

## Board Meeting Minutes of 11-17-2022

The Lamesa Board of Trustees met in a Regular Meeting on Thursday, November 17, 2022 in the Board Room.

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

The following Administrators were present: Interim Superintendent Dalia Benavides, Liz Oaks, Richard Soliz, David Ritchey, Maranda Watson, Joey Hannaway, Melanie Jasper, Stacy Stewart, Jaime Bahlman and Matt Mills.

Guest(s) in attendance: Carter Schildknecht, Mike Hughes, Marian Strauss, Abel Hernandez, Frankie Sauseda, Blayne Middleton and Timothy Drew. Mary Elizabeth Davis represented the *Lamesa Press Reporter*.

President Rebecca H. Gonzales called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Abel Hernandez gave the invocation.

Carter Schildknecht signed up for public speaking. She was given three minutes to speak.

April Martinez made the motion to approve the regular minutes of October 20, 2022 and the special meeting minutes of November 3, 2022. Ernest Ogeda seconded it. It passed by a vote of 7-0.

Ron Mann made the motion to approve the financial report. April Martinez seconded it. It passed by a vote of 7-0.

All campus Principals gave a brief report of their respective campuses. South Elementary-Joey Hannaway, North Elementary-Maranda Watson, Middle School-Melanie Jasper-Gonzales, and High School-David Ritchey. Trey Barrera left the meeting at 6:38 p.m. He returned at 6:39 p.m.

Jaime Bahlman gave a brief overview of the ESL (English as a Second Language) Program.

The Board went into Closed Session to consult with the attorney under Texas Government Code 551.071 regarding possible litigation with regards to the removal of the communications pole on district property as part of the Region 17 information network (the "Consortium") at 6:52 p.m. The Board reconvened at 7:37 p.m.

Mrs. Benavides introduced Marian Strauss from TASB. She gave the Board a brief presentation of the Superintendent search process. Benavides also informed the Board of a Board Training scheduled for Wednesday, December 21, 2022 from 5:30-8:30 p.m.

April Martinez made the motion to approve Policy DC (LOCAL) giving the Superintendent sole authority to employ and dismiss contractual and non-contractual employees. Kevin Telchik seconded it. It passed by a vote of 7-0.

Ernest Ogeda made the motion to approve the District Improvement Plan 2022-2023. Kevin Telchik seconded it. It passed by a vote of 7-0.

April Martinez made the motion to approve the MOU with Lubbock County Juvenile Board (Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program) in order to allow the district to send Lamesa ISD students for disciplinary action upon Superintendent's approval. Ron Mann seconded it. It passed by a vote of 7-0.

Ron Mann made the motion to continue live streaming of LISD School Board Meetings. April Martinez seconded it. It passed by a vote of 5-2. Rebecca Gonzales and Ernest Ogeda opposed.

Ron Mann made the motion to adopt a resolution authorizing the engagement of the services of the Underwood Law Firm, P.C., or another law firm as determined by and the consortium and/or Region 17 ESC, as fiscal agent for the consortium, to file suit against Conterra (and/or any other party relating to the February 19, 2010, Region 17 WAN Telecommunications service agreement and network) on the districts' behalf either individually or together with one or more of the members of the consortium and Region 17 ESC. Ernest Ogeda seconded it. It passed by a vote of 7-0.

Ernest Ogeda made the motion to adjourn. Trey Barrera seconded it. It passed by a vote of 5-0.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.