

**WALTON ACADEMY
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MINUTES**

Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024

Time: 2:00pm

Location: Walton Academy Charter School/Meeting also accessible via Zoom
389 Dorsey Avenue
DeFuniak Springs, FL 32435

I. Call to Order, Review of Public Notice, Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Neale at 2:02pm. Board members present were Robert Neale and Ann Black. Guests present included: Marie Laurino, Dr. Bill Rader, Ray Sansom, Dr. Allison Schnell, Kara Griffin, Elizabeth Daters and Jessica Yopp.

II. Approval of Agenda

Ms. Black made a motion to approve Agenda as written. Mr. Neale seconded. Motion passed.

III. Approval of Minutes

The last meeting's minutes from October 30, 2023 were approved on a motion by Ms. Black, seconded by Mr. Neale. Motion passed.

IV. Public Comments by Pre-Registered guests, if any

No guests were present.

V. Reports

A. Walton Academy Director's Report & Title I Update – Ms. Laurino provided the Director's report for Walton Academy and stated the students have completed 700 courses. The school has received grant money from Walton County Educational Foundation which has allowed for school improvements. The school has also partnered with the 4H Club in Walton and Okaloosa County to raise 48 chicks.

B. Walton DJJ Director's Report & Title I Update – Mr. Sansom provided the Director's report for Walton Learning Center. He reiterated that effective July 1, 2024 the state will be taking over the education program.

C. Management Report - Mr. Sansom thanked Ms. Fields and Mrs. Laurino for their leadership this year thanked everyone for their hard work during the second semester.

VI. Discussion & Action Items

A. WCSB Bus Lease Agreement with Walton Academy, Inc. – Mr. Sansom presented the lease agreement and stated that effective January 2024 Walton Academy is providing their own transportation which was previously provided by the district. Mr. Sansom said that the district is leasing buses to Walton Academy and it's going well

so far. Ms. Black made a motion to approve the lease agreement. Mr. Neale seconded. Motion passed.

- B. Add Board Recorder – Dr. Schnell requested to add Jessica Yopp as a board recorder. Ms. Black made a motion to add Ms. Yopp as a board recorder, Mr. Neale seconded. Motion passed.

Human Resources

- A. Walton Academy Personnel Report – The personnel report for Walton Academy was presented by Ms. Daters. Walton Academy has 20 current employees. Ms. Black made a motion to approve the personnel report, Mr. Neale seconded. Motion passed.
- B. Walton DJJ Personnel Report- The personnel report for Walton Academy DJJ was presented by Ms. Daters. Walton Academy DJJ has 6 current employees. Ms. Black made a motion to approve the personnel report, Mr. Neale seconded. Motion passed.

Financials

- A. Walton Academy Financial Reports – Dr. Schnell presented the Walton Academy Financial Report. She stated that as of January 31st, 2024 total assets are at \$1,466,540.31. This puts our current expenditures at roughly 53.8% for the year and the school is on track for expenses for the end of the year. Ms. Black made a motion to approve the financials, Mr. Neale seconded. Motion passed.
- B. Walton DJJ Financial Reports – Dr. Schnell presented the Walton Learning Center Financial Report. She stated that as of January 31st, 2024 total assets are at \$73,049.10. This puts our current expenditures at roughly 43.1% for the year and stated that the school is beating the budget. Ms. Black made a motion to approve the financials, Mr. Neale seconded. Motion passed.

General

- A. Board Membership – Dr. Schnell asked the board to keep in mind any new potential board members.
- B. Next Board Meeting – The next board meeting will be scheduled for May.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15pm by a motion from Ms. Black, seconded by Mr. Neale.