

WEAKLEY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Sharon School
March 2, 2023
5:00 – 6:13 P.M.

- Board Members:** Beau Atkins, Wendell Cates, Jeff Floyd, Martin Hamlin, John Hatler, Gath Meeks, Joshua Moore, Doug Sims & Steve Vantrease.
- Administrative Staff Present:** Brian Allen, Tracey Bell, Michelle Clements, Jeff Cupples, Lee Lawrence, David Lewellen, John Lifsey, Melanie Needham, Patresa Rogers, Eva Essary, Jon Gardner, Donald Ray High, Mark Maddox, Lindsey Parham & Terri Stephenson.
- Media Present:** *Dresden Enterprise, Weakley County Press & WCMT.*
- Meeting Called To Order:** Chairman Vantrease called the meeting to order.
- I. Agenda Additions Approved** – Motion by Hatler, seconded by Moore to approve the March 2, 2023 agenda additions. Motion carried.
- II. Agenda Approved** – Motion by Moore, seconded by Hatler to approve the March 2, 2023 agenda. Motion carried.
- III. Minutes Approved** – Motion by Meeks, seconded by Atkins to approve the February 2, 2023 minutes. Motion carried.
- IV. Approve Athletic Practice During the School Day** – Motion by Cates, seconded by Sims to approve Athletic Practice During the School Day. Motion carried.
- V. Approve Board Policy 4.205 Revisions (Enrollment in Advanced and College Level Courses)** – Motion by Hatler, seconded by Cates to approve Board Policy 4.205 Revisions. Motion carried. 1st Reading
- VI. ESSER 3.0 Addenda** – Motion by Meeks, seconded by Hamlin to approve ESSER 3.0 Addenda (6 month required review). Motion carried.
- VII. Approve Textbook Adoption** – Motion by Moore, seconded by Floyd to approve the Mathematics Textbook Adoption for 2023-2024SY. Motion carried.
- VIII. Budget Resolutions & Transfers** – The following resolution was approved.
Resolution 2023-28 – Motion by Meeks, seconded by Hatler to approve Resolution 2023-28. Motion carried.

- IV. Volunteer Coach** – Motion by Hatler, seconded by Atkins to approve hiring Emily Bolin as a volunteer coach for Gleason School softball. Motion carried.
- X. Director’s Search Update** – Vantrease made a recommendation to contract with Wayne Qualls Search Firm to help with the search process & conduct individual meetings with all board members to let them know how the process should go. He will validate the candidates credentials and complete any background checks that are needed. He will develop the interview protocol on how to handle the interviews & he will make sure the questions that are asked will be professional, transparent & legal. Mr. Qualls fee normally would be around \$10,000, but since the board has already started the search process his fee would be a minimum of \$5,000 plus fees, but not to exceed \$7,000.
Motion by Hatler to engage Wayne Qualls Search Firm for Director of Schools position, seconded by Cates.
Motion by Hatler to table the original motion until the special called board meeting on March 7, 2023 so the board can meet with Wayne Qualls, seconded by Moore. Motion carried 7 to 2.
- XI. Committee Reports** – Vantrease recommended March 29, 2023 as the date for the Planning Retreat being held at Board of Education.
- XII. Consent Items** – Motion by Sims, seconded by Moore to approve the following consent items. Motion carried.
- A. Field Trips -**
- Dresden High School
 1. FFA to travel to Gatlinburg, TN to attend State Convention March 18-22, 2023.
 - Gleason School
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 - Westview High School
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 2. Softball team to travel to Murfreesboro, TN to compete in a tournament March 24-25, 2023.
 3. FBLA to travel to Chattanooga, TN to attend State Leadership Convention April 2-5, 2023.
 4. STEM Club to travel to Brentwood, TN to compete in the State Robotics Tournament March 3-4, 2023.
- B. Approve Foreign Exchange Student -**
Approve a Foreign Exchange Student from Brazil to attend Westview High School for the 2023-2024SY.

Adjourn – Steve Vantrease adjourned the meeting at 6:13 PM.

Steve Vantrease, Chairman

Randy Frazier, Secretary