

**WALNUT BEND INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Regular Board Minutes**

**October 22nd, 2024 7:00 pm**

**Present: Randy Clark, Virginia McNairn, Emily Southerland, Lucas Grgurich, Shane Foster, and Supt. Ken Kemp**

**Absent: Roxi Castillo**

**1. Call to Order and Declaration of a Quorum: Randy Clark**

**2. Invocation: Virginia McNairn**

**3. Pledge to the American flag: All**

**4. No audience**

**5. Consent Agenda**

**Motion made by Emily Southerland to approve the following:**

**A. Minutes for September 17th**

**B. Financial Report - fund balance: \$1,641,291.09**

**C. Jim Roberson Delinquent tax collection: \$459.70**

**D. Monthly bills through reviewed.**

**E. No budget amendment**

**Second by Lucas Grgurich; all voted in favor.**

**6. 2024 Tax Levies from Appraisal District up this year**

**7. No repairs or purchases over \$5,000.00**

**8. No actions regarding personnel.**

**9. Superintendent's report:**

**a. Enrollment: 73; average daily attendance-90%; social media outreach remains strong with the retirement post reaching 8,300 - the highest post viewed.**

**b. Activities in October include a visit to NCTC for Career Day by 8th graders, movie night, a volleyball tournament, & a Title One Meeting**

**c. Practice for STAAR Test will be the week of Thanksgiving**

**d. A deposit of \$7,570.00 to WBISD was made for the 2023 yearly allotment of Federal Flood Control**

**10. Executive Session called at 7:15; returned to Open Session at 7:43**

**11. Applicants for superintendent will be contacted via phone by all Board members for consideration of a personal interview. October 30th was selected as the meeting date to select candidates.**

**12. Motion made by Emily Southeland to approve tentative dates for interviews on November 15th - 6:00, November 20th - 7:00, November 22nd - 6:00. Second by Shane Foster; all voted in favor.**

**13. Motion made by Virginia McNairn to approve \$750.00 for Year-End stipend for each employee. Stipends will be issued in 2 checks: \$250.00 the regular stipend and \$500.00 bonus stipend. Second by Emily Southerland; all voted in favor.**

**14. Motion made by Virginia McNairn to approve a purchase of a new scoreboard @ \$6,160.00.**

**Second by Shane Foster; all voted in favor. Approximately \$5,000.00 has been donated or promised toward the purchase of the scoreboard. WBISD will assume responsibility for the balance after all donations are in.**

**15. No student transfers**

**16. Motion made by Virginia McNairn to approve MOU with Nextlink Tower allowing the tower to remain on school property. Second by Shane Foster; all approved. WBISD now uses the AT&T high speed cable designed for school use only.**

**17. No additional business. Adjournment: 7:59**

*Bob Clark*  
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President

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*Virginia McRae*  
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