Board Meeting Minutes of 04-20-2023

The Lamesa Board of Trustees met in a Regular Meeting on Thursday, April 20, 2023 in the Board Room.

Board Members present: President Rebecca H. Gonzales, Cindy Martinez, Kevin Telchik, Ernest Ogeda, April Martinez and Trey Barrera arrived at 6:30 p.m. Ron Mann was not in attendance.

The following Administrators were present: Superintendent David Ritchey, Dr. Gregory Nelson, Ron McBee, Maranda Watson, Joey Hannaway, Jaime Bahlman, Frankie Sauseda and Stacy Stewart.

Guest(s) in attendance: Mary Benton, Kenley Hannaway, Irma Sanchez, Makayla Sanchez, Hannah Clements, Rosie Trejo, Leticia Dimas, Robert Dimas, Adam Ontiveros, Oscar Ontiveros, Karla Rios, Alexa Ontiveros, Oscar Ontiveros, Bill Paulk, Tracy Paulk, Darby Hatchett, Layke Hatchett, Quinn Hatchett, Joel Delgado, Jace Delgado, Roxanne Gaitan, Zaden Delgado, Zaylee Delgado, Betsy Gaitan, Julian Hernandez, Bernardo Gonzales, Amy Baker, Weldon Baker, Adam Garza, Jr., Reyna Garza, Annalisa Garza, Sarah Lozano, Aubree Lozano, Chloe Lozano, Alyssia Amiang, Kara Rosas, Kiari Manciaz, Tami Northcott, Robert Northcott, Jocelyn Northcott, Michelle Torres, Cynthia Torres, Aricella Jones, Jill Hernandez, Noel Hernandez, Derek Olivo, Kiayra Salinas, Candy Hunter, Pamela Meraz, Jodee Gutierrez, Melissa Martin, Roger L. Martin, Rilee Martin, Lilliana Bara, Katarina L. Corban, Rosario Moreno, Matt Rocha, Ana Li Rocha, Ezra Rocha, Baby Twin Rochas, Phillip Morales, Mayda Dimas, Lilliana Morales, Katy Crutcher, Shannon Aguirre, Nelly Aguirre, Bobbi Stilwell, Shayla Scott, Aiden Scott, Ezra Scott, Amanda Barrera, Mark Hughes, Dee Barrera, Rose Ruiz, Calli Ruiz, Raven Ruiz, Raider Ruiz, Abigail Ramford, Claudia Morales, Angelina Morales, Jessica Moreno, Andrea Olivo, Armani Contreras, Ai Nai Wesley, Aaliya Mecalco, Amora Rios, Harmoney Moreno, Nikki Lopez, Caden Barrera, Christopher Barrera, Joyce Trevino, Gary Pope and Carol Sitton. Mary Elizabeth Davis represented the Lamesa Press Reporter.

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

Mark Hughes gave the invocation.

No one signed up for public speaking.

There was a moment of silence for Coach Kurt Pierce.

Joseph Hannaway, Principal of South Elementary gave a brief presentation of his campus. Mr. Hannaway presented certificates and ribbons to students for Storytelling, Music Memory, Oral Reading, Spelling and Creative Writing. Maranda Watson, Principal of North Elementary gave a brief presentation of her campus. Mrs. Watson presented certificates and ribbons for Third Grade Chess, Oral Reading, Spelling and Storytelling. Fourth grade Art Memory, Oral Reading, Ready Writing and Spelling. Fifth grade Art Memory, Chess, Dictionary Skills, Listening, Oral Reading, Ready Writing and Spelling.

April Martinez made the motion to approve the regular board minutes of March 23, 2023, and special board minutes of April 11, 2023. Cindy Martinez seconded it. It passed by a vote of 5-0.

Trey Barrera arrived at 6:30 p.m. April Martinez made the motion to approve the Financial Report. Ernest Ogeda seconded it. It passed by a vote of 6-0.

CFO Ron McBee discussed the student accident insurance and showed comparisons from Health Special Risk, Inc. and Tx Kids First.

HR Director, Dr. Gregory Nelson, gave a brief discussion of DCE(LOCAL) Policy. This policy would enable the district to use non certified contracts.

President Gonzales read the documented board education hours. Trey Barrera-3 hours, Rebecca Gonzales-15 hours, Ron Mann-17.25, April Martinez-10.50 hours, Cindy Martinez-3 hours, Ernest Ogeda-17.75 hours and Kevin Telchik-3 hours.

Superintendent Ritchey presented Trey Barrera with a certificate of appreciation for his service to the Lamesa School Board. He stated the Middle School Library lacks a few items to be finished. The lift in the gym is working properly. Mr. Ritchey believes the Middle School will be fully operational by the start of school in August. The lights in the gym at the High School are not programmed to come on and off without manually turning them on. Ritchey is also looking to possibly add some landscaping to the exterior. He added the Legislature is discussing to require schools to have an Active Shooter Training. The Legislature would also like to have harder penalties for truancies. They would also like to offer \$8000.00 to parents to have their students attend a Private School. In conclusion, the Legislature would like to offer pay raises for all teachers and money to schools for enrollment instead of attendance. The Legislature would also prohibit school administrators to allow students to return to the classroom for disruptions or misbehaviors when the teacher has already removed the student. And lastly, the Board chose to have the May Board Meeting on May 25th.

Ernest Ogeda made the motion to approve a request for additional state aid for Ad Valorem Tax Credit for the Mesquite Creek Wind Project. April Martinez seconded it. It passed by a vote of 6-0.

Kevin Telchik made the motion to approve the School Calendar for 2023-2024. Ernest Ogeda seconded it. It passed by a vote of 6-0.

Ernest Ogeda made the motion to approve Food Service Contract with ARAMARK. Kevin Telchik seconded it. It passed by a vote of 6-0.

April Martinez made the motion to approve PCAT Property Casualty Alliance of Texas. Ernest Ogeda seconded it. It passed by a vote of 6-0.

Cindy Martinez made the motion to approve FFI(LOCAL) Policy. April Martinez seconded it. It passed by a vote of 6-0.

April Martinez made the motion to approve DCE(LOCAL) Policy. Cindy Martinez seconded it. It passed by a vote of 6-0.

Ernest Ogeda made the motion to approve the list of positions applicable to DCE(LOCAL) Policy. April Martinez seconded it. It passed by a vote of 6-0.

April Martinez made the motion that the Board approve the list of recommended contract renewals as presented by LISD Administration, with the exceptions of those on the excluded list for reasons defined by Administration. Ernest Ogeda seconded it. It passed by a vote of 6-0.

The Board went to Closed Session as allowed by the Texas Government Code, Section 551.074 at 7:12 p.m. The Board reconvened at 7:55 p.m. No action was taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.