

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

Pat Garrett, Superintendent  
Lonnie Flippen, Principal  
Kelly Ott, Principal

Board of Trustees:  
Brent Prescher, President  
Lanelle Galindo, Vice President  
Johnnie Billman, Secretary  
Linda Hargrove  
Lauren Ortega  
Karen Jones

- A. The Board of Trustees of the Walnut Springs ISD convened in a Regular meeting on Thursday, August 10, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. in the staff workroom.

Presiding Officer: President Brent Prescher

Board Members: Lauren Ortega  
Linda Hargrove  
Johnnie Billman

Absent Members: Lanelle Galindo  
Karen Jones

School Official: Pat Garrett, Superintendent

Others Present: Kelly Ott  
Lonnie Flippen  
Jerry Chitwood

With a quorum determined, President Brent Prescher called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

- B. Opening Prayer was given by Brent Prescher.
- C. Minutes of Previous Meetings  
A motion was made by Johnnie Billman and seconded by Lauren Ortega to approve the minutes of the meeting held on July 13, 2023.  
Motion carried 3-0-1.
- D. Public Participation – None

**Items for Consideration**

1. **BUDGET AMENDMENT**  
None

2. PAYMENT OF BILLS

A motion was made by Linda Hargrove and seconded by Lauren Ortega to pay the bills.

Motion carried 3-0-1.

3. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Lonnie Flippen reported on the following:

- Scrimmage on August 11<sup>th</sup>
- Update on football team participation
- Overview of precautions taken for the players safety

4. DISCUSS VALUE LAG in DISTRICT FUNDING

Prior to the implementation of HB3 at the beginning of the 2019-2020 school year school districts received state funding based on prior year values while districts were collecting local revenue based on current year values. This created a difference in what the district was actually earning compared to what they are being paid from the state. This difference, or funding lag, was corrected in a settle up which occurred in September. The passage of HB3 has essentially eliminated the finding lag as state revenue is now based on current value.

5. LEASOR CRASS PACKET

Ms. Garrett made a recommendation to stay with Leasor Crass for legal services.

A motion was made by Linda Hargrove and seconded by Johnnie Billman to stay with Leasor Crass.

Motion carried 4-0-0.

6. TAX / BUDGET MEETINGS – AUGUST 29<sup>TH</sup>

Ms. Garrett recommended that the budget meeting be held on August 29<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.

7. ADULT MEAL PRICES

Table to next meeting.

8. SAFETY UPDATE

Jerry Chitwood reported on the following:

- Coordinating with Sheriff and others
- Update on what is required and still needed
- Packet for TCOLE
- Update on paperwork and SRO training

9. PROPOSED TAX RATE

Ms. Garrett proposed that the tax rate for 2023 – 2024 be \$.6692.

**10. RESIGNATIONS**

None

- 11. EXECUTIVE SESSION: An executive session will be 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.**

No Session

- 12. EXECUTIVE SESSION: An executive session will be held pursuant to Section 551.0821 of Government Code to deliberate personally identifiable information concerning a student(s).**

No Session

- 13. EXECUTIVE SESSION: An executive session will be held pursuant to Section 551.076 of Government Code to deliberate the deployment, specific occasions for, or implementation of, security personnel or devices.**

No Session

- 14. DISCUSSION and/or ACTION on ITEM #11, #12 and #13.**

No action

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Lauren Ortega and seconded by Johnnie Billman to adjourn at 6:27 p.m.

Motion carried 4-0-0.

PASSED BY VOTE AND APPROVED this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

REQUIRED:

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Brent Prescher  
Board President  
Walnut Springs ISD

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Johnnie Billman  
Board Secretary  
Walnut Springs ISD