**Walton Governance Board Meeting Minutes**

**March 10, 2025**

**In Attendance:**

Neysa Lee

Karen Hallacy

Suzanne Schott

Brian Benton

Susan Thrash

Stephanie Santoro, WHS Principal

**WGB Business:**

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 4:05 pm.

Minutes from the January 13, 2025 Governance Board meeting were approved as submitted and will be posted on the Walton Website for public review.

**Chairman’s Report:**

Chairman’s Report by Neysa Lee

* Upcoming Meetings
  + The next board meeting will be April 14, 2025.
* Legislative Review
  + Karen Hallacy provided a thorough update of pending legislation and its impact on our schools – some topics included staff benefit incentives, safety protocols and focus on mental health awareness for students.
* Selection and Process of the Nominating Committee
  + Karen Hallacy made a motion to form a Nominating Committee comprised of the current members of the board. The Nominating Committee will create a slate of two nominees to replace the two outgoing Board members on the 2025-2027 Walton Governance Board. Brian Benton made a second to the motion. The vote passed unanimously.
  + A post will be made on the website announcing that the committee is accepting applications for new board members
  + The nominating committee will meet to review applicants, vote on the slate within the committee and will present the names of the new members at the April board meeting.
  + The new members will attend the May meeting for crossover.

**Principal’s Report:**

Principal’s Report by Dr. Stephanie Santoro

* With current staff/faculty allotments for the 2025-2026, Dr. Santoro explained that the case load for each counselor has increased dramatically. She is working on strategies to improve these ratios.
* In February, the new security camera was installed at the front entrance. All visitors must show a photo identification to be admitted to the campus through one designated door.
* College and Career Ready Performance Index Report (CCRPI)
  + Continue to score well in achievement
  + Areas for improvement include serving economically disadvantage groups, attendance, ESL groups
* Rising 9th Grade Night was well attended. We are expecting 700 freshmen next year.
* Financial Review
  + Walton has received a Charter Facilities Grant from the State. Plans for the money include installation of the Jumbotron in Raider Valley and painting throughout the buildings. The deadline to spend the funds is June 30.
* 50th Anniversary Celebration plans are underway for April 19. There will be an Open House with tours, food trucks and special guests. It will be a family friendly event.
* The Spring Football Game will be held on May 15 and will also highlight the 50 years of Walton football.

The meeting was adjourned by Neysa Lee. The next meeting will be held on April 21, 2025 at 4:00pm.