

Erath Excels! Academy

Huston Academy

Shoreline Academy

Board Minutes September 23, 2013

4:30 PM Erath Excels! Academy 680 Peach Orchard Road Stephenville, TX

I. Weldon Huston calls meeting to order at 4:35 PM.

II. Board members present: Weldon Huston, Jim Myers, Linda LaMarca, Bob Becker and Debra Miller. Administration present: Karen Jackson, Valarie Harvick and Debra Miller.

III. Debra introduces Larry Williamson, owner of EarthCo Building Systems Inc. from Ranger, Texas. Mr. Williamson gave an interesting and informative presentation about the EarthCo Mega Block process. Debra explained that our ESC Contract total price was reduced due to a few adjustments and error corrections. Debra informed board that Lori Foster, Brittany Garza and Katie Carr submitted letters of resignation. Barbara Jones, our diagnostician also wants to retire (again) but agrees to stay until we can fill her position. Debra explains that we are looking for someone to take that position. Debra also informed the board of new staff members include Debbie Mangram - Cafeteria, Quincy Hough – Volleyball and Basketball Coach and Assistant Football Coach , and Karen Dewald – AP for Shoreline.

IV. Linda moves to approve the August 26, 2013 board minutes. Jim seconds. Weldon calls for question. Non presented. Weldon calls for vote. All approve.

V. Karen presents current financial report. She is still working on final audit paperwork. Jim moves to approve the financial report. Linda seconds. Weldon calls for question. None presented. Weldon calls for vote. All approve.

VI. Karen informs the board that the new federal lunch program has a different code than we were using when we were not part of the federal program. She will be moving from the original code to the another code. We may have to increase the food program budget but not sure until we find out what compensation monies we will receive. There are no budget amendments at this time.

VII. Valarie explains the problems we are having with our new curriculum software, Edmentum. She is getting bids and information on what technology we need to purchase in order to correct the problem. We may need as much as \$10,000 to fix the problem. Consider Technology Purchase. Jim moves to increase the technology budget to \$20,000 to help upgrade our technology program. Linda seconds. Weldon calls for question and makes the suggestion that we consider some type of escrow monies to keep our technology program updated. Debra points out that Valarie does have a Technology Plan but we have not been able to follow it due to limited funds. We just try to get by. Weldon calls for vote. All approve to increase the technology budget to \$20,000.

VIII. Bob moves to allow the school to write a check over \$5000 for the technology purchase needed to run the Edmentum curriculum program. Debra seconds. Weldon calls for question. None presented. Weldon calls for vote. All approve.

IX. Debra explains that we would like to hire Lori Foster on a contract labor basis so that she can continue to perform some of the duties she was doing before she resigned. Debra needs to work on the duties needed and an amount that would be reasonable to consider for those duties. Board decided to table this consideration until more information is available.

X. Karen presented a list of stipends we are considering offering our staff for extra duties they are performing i.e. photographer, family dinners, prom, cheerleading, volleyball coach assistant, etc. Linda moves to allow the superintendent to offer stipends in the amounts considered fair not to exceed a total amount of \$3,500. Jim seconds. Weldon calls for question. None presented. Weldon calls for vote. All approve.

XI. Jim moves to adjourn meeting. Bob seconds. All approve.

Board President

Date