

Notice of Regular Board Meeting

The Board of Trustees Stanton ISD

A Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Stanton ISD will be held January 14, 2019, beginning at 6:00 PM in the Board Room in the Administration Building, 200 North College Street, Stanton, Tx.

The subjects to be discussed or considered or upon which any formal action may be taken are listed below. Items do not have to be taken in the same order as shown on this meeting notice. Unless removed from the consent agenda, items identified within the consent agenda will be acted on at one time.

1. Call meeting to order and establish quorum
2. Public Comments / Open Forum
3. Consent Agenda
 - A. Minutes of the December 10, 2018 Meeting
 - B. Monthly Finance Report
 - C. Budget Amendment
4. Review and Discuss Employee Insurance Considerations
5. Bond Construction Update
6. Administrative Reports
 - A. Elementary Report
 - B. Middle School Report
 - C. High School Report
 - D. Athletic Report
 - E. Technology Report
 - F. Maintenance Report
 - G. Federal Programs / ELL Report
 - H. Assistant Superintendent for C&I Report
 - I. CFO Report
 - J. Superintendent Report
7. Review, Discuss & Take Appropriate Action Regarding the 2017-2018 Independent Audit Report
8. District Personnel
 - A. Resignations

B. Employ Personnel

9. Review and Discuss Superintendent Evaluation and Contract

10. Closed Meeting

A. Personnel - Texas Government Code, Section 551.071

11. Action Items Discussed in Closed Meeting

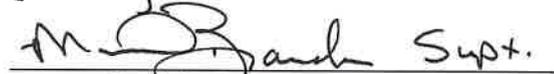
12. Issues / Concerns for Future Agenda or Administrative Reports

13. Adjourn

If, during the course of the meeting, discussion of any item on the agenda should be held in a closed meeting, the board will conduct a closed meeting in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Government Code, Chapter 551, Subchapters D and E or Texas Government Code section 418.183(f). Before any closed meeting is convened, the presiding officer will publicly identify the section or sections of the Act authorizing the closed meeting. All final votes, actions, or decisions will be taken in open meeting. [See BEC(LEGAL)]

The notice for this meeting was posted in compliance with the Texas Open Meeting Act on:

January 11, 2019 at 3:40 p.m.

 M. B. and Supt.

For the Board of Trustees

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE STANTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT HELD ON THE 14TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2019 AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION BUILDING.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Darren Patrick, Edward Armendarez, Reggie Franklin
Marty Graham, Ramiro Reyes, Jeremy Louder.
Daniel Ramos

MEMBERS ABSENT:

SCHOOL OFFICIALS PRESENT: Dr. Merl Brandon, Superintendent
Jan McCown, Asst. Superintendent
Brad Holland, Chief Financial Officer
Leah Mitchell, Elementary Principal
Matt Turney, High School Principal
Cody Hogan, Athletic Director
Jay Baker, Technology Director
Dennis Simpson, Maintenance Director

GUESTS PRESENT: Wilma Stirl
Dal Watson
Don Crawford

Call meeting to order and establish quorum:

At 6:00 p.m., Mr. Franklin called the meeting to order and established a quorum. Mr. Ramos arrived at 6:22 p.m. and Mr. Louder arrived at 6:31 p.m. All other members were present when the meeting was called to order.

Public Comments / Open Forum:

No public comment was given.

Consent Agenda:

Mr. Graham made a motion to approve all payments for the month excluding Wes-Tex. Mr. Reyes seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0-1 with Mr. Franklin abstaining. Mr. Reyes made a motion to approve payments to Wes-Tex for November 2019 and December 2019. Mr. Graham seconded the motion and the motion was approved 4-0-1 with Mr. Patrick abstaining. Mr. Reyes made a motion to approve all other consent agenda items as presented. Mr. Graham seconded the motion and the motion was approved 5-0.

Review and Discuss employee Insurance Considerations:

Mr. Don Crawford and Mr. Dal Watson from Crawford Insurance were present to discuss the District's current insurance policy coverage and process of vendor selection. Mr. Crawford reported that the District has an Interlocal agreement with Crawford Insurance. Mr. Crawford said the Interlocal agreement provides cooperative program benefits such as Cobra Administration and MD Live services. Dr. Brandon asked if the approximate 30% administrative fee charged each month was only Blue Cross Blue Shield (BCBS) charges or if that included administrative charges from Crawford insurance as well. Mr. Watson reported that the monthly administrative fees did represent fees from BCBS and Crawford Insurance. Mr. Watson added that part of the administrative fees were related to the portions of the policy that provide coinsurance and stop loss protection. When asked about the process of acquiring bids or quotes from other companies, Mr. Crawford commented that he has stayed with BCBS due to the size of the company which provides for greater discounts from doctors and hospitals therefore reducing premiums. Mr. Crawford added that an additional benefit of BCBS is a greater pool providers in West Texas compared to other insurance companies. Mr. Franklin asked when Crawford Insurance would need to know if the District wanted to go out for bids. Mr. Crawford said he would need to know around the March or April time frame. Mr. Patrick asked when Mr. Crawford last formally requested bids from multiple vendors. Mr. Crawford replied that it has been several years. Mr. Franklin thanked Mr. Crawford and Mr. Watson for their time and information and told them the District would discuss in more detail the possibility of requesting a formal bid process for next school year.

Bond Construction Update:

Dr. Brandon reported that mediation would more than likely not take place until late February. Mr. Louder asked if there was any type of formal deadline for the mediation to take place. Dr. Brandon said he would check to be sure. Mr. Louder asked if the District was tracking warranty items. Mr. Simpson said the maintenance department was keeping a record of all warranty and maintenance requests.

Administrative Reports:

Elementary Report:

Mrs. Mitchell reported on upcoming weekly events and activities, UIL, evaluations, and student enrollment.

Middle School Report:

Mr. Avila reported on enrollment numbers, UIL, Map testing, and handbook revisions

High School Report:

Mr. Turney reported on handbook revisions related to ISS, enrollment, 1:1 Chromebook Handbook, parent letter, and assembly.

Athletic Report:

Mr. Hogan reported on current basketball team records, athletic program growth and a need for equipment. Mr. Hogan reviewed pricing for the consideration of helmets, shoulder pads, and weight room equipment.

Maintenance Report:

Mr. Simpson updated the board on current projects, warranty items, and progress on the new maintenance facility.

Federal Programs / ESL Report:

Mrs. Snellgrove updated the board on current ELL student numbers,

TELPAS, ISS, DAEP, Attendance, upcoming textbook adoptions, and District Leadership Team meetings.

Assistant Superintendent for C & I Report:

Mrs. McCown updated the board on professional development, IR grant progress, and recent benchmark and interim testing.

CFO Report:

Mr. Holland presented the quarterly investment report, adjustments to state aide, public projection update and the December BCBS insurance report.

Superintendent Report:

Dr. Brandon reviewed information about mid-size schools from the Texas Association of Community Schools, a charter notification from the Texas Education Agency, and a revised bleacher quote from Southern Bleacher Company.

Review, Discuss & Take Appropriate Action Regarding the 2017-2018 Independent Audit Report:

Mr. Holland informed the board of the submission process and status of the 2017-2018 audit. Mr. Louder made a motion to approve the 2017-2018 audit report prepared by Stalling and Herm as presented. Mr. Reyes seconded the motion and the motion was approved 7-0.

District Personnel:

Mr. Reyes made a motion to approve the resignation of Mr. Jeff Dunn. Mr. Graham seconded the motion and the motion was approved 7-0. There were no personnel recommendations for hire.

Review and Discuss Superintendent Evaluation and Contract:

Dr. Brandon reviewed the Commissioner Recommended Student Performance Domain, Board Superintendent Goal accomplishments for 2018 and a copy of the 2018-2019 Region 18 superintendent salaries. Mr.

Franklin asked board members to review the documents and be prepared to complete the superintendent evaluation at the December 11 board meeting.

Closed Meeting:

Mr. Franklin moved the board into closed session at 8:47 p.m. The board returned to open session at 9:27 p.m.

Action Items Discussed in Closed Meeting:

No action was taken as a result of closed session.

Issues / Concerns for Future Agenda or Administrative Reports:

No issues or concerns were reported.

Adjourn:

Mr. Ramos made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Reyes and approved 7-0.

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President *Date*

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