

**MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**Tuesday, May 12, 2015**

Members Present:   Trey Hill, Vice-President  
                          Paul Foley, Secretary  
                          Bill Gleason, Assistant-Secretary  
                          Robert Burns, Member  
                          Heath Sisk, Member  
                          Denita Young, Member

Members Absent:   Philip D. Alexander, President

Others Present:    John Rouse, Superintendent  
                          Sandra Parker, Executive Assistant to Superintendent/Board  
                          Jeff Fisher, Assistant Superintendent of Finance  
                          Jennifer Johnson, Director of Curriculum/Instruction

**I. OPENING - CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INVOCATION**

Board Vice President, Trey Hill, called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m., stating that this meeting had been duly called, a quorum was present, and that notice of the meeting had been posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Chapter 551.

Mr. Rouse led the Pledges of Allegiance and Robert Burns gave the invocation.

**II. WILDCAT ROAR**

There were no participants for Wildcat Roar.

**III. OPEN FORUM**

**A. Public Open Forum**

There were no participants in Open Forum.

**III. OPEN FORUM**

**B. Issue Certificates of Election**

Certificates of Election were administered, as a result of the May 9, 2015 Election (which was cancelled, due to all candidates being opposed). The re-elected members for 4-year terms, which expire in May 2019, are:

- Place 4 – Denita Young
- Place 5 – Trey Hill
- Place 6 – Heath Sisk
- Place 7 – Bill Gleason

**III. OPEN FORUM**

**C. Issue Statements of Elected/Appointed Officers**

Statements of Elected/Appointed Officers were processed, as a follow-up to the May 9, 2015 Election process.

**III. OPEN FORUM**

**D. Administer Oaths of Office**

Oaths of Office were administered to the re-elected Board members.

**III. OPEN FORUM**

**E. Election of Board Officers**

Paul Foley made the motion, seconded by Robert Burns, to return all current officers to the same position. These are:

- President – Philip Alexander
- Vice President – Trey Hill
- Secretary – Paul Foley
- Assistant Secretary – Bill Gleason

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

#### **IV. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION**

##### **A. Consent Agenda**

**1. Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)**

- Regular Meeting – April 14, 2015

**2. Financial Reports/Bills** – The Board was apprised of a check in the amount of \$17,200 for the Credit Recovery Program. This exceeds the limit without approval by the Board.

**3. Quarterly Investment Report**

**4. Permanent School Fund**

**5. Transfer Student Requests**

**6. Region VII ESC Commitment Forms – Cooperatives and Data Processing, 2015-16**

**7. Annual Investment Policy Consideration – Board Policy CDA(LOCAL)**

Paul Foley made a motion, seconded by Denita Young, to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented.

Motion carried by unanimous vote, with Trey Hill abstaining, only on payments to the Rains County Leader.

#### **IV. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION**

##### **B. Business and Finance**

##### **1. WAG Report**

Jeff Fisher presented the WAG financial report to the Board. No action was required on this report.

#### **IV. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION**

##### **B. Business and Finance**

##### **2. Athletic Student Insurance**

Robert Burns made a motion, seconded by Heath Sisk, to approve athletic student insurance coverage with Liberty Mutual Accident & Health in the amount of \$22,253.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

#### **IV. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION**

##### **B. Business and Finance**

##### **3. First National Bank – Bank Authorization/Cash Management Agreement Update**

Heath Sisk made a motion, seconded by Robert Burns, to approve personnel updates on the Bank Authorization/Cash Management Agreement with First National Bank. This includes authorization for the following changes to the accounts of Rains Independent School District:

**Accounts: 1023001 – Super Special Account**

**2002194 – Workers' Compensation**

The following may receive balance information and be authorized to receive bank statements:

- Jeff Fisher
- Rachael Spinks
- Debbie Lennon
- Avis Huizar

**Account: 2002335**

- Change Josh Williams and/or Jana Andrews to Rachel Traylor.
- Change Denise Flagg to Gina Hildebrandt.

**Account: Cash Management Agreement, dated July 1, 2012**

- Change Susie Grider to Jennifer Johnson.

**Account: 1023001**

- Allow Jeff Fisher to have internet banking access with transfer capabilities.

Motion carried by unanimous vote, with the exception of Trey Hill, who abstained from action with First National Bank.

#### **IV. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION**

##### **C. Curriculum & Instruction**

There were no items under Curriculum & Instruction for this meeting.

#### **IV. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION**

##### **D. Superintendent Reports**

##### **1. Buildings/Grounds and Construction/Remodeling Projects**

Mr. Rouse provided an update on the grounds.

#### **IV. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION**

##### **D. Superintendent Reports**

##### **2. District Child Development Center Enrollment Guidelines**

*This item was discussed and the members voted on it at the April 14, 2015 meeting. However, since it was not specifically listed on the agenda, it was determined that it should be placed on this agenda for an official vote.*

Bill Gleason made the motion, seconded by Denita Young, to require that students be enrolled in and charged for the Child Development Center on a full-time basis, only, and if slots are available, to open it up for public participation.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

#### **IV. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION**

##### **D. Superintendent Reports**

##### **3. Athletic, Campus, & Department Handbooks, 2015-2016**

No handbooks were presented this month. These will be considered at the July regular meeting.

#### **IV. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION**

##### **D. Superintendent Reports**

##### **4. Spring Board Workshop – Finalize Registration**

No Board members indicated they would be attending the TASB Spring Board Workshop Tuesday, May 19.

Mr. Rouse gave the Board members information regarding a special meeting that has been called and posted for Thursday, May 14, 2015, with Friday, May 15, 2015 as an alternate date. This will include the adoption of Senate Bill 149 (Student Graduation) and the extension of the district's contract with First National Bank.

#### **V. PERSONNEL ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION**

##### **A. Personnel Changes/Contracts**

The following employment changes do not require Board action, but were presented for review for the 2015-2016 school year, unless indicated otherwise:

##### **Resignations, Terminations, Exit Reports:**

- Abigail Leath, Intermediate Sp. Ed. Aide, effective 06-06-15.
- Brandi Crouch, JH English Teacher/Coach, effective 06-30-15.
- Kathy Fisher, Elementary Custodian, effective 04-06-15.
- Brittney Jones, JH Content Mastery Aide, effective 04-17-15.
- Dewey Jarmon, Operations Floor Tech, effective 04-02-15.
- Kandice Brewer, One-Year Temporary Intermediate DAEP Teacher.
- Jill Eager, HS Sp. Ed. Life Skills Aide.
- Martha Kelley, JH Food Service Cook. Retirement.

##### **Employment:**

- Rachel Traylor, Intermediate Principal (Employed at April 14, 2015 Board Meeting).
- Beverly Gaston, JH Content Mastery Aide, effective 04-20-15. Replaces Brittney Jones.
- Jennifer Holt, Special Education Speech Language Pathologist Assistant. Replaces Margaret Fleming.

- Bailey Byas, Elementary 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher. Replaces Ginger Bartley (Reported 04-14-15.)
- Julie Hill, Special Education Diagnostician. Replaces Jennifer Melton (Reassignment 04-14-15).
- Cortney Small, Elementary Secretary to Principal. Replaces Lisa Holman.
- Candace Massey, Elementary Counselor. Replaces Jill Gowin.
- Anna Rhea, HS English Teacher. Replaces Sheri Murdock.

**VI. CLOSED SESSION**

**A. Personnel, Texas Government Code § 551.074**

No action was taken on this item.

**VI. CLOSED SESSION**

**B. Real Property, Texas Government Code § 551.072**

No action was taken on this item.

Mr. Rouse updated the Board on upcoming activities. He also spoke about the tornado damage at Van, Texas and how our district may assist, particularly the school district.

**VII. Board Correspondence**

Miscellaneous correspondence was distributed to Board members.

The meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

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Board President: Philip D. Alexander

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Board Secretary: Paul Foley