

Board Meeting Minutes of 05-25-2023

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, Melissa Cazares, Ernest Ogeda, April Martinez, Kevin Telchik and Ron Mann.

The following Administrators were present: Superintendent David Ritchey, Dr. Gregory Nelson, Ron McBee, Melanie Jasper, Randy Bullard, Jaime Bahlman, Frankie Sauseda, Stacy Stewart and Michael Boyd.

Guest(s) in attendance: Tabrina Tijerina, Fernando Torres, Maria Guevara, Fernando Alfaro, Cynthia Torres, Michelle Torres, Ariella Jones, Kathryn Resendez, Jill Hernandez, Kerri Cook, Julie Torres, Ana Gonzales, TJ Hernandez, Mariah Hernandez, Staci Hernandez, Andy Hernandez, Raquel Silva, Karla Barrera-Silva, Myranda Hernandez, Nathan Ortega, Lisa Cuellar, Irene Galindo, Nathaniel Galindo, Dajia Hernandez, Ethan Toscano, Lisa Hinojos, Nora Acosta, Pam Cummings, Anali Rocha, David Derington, Tami Derington, Madi Derington, Reagan Derington, Noe Carrion, Sonia Carrion, Rosemary McCall, Fasha Edwards, Audrey Rivera and Savannah Moreno. Mary Elizabeth Davis represented the *Lamesa Press Reporter*.

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

Mike Hughes gave the invocation.

No one signed up for public speaking.

There was a moment of silence for the passing of Ashley McCullough's sister.

Melanie Jasper, Principal of Middle School, introduced her first Leadership Team of students Nathan Ortega, Ethan Toscano, Nathaniel Galindo, Dani Hernandez, Myranda Hernandez and Lisa Cuellar. This Leadership Team gave the incoming sixth graders a tour of the Middle School campus to get the students familiarized with the school and were given the opportunity to ask questions. Sonia Carrion, High School Band Director introduced Helen Vargas, Sr., Clarinet solo, and the Trombone Quartet Alisandro Hernandez-Gomez, Sr., Brenden Frix, Sr., Anastasia Contreras, Soph, and Jamie Gonzales, Soph. These students will travel to Pflugerville to compete in the Texas State Solo and Ensemble Contest.

April Martinez made the motion to approve the regular board minutes of April 20, 2023, and special board minutes of May 17, 2023. Ernest Ogeda seconded it. It passed by a vote of 7-0.

Mr. Ritchey introduced Randi Bullard, the new Transportation Director. She gave a brief background of herself.

Ernest Ogeda made the motion to approve the Financial Report. April Martinez seconded it. It passed by a vote of 7-0.

Dr. Gregory Nelson introduced Nicolle Gee Guzman of TASB. Mrs. Guzman gave a report of Lamesa ISD's pay systems review.

Ron McBee, CFO, introduced Carla Pope Osborne and Adam Walker of Perdue Brandon-Attorneys at Law. Ernest Ogeda left the meeting at 7:52 p.m. Ms. Pope gave a report of the Property Value Study for school funding. Mr. Ogeda returned at 7:53 p.m.

Dr. Gregory Nelson, HR Director, gave the Human Resources Report consisting of the New Hires, Separation, and Retirement Report.

Dr. Nelson also gave a safety audit update. He ensured that LISD has various safety and security measures already in place.

Superintendent Ritchey gave the construction and building update. There were a few items that were not in compliance at the HS gym according to the Gymnasium Inspection. April Martinez left the meeting at 8:04 p.m. She returned at 8:06 p.m. As of May 22, 2023, all items were completed and addressed except the handrails to be repainted according to the modifications needs report. In conclusion, Ritchey stated he is keeping a close watch of his emails on the Legislative update regarding school vouchers.

April Martinez made the motion to approve allotment and TEKS Certification Form. Ernest Ogeda seconded it. It passed by a vote of 7-0.

April Martinez made the motion to engage audit firm for the 2022-2023 school year and authorize the Chief Financial Officer to accept the engagement letter. Ernest Ogeda seconded it. It passed by a vote of 7-0.

April Martinez made the motion to approve additional 2023-2024 Employment Contract Renewals for Administrators, Teachers and other Professional Support Employees. Ernest Ogeda seconded it. It passed by a vote of 7-0.

The Board went to Closed Session as allowed by Texas Open Meetings Act to consider and discuss personnel under Texas Government Code, Section 551.074 at 8:10 p.m. The Board reconvened at 9:05 p.m. No action was taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.