MINUTES OF GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

WILLIAMSON COUNTY SPECIAL EDUCATION DISTRICT

September 13, 2024

Regular WCES Conference Room 8:00 A.M.

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GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS

PRESENT ABSENT

Kathy Clark, Unit 1 John Killman, Unit 3

Becky Moss, Unit 2

Sy Stone, Unit 3

Nathaniel Wilson, Unit 4

Sarah Barnstable, Unit 5

Chris Cullum, Unit 1

Jared Garrison, Unit 2

Steve Robinson, Unit 4

David Schwartz, Unit 5 (via Zoom)

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Jami Hodge

Kristi White, WCEA Representative

Chairman Nathaniel Wilson called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Roll call was taken with Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Moss, Mr. Stone, Mr. Wilson, Mrs. Barnstable, Mr. Cullum, Mr. Garrison, Mr. Robinson, and Mr. Schwartz (via Zoom) were in attendance.

There was no visitor participation.

Mr. Wilson recognized Mrs. Hodge for director’s remarks:

**PreK**

* 100% State Funded & based on the number of slots
* PFA – Grant since 2014. Carterville as administrative agent prior
* At Risk program
* Grant is 580 students in 5 districts
* Outgrown grant monies
* PreK all salary and benefits
* PreK 0-5
* Many PreK students are not potty-trained
* Now 80% slots need filled. Currently at 71%
* Transportation only provided by Crab Orchard
* $186,000 over grant
* As payroll goes up, insurance, benefits, premiums go up

**Special Education**

* December 1 is date funding is based off of by students in seats for the next year
* Overidentification is a problem based on state and national averages
* RTI
* IEP = disability
* Transportation changes
* Districts need to look at transporting IEP students instead of hiring another bus
* ISBE audit required changes

**CTE**

* Monies are improving due to tracking and record keeping

**Overview**

* Schools are crowded and no room
* STRIVE – intellectual disabilities and self-contained. Students need to be included in gen ed
* 10 years to get students in their home school district (except for a few instances)
* Legal to have 13 students in STRIVE. WCES uses 10 as their top number
* DHH numbers dropping
* STRUCTURE rooms are behaviors
* K-3 Behavior part of STRIVE.
* Learning Center – 1 program is Jr. High. There needs to be an understanding of the severity of some of the kids that are housed there (probation, sex offenders, weapons) and zero tolerance needs to be relooked at on offenses (example: vaping)
* LC lead teacher will be retiring
* Building Based = Resource
* Speech only – Great job by speech on lowering number of IEPs (were over identified)
* Non-public Placement – Private schools receive monies and is used for speech

Mr. Schwartz made the motion to accept the minutes of the last Governing Board meeting on March 22, 2024, as presented. Motion was seconded by Mr. Robinson

Members Clark, Moss, Stone, Wilson, Barnstable, Cullum, Garrison, Robinson and Schwartz voted “yea”. Motion carried.

Mr. Cullum made the motion to accept the employment of personnel by the Executive Board March 2024 through August 2024 as presented. Mr. Robinson seconded the motion.

Members Clark, Moss, Stone, Wilson, Barnstable, Cullum, Garrison, Robinson and Schwartz voted “yea”. Motion carried.

Mr. Schwartz made the motion to accept the minutes of WCES Executive Committee March 2024 through August 2024 as presented. Mr. Cullum seconded the motion.

Members Clark, Moss, Stone, Wilson, Barnstable, Cullum, Garrison, Robinson and Schwartz voted “yea”. Motion carried.

Mr. Robinson made the motion to accept the minutes of the WCECC Executive Committee March 2024 through August 2024 as presented. Mr. Cullum seconded the motion.

Members Clark, Moss, Stone, Wilson, Barnstable, Cullum, Garrison, Robinson and Schwartz voted “yea”. Motion carried.

Mr. Cullum made the motion to accept the minutes of the WCCTE Board of Control March 2024 through August 2024. Mr. Robinson seconded the motion.

Members Clark, Moss, Stone, Wilson, Barnstable, Cullum, Garrison, Robinson and Schwartz voted “yea”. Motion carried.

Mrs. Barnstable made the motion to accept the FY25 WCES/WCECC Budget as presented. Mr. Cullum seconded the motion.

Upon roll call, Members Clark, Moss, Stone, Wilson, Barnstable, Cullum, Garrison, Robinson and Schwartz voted “yea”. Motion carried.

Mr. Stone made the motion to accept the FY25 WCCTE Budget as presented. Mr. Robinson seconded the motion.

Upon roll call, Members Clark, Moss, Stone, Wilson, Barnstable, Cullum, Garrison, Robinson, and Schwartz voted “yea”. Motion carried.

Mr. Cullum made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Moss seconded the motion.

Members Clark, Moss, Stone, Wilson, Barnstable, Garrison, Robinson, and Schwartz voted “yea”. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:13 a.m.

MINUTES ATTESTED TO:

Nathaniel Wilson, Chairman Sy Stone, Secretary