**Walton Governance Board Meeting Minutes**

**August 12, 2024**

**In Attendance:**

Neysa Lee

Susan Thrash

Brian Benton

Karen Hallacy

Stephanie Santoro, WHS Principal

**Absent:** Suzanne Schott

**WGB Business:**

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 4:02 pm. Minutes from the May 6, 2024 Governance Board meeting were approved as submitted and will be posted on the Walton Website for public review.

Dr. Stephanie Santoro, WHS Principal, who will be serving as the Governing Board’s School Executive was welcomed.

Report from the Chair:

An overview for 2024-25 was presented.

#### Roles and responsibilities of the Walton Governance Board and the reporting/oversight functions the WGB accomplishes in the monthly meetings: These include approving and monitoring the budget, school strategic plans, student achievement and charter goals, and the waiver impact in areas of curriculum, instruction, and resource

#### Meeting Schedule/Agendas for 2024-2025: 8 board meetings and 3 State required training sessions have been scheduled and posted for review on the website.

* Standing Committees: Standing Committees for Community Enhancement, Technology & Facilities, Curriculum and Instruction, Goals and Assessments are being formed for the school year and will include representatives from the Administration, Teachers, Parents, Students and the Community. A Walton Governance Board member will serve as a liaison to each committee as well.

Election of Officers for 2024-2025

The Chair determined there was a quorum of the Board in attendance so an election of officers could be held. A slate of officers for the 2024-2025 School year was presented. A motion was made by Karen Hallacy to nominate Suzanne Schott as Chair, Neysa Lee as Vice Chair and Susan Thrash as Parliamentarian. Brian Benton seconded the motion. The Chair called for a voice vote and the slate was elected unanimously.

**Principal’s Report:**

Principal Report: Dr. Stephanie Santoro

Overview of 2023-2024 Financials LKES Standard 1-8

* WGB members were provided documents in advance for review
* 2022-23 State and Federal Charter Grants were used to renovate the bathrooms at Raider Valley and bring them up to code and to purchase lunch tables

Overview of 2023-24 Budget LKES Standard 1-8

* Provided Year over Year Budget Comparison
* Additional allocations this year to School Nurse, Safety, Security

State of the School- LKES Standard 1, 2, and 3

* We currently have 2678 students enrolled
* Focus on getting 9th graders off to a great start including providing classroom scheduling and structure to encourage engagement and focus, support development of executive functioning skillsets, and eliminate distractors.
* Walton’s EOC Results from the Spring: American Lit: 99% , Biology: 96% , US History 97%
* Beginning of School Safety Drills have been completed.
* Focusing on improving School Climate for students and faculty.

School Goals and Implementation Plans for 23-24- LKES Standard 1, and 3

* Shared 24-25 School Strategic SMART goals in the areas of Literacy, Math and Behavioral with measurement tied to 9th, 10th and 11th grade PSAT results.
* Use data to determine areas of strength and weakness across subgroups and build interventions to support and accelerate learning – concentration on study skills, time management, classroom focus, mental health and positive school climate
* Paying for all 9th graders to take PSAT.

Principal Personnel Report (including Foundation Supported Hires)

* 2 new administrators will be joining the staff this year
* 8 new certified facility including 2 teachers for Spanish, 1 teacher for Social Sciences, 1 teacher in Math, 1 teacher in English, and 1 Counselor
* 1 additional Security Officer.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:51 by Neysa Lee. The next meeting will be held with the 2024-25 Board on September 9, 2024 at 4:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Thrash.