

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING  
WILLIAMSON COUNTY SPECIAL EDUCATION DISTRICT

April 8, 2022

Regular

WCES Conference Room

9:00 A.M.

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EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

Present

Absent

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Mrs. Kathy Clark, Unit I  
Dr. Keith Oates, Unit II  
Mr. Sy Stone, Unit III  
Mr. Nathaniel Wilson, Unit IV  
Mr. Keith Liddell, Unit V

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:  
Jami Hodge, WCES Director  
Jenny Malanowski, Treasurer  
Amanda Segers, WCEA

Chairman Liddell called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Roll call was taken with Mrs. Clark, Dr. Oates, Mr. Stone, Mr. Wilson, and Mr. Liddell in attendance.

There was no visitor participation.

Mr. Wilson made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on March 4, 2022, as presented. Mr. Stone seconded the motion.

Members Clark, Oates, Stone, Wilson, and Liddell voted “yea”. Motion carried.

Mr. Wilson made a motion to enter into closed session to consider the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance and/or dismissal of specific employees, and pending litigation. Mr. Stone seconded the motion.

Members Clark, Oates, Stone, Wilson and Liddell voted “yea”. Motion carried.

The Executive Board entered into closed session at 9:00 a.m.

The Executive Board came out of closed session at 9:25 a.m.

Mr. Wilson made the motion to adjourn out of closed session. Mrs. Clark seconded the motion.

Members Clark, Oates, Stone, Wilson and Liddell voted “yea”. Motion carried.

Mr. Wilson made the motion to approve the minutes of closed session. Dr. Oates seconded the motion.

Members Clark, Oates, Stone, Wilson and Liddell voted “yea”. Motion carried.

Mr. Wilson made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Dr. Oates seconded the motion.

Upon roll call, Members Clark, Oates, Stone, Wilson, and Liddell voted “yea”. Motion carried.

Mr. Wilson made the motion to accept the personnel report as presented. Mr. Stone seconded the motion.

--Dana Tanner – hire as an LBS1 certified teacher for the 2022-2023 school year pending licensure and finalization of paperwork

--Joan Garner – hire as an LBS1 certified teacher for the 2022-2023 school year pending physical, TB, verification of fingerprints and finalization of paperwork

--Christina Bires - hire as an LBS1 certified teacher for the 2022-2023 school year pending physical, TB, verification of fingerprints and finalization of paperwork

--Katie Cully – hire as an LBS1 certified teacher for the 2022-2023 school year pending licensure, physical, TB, verification of fingerprints and finalization of paperwork

--Jessica Holland – hire as a special education coordinator for the 2022-2023 school year

--Deanna Cameron – hire as a school social worker for the 2022-2023 school year pending physical, TB, verification of fingerprints and finalization of paperwork

--Megan Cross – hire as a certified LBS1 teacher for the 2022-2023 school year pending physical, TB, verification of fingerprints and finalization of paperwork

--Sydney Spiller – hire as a Speech Language Pathologist for the 2022-2023 school year pending physical, TB, verification of fingerprints and finalization of paperwork

--Katie Merrow – letter requesting maternity leave from approximately September 7, 2022 through November 30, 2022

--Krystal Brown – resignation email dated March 15, 2022, to be effective April 8, 2022

--Jessica Holland – resignation letter dated March 25, 2022, as special education teacher pending approval as WCES Special Education Coordinator at the end of the 2021-2022 school year

--Rachel Pauls – resignation letter dated April 1, 2022, to be effective at the end of the 2021-2022 school year

--Kimberly Lehman – letter dated April 4, 2022 to WCES board regarding extended medical leave

**Permission to Post**

-Adaptive Physical Education Teacher

**Voluntary Transfers - Certified**

Hannah Browning, Building Based, Lincoln Elementary II

Kayla Bower, Building Based, CIS

Teresa Powers, Building Based, Adams

Beth Blumenstock, Building Based, MHS

Casey Sanders, STRIVE, Washington Elementary I

Doug Bates, STRIVE, HES

Maggie Dorsey, Building Based, Tri-C/CJHS

Jessica Crawford, DHH, MJHS

Upon Roll Call, Members Clark, Oates, Stone, Wilson, and Liddell voted “yea”. Motion carried.

Audit Engagement Letter presented

Transportation Costs March 2022 presented

ISBE Corrected LEA Determination presented

FY 21 Child Count Verification presented

Director Evaluation will be signed and placed in personnel file

Director's Report:

- Transfer policy discussed with the big picture of caseload and moving staff along with involuntary transfers
- Added and hired additional staff
- School psychologist very difficult to find and area employers are short-staffed (considering virtual programs as well as retirees)
- ISBE LEA Determination – all received these except for Mr. Stone. ISBE data error corrected
- FY21 Child Count Verification – all of child count verified and numbers down. Two hundred less children. Last year blamed on COVID for numbers down. This year could be partly due to pumping the breaks on too much special education services. Funding does go down based on numbers, but most monies come from local monies
- DHH has tuition children
- STRUCTURE and STRIVE classrooms have combined in some instances
- LC will have four classes to start the year due to junior high kids and the need for separation
- PreK – Herrin will move a PreK classroom to Marion because Herrin has to keep an extra EC classroom and there isn't space for both
- Transportation routes was reduced by two
- Hiring an additional SW and Coordinator to support staff needs.
- Completed Federal and State Audit. Challenged some of the findings and prevailed
- COVID Admin Leave – Waiting on clarification
- Homebound on the rise
- Timely and Meaningful meeting on May 2, 2022

Mrs. Clark made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Wilson seconded the motion.

Members Clark, Oates, Stone, Wilson, and Liddell voted “yea”. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:08 a.m.

MINUTES ATTESTED TO:

Keith Liddell, Chairman of the Board

Kathy Clark, Secretary to the Board

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