

# **Erath Excels! Academy**

Huston Academy

Shoreline Academy

## **Board Meeting August 26, 2013**

**4:30 PM - Erath Excels! Academy  
Stephenville, TX**

**680 Peach Orchard Road,**

**I. Weldon calls meeting to order at 4:37 P.M.**

**II. Roll Call: Board members present: Weldon Huston, Jim Myers, Linda LaMarca, Joanna Shaw, Debra Miller and (Bob Becker). Administration present: Debra Miller, Karen Jackson, Valarie Harvick, and Lori Foster.**

**III. Guests or Committees Calling on the Board**

Lori Foster passed out the Self Evaluations for board members to complete and return. Lori shared the new mission statement, "To empower all students to learn, grow and excel in our challenging world."

Debra Miller updated the board on progress of getting Ranch Good Days eligible to serve. We still need to get a Health Permit and a letter assuring TEA we will accept all students. Debra also informs board that we are still waiting for TEA to make a decision about serving Summer Sky in Evant. Debra explains Board Training options. The TCSA conference is in Ft. Worth this year and training will be on one day. Members will only have to stay one night (which is also optional) and spend one day in training. New members will need 12 hours rather than 6. Debra regretfully shared Shy E, Assistant Principal at Shoreline, resignation letter.

**IV. Lori Foster presented the 2013-2014 Education Service Center Region XI contract for educational services to the board for approval. Jim moves to accept the ESC Contract. Joanna 2nds. Weldon calls for question. Karen is concerned that it is much higher than last year. Weldon calls for vote. All approve.**

**V. Debra recommends that Jim Myers, the second longest serving board member, be approved to serve as the Vice President for the board. Linda moves to elect Jim as the VP of the board. Joanna "happily" seconds the motion. Weldon calls for question. None presented. Weldon calls for vote. All approve.**

**VI. Debra presents Bob Becker and recommends him to serve on the board. Debra moves to approve Bob Becker to serve on the board. Jim seconds. Weldon calls for question. None presented. Weldon calls for vote. All approve.**

**VII. Debra presents June 24, 2013 Board Minutes for approval. Jim moves to approve the minutes. Joanna seconds. Weldon calls for question. None presented. Weldon calls for vote. All approve.**

**VIII. Karen presents the current Financial Report. Jim moves to accept the Financial Report. Linda seconds. Weldon calls for question. None presented. Weldon calls for vote. All approve.**

**IX. Karen presents Budget Amendments for board consideration. She recommends increasing budget by \$54,500 to cover the cost of staff 2% pay increase and additional**

**insurance allowance, cafeteria worker, additional athletic costs and SPED aide salary increase. Jim moves to increase the 2013-2014 Budget by \$54,500. Linda seconds. Weldon calls for question. None presented. Weldon calls for vote. All approve.**

**X. Debra recommends that the board consider removing 5.2, Concealed Hand Gun Prohibition from the TCSA Module 400 Student Charter School Board Policy which was adopted on 2/28/2011. Linda moves to remove 5.2, Concealed Hand Gun Prohibition from the Student Policy. Joanna seconds. Weldon calls for question. None presented. Weldon calls for vote. All agree.**

**XI. Debra presents Leave Policies to include By Back Local Personal Days Policy, Extended Illness Pay Plan Policy, Maternity Leave Policy, and State Sick Days and Local Personal Days Policy (see attachment). Jim moves to approve the four leave policies presented. Linda seconds. Weldon calls for question. None presented. Weldon calls for vote. All approve.**

**XII. Debra explains the advantages of joining the San Antonio Special Programs Coop for 2014-2015. Jim asks about cost to join. Debra explains that our total IDEA B federal SPED monies would have to be used plus an administrative fee of \$300 per student (can vary each year) and an annual fee of \$500. The co-op would provide hard to find staffing when needed for students that require specific services. They also have legal representation support for schools. Joanna moves to join the SASPC for the 2014-2015 school year. Linda seconds. Weldon calls for question. None presented. Weldon calls for vote. All approve.**

**XIII. Jim moves to adjourn meeting. Joanna seconds. All approve.**