

**WACO CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 2019
WACO CHARTER SCHOOL
615 N. 25th STREET
5:30 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT

**Ben Perry
Susan Copeland
Gary Luft
Elizabeth Nelson
Stephanie Abright
Dr. Howard Childs
Dytrun Thirkill
Billie Myers
Renee Turner
Carolyn Cotton
Judith Benton**

MEMBERS ABSENT

All present

STAFF PRESENT

**Dorothy Marstaller
Debora Jones
Robert Kunze
Nancy Cross
Carl Ritter
Bridgett Montgomery
Madison Shaw
Kristine Jackson
Cassie Bianchi
Heather Faulk**

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. by Board Chair Ben Perry.

ESTABLISH QUORUM

A quorum was established.

ORDERING OF AGENDA

The agenda remained the same.

MISSION STATEMENT

Elizabeth Nelson read the Mission Statement.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

The Executive Committee recommends approval of the following consent agenda items; November 18,2019, WCS Executive Committee Minutes, November 18, 2019, WCS Board of Directors Minutes, Financial Report November 2019 and the Financial Report December 2019, as presented, all in favor, motion carries unanimously.

APPROVE PLAN TO BUILD VESTIBULE WALL

Nancy Cross presented the plan for a Vestibule Wall to the Board of Directors. Ms. Cross reported that once someone is inside of the Waco Charter School, it is wide open and there is no type of barrier. She requested permission to have a vestibule wall installed at the front entrance that is made of bullet proof glass. There would be a secure locked door that is monitored by the Front Office staff. The cost of the Vestibule Wall is \$25,000. Which would be funded pending the approval of the TEA School Safety and Security grant that was applied for.

The Executive Committee recommends approval for the planning of building the vestibule wall as presented, all in favor, motion carries unanimously.

APPROVE ACTIVE SHOOTER DETECTION SYSTEM

Nancy Cross also requested approval to install an Active Shooter Detection System. This would alert the Waco Police Department and WCS Staff as soon as a weapon has been fired. This system can precisely track the location of the shooter, as the system follows the sound and fire lighting of the weapon. This project would also be funded by the TEA School Safety and Security grant that WCS applied for.

The Executive Committee recommends approval for the active shooter detection system, all in favor, motion carries unanimously.

APPROVE WEAPON DETECTION SYSTEM

Nancy Cross requested approval to install a Weapon Detection System within the future Vestibule Wall, pending funding. This System will detect if a visitor has a knife, gun, razor blade, or any other type of weapon. It can send an alert to the front office staff member.

The Executive Committee recommends approval for the weapon detection system, all in favor, motion carries unanimously.

APPROVE PRINCIPAL/SUPERINTENDENT JOB DESCRIPTION REVISIONS

Heather Faulk presented to the Board of Directors the revisions that were made to the Principal/Superintendent with request for their approval. Heather reported the only

changes were a qualified candidate can have experience as an Assistant Principal not just Principal or Superintendent roles.

The Executive Committee recommends approval of the revisions to the Principal/Superintendent job description as presented, all in favor, motion carries unanimously.

STUDENT INTERIM SCORES

Carl Ritter reported to the Board of Directors that in December 2019 the 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders took the STAAR Practice Test. The students were tested on information they learned in the first semester. The results showed that the 3rd graders had the weakest scores and 5th grade reading scores were the strongest.

Elizabeth Nelson asked what to teacher to student ratio was in the classroom. Nancy Cross responded that the ratio is out 1/14.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Nancy reported that the announcement of TEA's approval of the School Safety and Security grant should be determined within the next few weeks. She will begin developing the campus calendar, conducting needs assessments for campus improvement, technology and emergency operation plans, professional development schedule and preparing for recruiting and enrollment will be another focus. Grades 3-5 are needing recruitment.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Executive Session is a standard agenda item and will appear on all governing board agendas.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Board Chair

Date