnie Billman, Secretary
Joe Herring
Lanelle Galindo
Linda Hargrove
Lauren Ortega**

- A. The Board of Trustees of the Walnut Springs ISD convened in a Regular meeting on Thursday, December 12, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. in the staff workroom.**

Presiding Officer: President Clint Pullin

**Board Members: Joe Herring
Johnnie Billman
Linda Hargrove
Lauren Ortega
Lanelle Galindo (arrived at 7:12 p.m.)**

Absent Members: Brent Prescher

School Official: Pat Garrett, Superintendent

**Others Present: Christy Halbert
Lonnie Flippen**

With a quorum determined, President Clint Pullin called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

- B. Opening Prayer was given by Johnnie Billman.**
- C. Minutes of Previous Meeting**
A motion was made by Lauren Ortega and seconded by Linda Hargrove to approve the minutes of the meeting held on November 14, 2019.
Motion carried 5-0-0.
- D. Public Participation – None**

Items for Consideration

1. BUDGET AMENDMENT

None

2. PAYMENT OF BILLS

A motion was made by Joe Herring and seconded by Lauren Ortega to pay the bills.

Motion carried 5-0-1. (Johnnie Billman abstained due to conflict of interest.)

3. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Ms. Garrett reported the following:

- Received final November tax check for \$83,446.44.
- District will receive the balance of state funds due to the district from the TEA in August.
- Getting bids for side doors for old gym.
- Replacing the lights on the outside poles in the new gym parking lot.
- Buses being cleaned and repaired.

Ms. Halbert / Mr. Flippen reported the following:

- Varsity girls team received the consolation trophy at the WSHS tournament.
- Varsity girls and boys teams are participating in the Morgan HS tournament.
- Junior High girls team has 2 wins and 2 losses. Junior High boys are undefeated.

4. GYM BLEACHERS

Ms. Garrett reported that the new bleachers were shipped and should arrive about December 16th. We used the old ones that were still good to replace damaged sections on the home side to have a good set of bleachers for the tournament. Some cracked immediately. We will have to order more for the visitors' side since the old ones aren't suitable for use. The cost will be less than the home side. The estimate is about \$6000 - \$7500. Ms. Garrett recommended that the district order the remaining amount for the visitors' side at this time.

A motion was made by Johnnie Billman and seconded by Linda Hargrove to order bleachers for the visitors' side.

Motion carried 6-0-0.

5. TESTING INQUIRY – TEA

Ms. Garrett reported that a letter was received from TEA in November stating that the district is under investigation for testing irregularities dealing with the number of erasures in the 2018 – 2019 test administration. The state averages are 30% for the percentage of students that have erasures, with 1.9 being the average number of erasures, and 55% of the changes result in an incorrect response becoming a correct response.

Our numbers exceeded the threshold and triggered an investigation. At that time, we knew only that there was an investigation and we would be told what documents to submit later. We received the notice of what documentation they are requesting on November 22nd. The following documents will be sent on December 13th via electronic upload:

1. Statement from the WSISD Superintendent regarding the allegation.
2. Documentation from 2018-19 regarding processes, systems, policies and state mandated training relating to test administration, test security and confidentiality and handling of secure test materials for WSISD.
3. Copies of Oaths of Test Security and Confidentiality submitted by all WSISD district employees for 2018-19 by campus.
4. Statement from each WSISD campus principal regarding processes, systems, policies and state mandated training relating to test administration, testing security and confidentiality and handling of secure test materials for 2018-19.
5. Documentation of state mandated test administration or handling of secure testing material training for all relevant WSISD employees by campus for 2018-19.
6. List of test administrators and relief staff by WSISD campus for 2018-19 testing.
7. Statements from all WSISD district or campus coordinators responsible for handling secure testing materials regarding the allegation.

Ms. Garrett reported that she has emailed the contact person at TEA to see what our numbers are but haven't heard any information back from him. We have been working with Denise Bell (Testing Specialist) at ESC12 to help us submit the information as they request it so that we can get this matter cleared up as soon as possible.

6. UPDATE 114

Tabled to January meeting.

7. FIRST REPORT / ACCOUNTABILITY TAPR

Ms. Garrett reported that the district Accountability Rating is B with Academic Distinction in Social Studies. She stated the district's FIRST rating is 100 of 100 points.

8. SCHOOL BOARD TRAINING HOURS REPORT

Ms. Garrett reported the following training hours for the Walnut Springs ISD board members:

Clint Pullin – 6 credits

Linda Hargrove – 6 credits

Joe Herring – 6 credits

Lanelle Galindo – 0 credits

Brent Prescher – 6 credits

Lauren Ortega – 6 credits

Johnnie Billman – 6 credits

9. ELECTION INFORMATION

Ms. Garrett stated that the election notice will be posted on December 16th. The first day to file an application for school board is January 15th and the last day to file is February 14th. Two positions are open for the May 2020 election.

10. SAFETY GRANT

The Board entered into a closed session pursuant to Section 551.076 of Government Code to consider the deployment, specific occasions for, or implementation of, security personnel or devices. Ms. Garrett made a recommendation to submit the Safety Grant and secure the equipment discussed.

A motion was made by Linda Hargrove and seconded by Lauren Ortega to submit the Safety Grant and secure the equipment discussed in closed session.

Motion carried 6-0-0.

11. RESOLUTION TO CONSIDER DISTRICT OF INNOVATION

Ms. Garrett reported that the district is eligible to begin the process of becoming a District of Innovation. We meet the criteria of being Acceptable in both the Texas Academic Progress Measures and FIRST. This will allow us to set up our district procedures, schedules, and other considerations to best meet the needs of our community and students. Some districts have earlier start dates, utilize waivers when they are not able to meet required student /teacher ratio, and flexibility with not requiring transfer students to remain for the year if they do not meet attendance requirements or become discipline issues. This resolution will only give board approval to begin the process. We will get a committee together, meet to discuss and report back as we go. There are prescribed steps that have to be followed. Ms. Garrett recommended that the board approve the resolution to begin the process for Walnut Springs ISD to become a District of Innovation. A motion was made by Joe Herring and seconded by Johnnie Billman to approve the resolution to begin the process for Walnut Springs ISD to become a District of Innovation.

Motion carried 6-0-0.

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION: An executive/closed session was held pursuant to Section 551.074 of Government Code to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, resignation, or employment action with regard to personnel.

In Session at 7:41 p.m.

Out of Session at 7:55 p.m.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION: An executive/closed session was held pursuant to Section 551.0821 of Government Code to deliberate the personally identifiable information concerning a student(s).

No Applications to review.

14. DISCUSSION and/or ACTION on ITEM #12.

Ms. Garrett made a recommendation to add Silvia Martinez and Sara McCombs to the sub list for the 2018 – 2019 school year.

A motion was made by Johnnie Billman and seconded by Linda Hargrove to add Silvia Martinez and Sara McCombs to the sub list for the 2018 – 2019 school year.

Motion carried 6-0-0.

15. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Johnnie Billman and seconded by Lauren Ortega to adjourn at 8:00 p.m.

Motion carried 6-0-0.

PASSED BY VOTE AND APPROVED this 9th day of January, 2020.

REQUIRED:



Clint Pullin
Board President
Walnut Springs ISD



Johnnie Billman
Board Secretary
Walnut Springs ISD