West Marshall Board of Education
Regular Session
April 8, 2020

The West Marshall Board of Education met in regular session on Wednesday, April 8, 2020, at 6:15 p.m. in the district office in the high school building. President Rodney Honeck called the meeting to order. Member Honeck was available in person at the meeting; other members present for roll call via Zoom included April Coulter, Sue Goodman, Shawn Meyer, Bob Ranson, Jason Walker and Hunter Wilkening. The Board determined that it is impossible and impractical for all members to be physically present at this meeting due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and that it is necessary to conduct the meeting by electronic means.

Agenda: Motion by Ranson, seconded by Coulter, to approve the agenda. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

Welcome and Recognition of Visitors

Consent Agenda
Recommendation by Mr. Large to approve the following consent agenda items:

- Minutes of the March 11, 2020, Regular Session
- Minutes of the March 19, 2020, Special Session
- Bills and financial reports
- Personnel report: n/a

Motion by Ranson, seconded by Coulter, to approve the consent agenda items. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

New Business

- General Obligation Bond refinancing: West Marshall is working to refinance the outstanding General Obligation bonds to leverage the lower interest rates available. There is one bid we are waiting to receive that is expected to be lower, so the recommendation was made by Piper Sandler to table this until we can get this information on Thursday morning and schedule a meeting for Friday morning to approve the sale. Motion by Ranson, seconded by Walker, to table this motion until we can reschedule a meeting for Friday morning at 8:30 am. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0.
- Approve FY21 Budget as Presented in Public Hearing: Motion by Meyer, seconded by Walker, to approve the FY21 budget as presented. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0. Motion carried.
- AEA Food Service Purchasing Agreement: A recommendation was made to approve the AEA Food Purchasing Agreement, which includes Martin Brothers as the Prime Food Vendor and EMS as the Chemical/Detergent vendor. Motion by Coulter, seconded by Goodman, to approve the AEA Purchasing Agreement. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0. Motion carried.
- Bread Bid: In the last board meeting, it was incorrectly presented that low bread bid was from Bimbo. This was not correct, so we must retract that bid. Motion by Ranson, seconded by Meyer, to retract the awarded bid to Bimbo. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0. Motion carried.
- Approve Bread Bid: The low bread bid was from Pan-O-Gold. Motion by Ranson, seconded by Goodman, to approve the bread bid with Pan-O-Gold for the 2020-21 school year. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0. Motion carried.
- Policies: Motion by Coulter, seconded by Wilkening, to approve the following board policies:
  Approve first reading of board policies:
  - 409.8 Licensed Employee Unpaid Leave
  - 706.1 Payroll Periods

  Approve second reading of board policies:
  - 501.15 Homeless Children and Youth (Old)
  - 501.16 Homeless Children and Youth (Replacement from IASB list)
  - 606.4 Student Production of Materials and Services (New)
  - 606.5 Student Field Trips and Excursions (Renumbered, was listed as 606.4)
  - 606.6 Insufficient Classroom Space (Renumbered, was listed as 606.5)

  Ayes, 7; Nays, 0. Motion carried.
- COVID-19 Emergency Resolution: This resolution provides for practices we are required to implement as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The board agreed to pay all employees their contracts and employment agreements through the end of the school year. Another item that was the focus of a lengthy conversation among the board was whether to make the days from April 13th - 30th count as voluntary or required days for the students. The recommendation by administration was to count the days for grades 6-12 as required and those for grades PK-5 as voluntary. There were concerns shared, pros and cons of each, but after a lot of discussion, it was decided by the board to approve grades 6-12 as required and grades PK-5 as voluntary. Motion by Coulter, seconded by Walker, to approve the COVID-19 Emergency Resolution with these additions as noted. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

- Open Enrollment Request: The district received a request for open enrollment for the current school year. Motion by Walker, seconded by Goodman, to deny the open enrollment request for the current year. Ayes, 6; Nays, 0. Motion carried. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

Information Only

- Budget Amendment Hearing to be held on April 29th, 2020. This is needed due to the sale of the bonds for refinancing purposes. This has not impact to the tax levy.

Superintendent Report

- Mr. Large shared a document from the DE with guidance on testing, targeted schools, etc, as a result of the impact on schools due to the pandemic. Most of these things are being waived for the year and/or held at status quo. He also shared some maintenance that is being done and the cleaning/disinfecting being done by custodial staff.

Principal Reports

- Ms. Smith reported some preliminary participation numbers for the elementary students on the zoom sessions being offered. They are also considering offering paper packets to students who need them or do not have access to the internet. Other items mentioned include registration deadline for 3 year-old preschool; summer 6-6 child care will run June 1 – Aug 7 (barring any changes); Kindergarten Kick-off will be April 22nd (via Zoom).
- Mr. Randall shared the online schedule for the middle school. He is working with families that do not have WiFi access. Parents of middle school students can use the guardian view of Google Classroom, which will also send daily or weekly updates.
- Mr. Einsweiler reported the high school will plan to do the ACT test for current year junior class in October. All spring activities are on hold for now. Tentative spring sports schedules have been shared. Also shared was information on online learning; senior graduation expectations. He has allowed coaches to communicate with students on workouts.

Motion by Walker, seconded by Meyer, to adjourn. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephanie Edler