



**WACO CHARTER SCHOOL  
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING  
MONDAY, August 22, 2022  
REMOTE & IN-PERSON  
5:30 P.M.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Ben Perry – In Person  
Dytrun Thirkill – Zoom  
Elizabeth Nelson – In Person  
Gary Luft – In Person  
Susan Copeland – In Person  
Christopher Chance – Zoom  
Howard Childs - Zoom  
Charles Eaton – In Person  
Billie Myers – In Person  
Renee Turner – Zoom  
Nathesia White – In Person

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT**

Dorothy Marstaller – In Person  
Susan Wilson – In Person  
Robert Kunze – In Person  
Brenda Sanchez – In Person  
Kanisha Johnson – In Person  
Carl Ritter – In Person  
Kelley Holdman – In Person  
Deborah Wesson – In Person  
Bridgette Montgomery - In person  
Dolores Garcia – In Person

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

All Present

**STAFF MEMBERS ABSENT**

All Present

**Call Meeting to Order**

Commissioner Perry called the meeting to order at 5:35 PM

**Establish a Quorum**

A quorum was established

**Ordering of the Agenda**

No reordering of the agenda was needed

**Mission Statement**

Mission Statement be read by Commissioner Perry

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Pledge was recited

**Public Comment**

No one present for public comment

**Consent Agenda**

No changes to the consent agenda

*It comes as a recommendation by the Executive Committee to accept the consent agenda items as presented. All in favor, motion carries.*

**Approve Monthly Financial Report June & July 2022**

Ms. Brenda Sanchez reported on the Monthly Financial Report for June 2022. Expenditures through June totaling \$2,713,911.20 and revenue totaling \$3,034,967.77. Also reported was the Monthly Financial Report July 2022. Expenditures through July totaling \$2,922,823.24 and revenue totaling \$3,289,136.85. Ms. Sanchez reported that WCS is in good financial condition for both months; June 2022 and July 2022. Ms. Copeland asked about the medical expense shown on report, Ms. Sanchez stated expense was for physical/drug screening.

*It comes as a recommendation by the Executive Committee to approve the Monthly Financial Reports for June and July 2022 as presented. All in favor, motion carries.*

**Approve Final Amendment for the Year 2021-2022**

Ms. Sanchez presented the final amendment for school year 2021-2022 for approval for General Fund 420 and Food Service Fund 240. This final budget amendment will align projected revenues and expenditures within reasonable budget for fiscal year reporting.

*It comes as a recommendation by the Executive Committee to approve the Final Amendment for the Year 2021-2022 as presented. All in favor, motion carries.*

**Approve Proposed Food Service and General Fund Budget for 2022-2023 School Year**

Ms. Sanchez presented the proposed budget for Food Service and General Fund for the school year 2022-2023, fiscal year 09/01/2022 – 08/31/2022.

*It comes as a recommendation by the Executive Committee to approve the proposed budget for Food Service and General Fund for the school year 2022-2023 as presented. All in favor, motion carries.*

**Approve WCS Paraprofessional, Auxiliary and Administrators 2.28% COLA**

Ms. Marstaller reported that the Office of Head Start increased the Head Start salary scale 2.28%. Ms. Marstaller recommended that the same Cost of Living Adjustment be approved for WCS paraprofessional, auxiliary, and administrative staff.

*It comes as a recommendation by the Executive Committee to approve a 2.28% COLA for the WCS Paraprofessional, Auxiliary and Administrators. All in favor motion carries.*

**Approve Waiver for Professional Development**

Mr. Ritter requested the approval of the TEA Professional Development Waiver. Mr. Ritter explained that if approved the waiver will allow staff professional development days to be counted towards the required instructional minutes of 75,600.

*It comes as a recommendation by the Executive Committee to approve the Waiver for Professional Development as presented. All in favor, motion carries.*

### **Approve WCS 2022-2023 Student Handbook**

Mr. Ritter requested the approval of the 2022-2023 Student Handbook with only minor changes of dates and wording. Student expectations and possible consequences are more closely aligned to match TEA guidance. Dress code that was specific to boys and girls was removed as to not discriminate.

*It comes as a recommendation by the Executive Committee to approve the WCS 2022-2023 Student Handbook. All in favor, motion carries.*

### **Approve WCS 2022-2023 Student Code of Conduct**

Mr. Ritter requested the approval of the 2022-2023 Student Code of Conduct with only minor changes of dates and wording. Student expectations and possible consequences are more closely aligned to match TEA guidance.

*It comes as a recommendation by the Executive Committee to approve the WCS 2022-2023 Student Code of Conduct. All in favor, motion carries.*

### **Approve Purchase of Smart Boards**

Approve the purchase of Smart Boards for classrooms. Smart Boards are flat screens interactive boards with a variety of functions and are much more versatile than a projector. Boards will be mounted to the wall. The cost of \$54,697 will be for equipment and installation. The amount will be split between ESSER I and ESSER III funds. Ms. Copeland questioned availability of delivery, Mr. Ritter responded according to the vendor no delays and vendor will install equipment. Mr. Luft ask how many will be purchased, Mr. Ritter responded 14 total.

*It comes as a recommendation by the Executive Committee to approve the purchase of Smart Boards. All in favor, motion carries.*

### **2022 Accountability Rating Report**

Mr. Ritter reported on the WCS 2022 TEA Accountability Rating of a C with an overall score of 78. This score is an increase from the last score received by TEA in 2018-2019 school year. Mr. Ritter reported he was pleased with the rating. Ms. Nelson noted a positive progress and proud of the rating. Mr. Perry stated a this is a step forward for WCS regarding the rating.

### **WCS 2022 STAAR Score Results Report**

Ms. Holdman reported on the STAAR results from May 2022 testing. Scores from all subjects increased from Benchmark assessments given during the year. While the results reported highlighted areas of strengths it also reported areas of improvement. Ms. Copeland commented on the good scores and great direction. Ms. Nelson inquired about written portions of the test. Ms. Holdman responded that all testing was online. Mr. Ritter mentioned that those students struggling with reading will often struggle with the math portion of testing due to math word problems. Mr. Perry commended WCS on a great report.

**WCS Principal's Report**

Mr. Ritter reported on the start of the year for new and returning employees and students. Current student enrollment is at 171 students, ending enrollment for 2021-2022 school year was 224 students. Campus has developed a committee for informing the community about WCS. TEA has released the FIRST Rating, rating WCS an A Superior rating. Mr. Ritter reported on the TEA School Safety Update and upcoming mandates and changes assigned by TEA.

**Executive Director Report**

Ms. Marstaller reported on Charter School Conference and September ESC Region 12 Training.

**Executive Session**

The board did not go into Executive Session at this meeting

**Adjourn**

Commissioner Perry adjourned the meeting at 6:13 PM.

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*Commissioner Ben Perry*  
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**Board President**

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**Date**