

MINUTES of Regular Meeting - Board of Trustees
Weimar Independent School District
May 10, 2021

NOTE: Due to social distancing, the meeting was held at the Cafetorium.

1. Call meeting to order and welcome members of public – *President Ken Kram called the meeting to order at 6pm. All Board members were present. The U. S. Pledge of Allegiance, the Texas Pledge, and a prayer were recited.*
2. Public comments/audience participation – *Julie Christian (Weimar Mercury) and Leah Newby were present. Ms. Newby addressed the Board, supporting the elimination of mandatory face masks.*
3. Oath of Office and Statement of Officer (Board Members) - *April Mikulenska (Place 4) and Tom Strickland (Place 3) took their Oath of Office.*
4. Closed Session – To deliberate the appointment of public officers, specifically the officers of the Board of Trustees (551.074) - *The Board entered into closed session at 6:05 pm and reconvened into open session at 6:45pm.*
5. Reorganization of Officers of Board of Trustees. –
 - *With a motion by Steve Williams and second by Ryder Ervin, the Board unanimously voted to elect Ken Kram as President of the Board.*
 - *With a motion by Steve Williams and second by Brian Christen, the Board unanimously voted to elect Ryder Ervin as Vice-President of the Board.*
 - *With a motion by Steve Williams and second by Brian Christen, the Board unanimously voted to elect Irma Rerich as Secretary of the Board.*
6. Consent agenda
 - a. Minutes of the April 5, 2021 regular meeting and April 22, 2021 special meeting.
 - b. Bills paid
 - c. Tax Collection Report
 - d. Board Report Comparison
 - e. Cash Balances/Investment Report

With a motion by Brian Christen and second by Tom Strickland, the consent agenda was unanimously approved as presented.
7. Superintendent's Report
 - Enrollment Report - *Total Enrollment 662.*
 - *Congratulations to Joey Ramirez who placed 1st at State in High Jump, and Camille Garcia who placed 3rd in the 100 meter at State.*
 - Graduation Plans and Upcoming Events –
 - *May 12 – 6:30pm Baccalaureate in WHS Gym*
 - *May 13-14-15 - 6:00pm, Softball Regional Quarter Final Playoff in Marion*
 - *May 16 – 5:00pm FFA Banquet in WHS Gym*
 - *May 17 – 10:00am 5th Grade Award Ceremony in WHS Gym*
 - *May 17 – 1:00pm 6th Grade Award Ceremony in WHS Gym*
 - *May 18 – 9:00am Senior Scholarship Ceremony in WHS Gym*
 - *May 18 – 1:00pm 7th Grade Award Ceremony in WHS Gym*

- *May 19 – Victoria Spring Board Training*
 - *May 20 – 10:00am 8th Grade Graduation in WHS Gym*
 - *May 21 – 7:30pm WHS Graduation at Wildcat Stadium*
- *Board Training and Goals Setting – This year, the Victoria Spring Board Training on May 19th can be attended via zoom at home, at the WISD office, or in person in Victoria. Most members agreed to attend via zoom at home.*
 - *Bond Updates – Construction continues at the elementary and junior high, and plans are to pour the slab for the field house by the end of this week.*
 - *ESSER Grants – Federal Funds are being sent to schools to provide short-term relief from the effects of Covid-19. Emphasis is on learning loss due to Covid-19, and can include such things as improving air quality in classrooms, technology such as touch-screen TV/smart boards, etc.*
 - *ESSER I (under the CARES Act), available Sept 2021 thru Sept 2022, \$90,695*
 - *ESSER II (under the CRRSA Act), available Sept 2022 thru Sept 2023, \$362,780*
 - *ESSER III (under the ARP Act), available immediately thru Sept 2024, \$913,400*
 - *Bonds Available for Refinancing – Summary timetable for issuance of Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2021 (Cafetorium and CATE building bond), begins June 14, 2021, with closing anticipated on August 25, 2021.*
8. *Consider, discuss, and take possible action related to COVID-19 issues – With a motion by April Mikulenka and second by Ryder Ervin, the Board unanimously agreed to change the mask code to green, effective May 11, 2021. Masks are optional in school and at events, but are required on school buses. Note: WISD continues to be concerned about potential health risks of vulnerable individuals and the chances for students to miss graduation or playoff games during the last 8 days of school. Students and parents should be aware that this mask optional period is their individual choice and risk.*
 9. *Consideration of an Elementary Fire Alarm System – With a motion by Irma Rerich and second by Brian Christen, the Board unanimously approved the purchase of a new fire alarm system for the Elementary School from Hermann Alarms for a cost of \$40,065.*
 10. *Consider the Purchase of Technology – With a motion by April Mikulenka and second by Tom Strickland, the Board unanimously approved the purchase of new teacher laptops from Howard Technology, for \$31,380.*
 11. *Consider Fiber Options for Expansions – With a motion by Steve Williams and second by Brian Christen, the Board unanimously approved fiber expansions to the field house and new administration building by BryComm, for a cost not to exceed \$20,000. Note: Bids were received from Colorado Valley Telephone and BryComm.*
 12. *Consider a Resolution of Support for the Weimar Sidewalk Grant Project – With a motion by Ryder Ervin and second by Brian Christen, the Board unanimously approved a resolution of support for the City of Weimar’s sidewalk project. Note: The sidewalk would run from the bakery corner, along Hwy 90, to the new Field House/Administration Building. The Board suggested adding lights along the sidewalk for security purposes.*

13. Personnel.

14. Closed Session.

- To deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee (551.074).

The Board entered into closed session at 7:44 pm to discuss Item #13.

15. Open Session – Action Resulting from Closed Session.

The Board reconvened into open session at 8:29pm, and took the following action:

With a motion by Ryder Ervin and second by Tom Strickland, the Board unanimously approved the following for the 2021-2022 school years:

- *a 2-year administrative contract to Charles Henke*
- *a Probationary Dual Contract to Jakob Rehak*
- *a Probationary Term Contract to Zachary Lawrence*

Adjournment – With no further business before the Board, President Ken Kram adjourned the meeting at 8:30pm.