

Special Board Meeting Minutes of 09-29-2022

The Lamesa Board of Trustees met in a Special Board Meeting on Thursday, September 29, 2022 in the Board Room.

Board Members present: President Rebecca H. Gonzales, April Martinez, Ernest Ogeda, Kevin Telchik Ron Mann and Trey Barrera.

The following Administrators were present: Superintendent Jim Knight, Liz Oaks, Richard Soliz, Jaime Bahlman, David Ritchey, Stacy Stewart, Gregg Moreland, and Joey Hannaway.

Guests in attendance: Calli Ruiz, Danielle Garcia, Gerrie Moreland, Carter Schildknecht, Francis Garcia, Melissa Cazares, Bob Henderson, Kenneth Porterfield, Anita Valenzuela, Susan Halfmann, Shelley Mann, Straley Sanders of KCBD TV, Peyton Touns of KCBD TV, Kara Koehler, Marcus Salazar, Danny Ammons, Lisa Telchik, Cindy Martinez, Julie Knight, Claudia Morales, Shelly L. Gutierrez, Wally Garza, Eddie Rocha, Michael Boyd, Marrior Snell, Julie Wardell, Blayne Middleton, Steve Ruiz, Eric Garcia, Kevin Pedroza, Gabriel Flores, Lillian Barella, Sandy Trevino, Jennifer Guajardo, David Boyd, Trista Boyd, Vinnie Heller, Rey Gonzales, Bobby Shroeder, Rosa Flores, Minerva Bara and Nikki Lopez. Mary Elizabeth Davis represented the Lamesa *Press Reporter*.

President Rebecca H. Gonzales called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Ron Mann gave the invocation.

Bernett Hernandez conducted the Oath of Office for Trey Barrera.

Melissa Cazares signed up for public speaking but donated her time to Carter Schildknecht. Kara Koehler signed up for public speaking but donated her time to Carter Schildknecht. Carter Schildknecht signed up for public speaking. She was given nine minutes to speak. Kenneth Porterfield signed up for public speaking but declined to speak. Bob Henderson signed up for public speaking but declined to speak.

The Board heard the Level III Employee Grievance of School Resource Officer Gabriel Flores against Superintendent Knight.

The Board went to Closed Session at 7:20 p.m. under Texas Government Code 551.071 to seek and receive legal counsel regarding Level III Employee Grievance. The Board reconvened at 8:26 p.m. No action was taken.

Ron Mann made the motion that the Board abate it's decision off the floor of this grievance until the Board gets more information on the federal discrimination complaint. Ernest Ogeda seconded it. It passed by a vote of 6-0.

The Board went to Closed Session at 8:27 p.m. under Texas Government Code 551.071 to seek and receive legal counsel regarding the Superintendent's employment. The Board reconvened at 9:23 p.m. No action was taken.

Ron Mann made the motion to accept the voluntary retirement agreement as presented by Superintendent Jim Knight. Ernest Ogeda seconded it. It passed by a vote of 6-0.

Ron Mann made the motion to hire Dalia Benavides as Interim Superintendent effective Tuesday, October 4th, 2022. Ernest Ogeda seconded it. It passed by a vote of 6-0.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:24 p.m.