

**WACO CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTOR MEETING  
MONDAY JUNE 22, 2020  
REMOTE  
5:30 P.M.**

*Due to COVID – 19 outbreak and Governor Abbott’s restriction of no more than 10 people gathering at one location, the June 2020 board meeting was conducted via Teleconference.*

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

**Ben Perry - Central  
Susan Copeland - Remote  
Gary Luft - Remote  
Judith Benton – Remote  
Stephanie Abright - Remote  
Elizabeth Nelson - Remote  
Steve Hernandez - Remote  
Charles Eaton - Remote  
Dytrun Thirkill -Remote  
Cassy Burluson - Remote  
Billie Myers - Remote  
Renee Turner - Remote  
Robert Brock-Jones - Remote  
Carolyn Cotton - Remote  
Howard Childs - Remote**

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

**STAFF PRESENT**

**Dorothy Marstaller  
Susan Wilson  
Nancy Cross  
Carl Ritter  
Madison Shaw  
Cassie Bianchi  
Heather Faulk  
Mandy Barber  
Brenda Sanchez**

**The meeting was called to order by Board Chair Ben Perry at 5:36 p.m.**

**ESTABLISH QUORUM**

**A quorum was established**

**ORDERING OF AGENDA**

**The agenda remained the same.**

### **MISSION STATEMENT**

The Mission Statement was read during the Executive Committee Meeting.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The pledge of allegiance will be recited when the meetings are held in person.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were none.

### **CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

The Executive Committee recommends approval of the following consent agenda items; May 26, 2020 WCS Executive Committee Minutes, May 26, 2020 WCS Board of Director Minutes, and Financial Report - May 2020, all in favor, motion carries unanimously.

#### **TEA Waiver – Notify for Risk of Failure**

Nancy Cross explained to the Board of Directors, each Spring, students going into the 5<sup>th</sup> grade are required to be notified that passing the STAAR exam is a qualification for advancement to the sixth grade. Due to COVID-19 and school closure, the STAAR exam was not feasible. The STAAR exams are scheduled to resume at the start of the next school year, in August.

The Executive Committee recommends approval of the TEA Waiver – Notify for Risk of Failure, all in favor, motion carries unanimously.

#### **TEA Waiver – Revised Missed School Days & TEA Attestation – Closed, but Committed to Providing Instruction**

Nancy Cross would like the Board of Directors to use this agenda item in conjunction with TEA Attestation – Closed but Committed to Providing Instruction. Nancy explained these waivers were brought to the board in May, but the wrong dates were listed for the closure and remote instruction. The waivers were submitted by the deadline, but Nancy wanted to bring back both agenda items to inform the board of the correct dates.

The Executive Committee recommends approval of the TEA Waiver – Revised Missed School Days & TEA Attestation – Closed, but Committed to Providing Instruction, all in favor, motion carries unanimously.

**Approve Existing Gym Asbestos Abatement**

Nancy Cross explained this would be a future redevelopment for the interior of the building. Phase 1 will be the gymnasium that would be in place of the space previously occupied by Head Start classrooms. This would require a construction permit from the City of Waco and an asbestos inspection would also be required. There was a previous asbestos inspection for the Charter School section of the building, but the area previously occupied by Head Start classrooms, has not been inspected. This project would begin Summer of 2020, while the students are not attending school. For the time being, Nancy is asking the Board of Directors to approve the repair plans for the existing gym to allow for continue use during the school year. Nancy would like to add mats to the walls, to reduce the noise heard from outside of the gym. The cost of the gymnasium repairs would be \$5,000 and an estimated cost of \$20,000-\$25,000 for the new gym to be built in the future.

The Executive Committee recommends approval of the Existing Gym Asbestos Abatement, all in favor, motion carries unanimously.

**Approve WCS Intersession 2020-2021 Calendar**

This agenda item was tabled.

**WCS 9 Week Grading Policy**

Nancy Cross explained she would like to move to a 9-week grading policy regardless of the calendar schedule. This would be beneficial to students' success and keeping parents informed of their student's progress and allowing students more time to improve their grades. The current WCS teachers were in favor of a 9-week grading policy.

The Executive Committee recommends approval of the WCS 9 Week Grading Policy, all in favor, motion carries unanimously.

**WCS Parent Survey Results – Intersession Calendar**

This agenda item was tabled.

**Intent to Apply for Federal Funds: Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER Grant)**

Nancy Cross explained one of the requirements to apply for emergency funds is a declaration of public intent, and this board meeting will serve that

