

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE STANTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT HELD ON THE 5TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2018 AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION BUILDING.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

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

GUESTS PRESENT: Wilma Stirl

Call meeting to order and establish quorum:

At 6:02 p.m. Mr. Franklin called the meeting to order and established a quorum.

Public Comments / Open Forum:

No public comment was given.

Consent Agenda:

Mr. Franklin asked if there were any budget amendments. Mr. Holland said there were not any for this month. Mr. Graham made a motion to approve the consent agenda items as presented excluding payments to Wes-Tex. Mr. Reyes seconded the motion and the motion passed 5-0-2 with Mr. Franklin and Mr. Louder abstaining. Mr. Graham made a motion to pay West-Tex as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Reyes and approved 6-0-1 with Mr. Patrick abstaining.

Public Hearing Regarding the Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST) Report:

At 6:05 p.m. Mr. Franklin moved to a public hearing regarding the 2016-2017 Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST) Report. Mr. Holland presented the FIRST rating indicators to the board and the score for each indicator. Mr. Holland gave credit to Mrs. Shaffer and the business office staff for their work in the District receiving a Superior Achievement rating on the FIRST report. Mr. Holland also discussed state wide statistics regarding the FIRST Rating as well as reviewing the 2016-2017 Annual Financial Management Report.

Mr. Reyes made a motion to approve the 2016-2017 FIRST Report as presented. Mr. Louder seconded the motion and the motion was approved 7-0.

Bond Construction Update:

Dr. Brandon discussed the possibility of a scheduled mediation with Buford Thompson Company in December 2018. Dr. Brandon reported that the maintenance department had discovered mold located above the ceiling tiles in a storage room at the high school. Mr. Simpson informed BTC of the problem and sent a sample of the mold to the laboratory for testing. Mr. Graham asked if any leaks were discovered with the large amount of rain over the past few weeks. Dr. Brandon reported that there were several leaks from the rain but that BTC had been timely in their response to correct the problems

Administrative Reports:

Elementary Report:

Mrs. Mitchell reported on the weekly schedule of events, interim testing, staff development and enrollment.

Middle School Report:

Mr. Avila reported on enrollment, staff development, field trips, Chamber of Commerce Mixer, schedule changes and upcoming events.

High School Report:

Mr. Turney reported on enrollment, student initiatives, and upcoming events.

Athletic Report:

No report was given.

Technology Report:

No report was given.

Maintenance Report:

No report was given.

Federal Programs / ESL Report:

Mrs. Snellgrove reported on ELL numbers, waivers, District Leadership Team, ISS, DAEP, textbooks, Oddyseyware, and the Stanton Accelerated Instruction and Learning Program (S.A.I.L.)

Assistant Superintendent for C & I Report:

Mrs. McCown reported on unit and benchmark testing, and professional development.

CFO Report:

Mr. Holland reported on current Blue Cross Blue Shield insurance information and pupil projection numbers.

Superintendent Report:

Dr. Brandon reported on facilities improvements at the elementary and middle school. Improvements included playground shades and safety fencing around electrical boxes. Dr. Brandon shared plans for a future pavilion at the elementary, the middle school STEM lab and Robotics program, the new high school media center furniture, and a possible new CTE route at the high school focused on oil and gas production careers.

Consider, Discuss, and Approve the 2017 Stanton ISD, Martin County Delinquent Tax Role:

Board members took several minutes to review the 2017 delinquent tax role. Mr. Patrick made a motion to approve the 2017 Martin County Delinquent Tax Role as presented. Mr. Ramos seconded the motion and the motion was approved 7-0.

Consider, Discuss, and Take Appropriate Action Allowing Tradition Energy Through U.S. Communities to Negotiate and Select Stanton ISD's Electricity Renewal Contracts At or Below the Current Rate and that Provides the Best Value For The District:

Mr. Holland presented the board with several preliminary quotes from electricity providers negotiated by Tradition Energy. Mr. Holland provided discussion points on the number of contract years, percent of swing per KWH, add / delete of meters, and material change. Board members asked several questions regarding the pros and cons of each company quote related to the discussion points.

Mr. Louder made a motion to allow Tradition Energy through U.S. Communities to negotiate and select Stanton ISD's electricity renewal contracts at or below the current rate and that provides the best value for the District. Mr. Graham seconded the motion and the motion was approved 7-0.

Consider, Discuss, and Approve TASB Revised BE(LOCAL) Board Policy Reflecting a Change in Board Meeting Start Time:

Dr. Brandon reviewed the TASB policy revision changing the monthly board meeting start time from 7:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Mr. Reyes made a motion to approve TASB's revision to BE(LOCAL) as presented. Mr. Graham seconded the motion and the motion was approved 7-0.

Consider, Discuss, and Approve TASB Revised EIF(LOCAL) Board Policy Regarding Graduation Credits:

Dr. Brandon and Mr. Turney discussed current graduation requirements with and without an endorsement. Mr. Turney discussed how students in danger of not graduating would benefit from revising current board policy requiring six additional credits for graduation to the current state minimum requirement. Mr. Turney commented that the majority of Stanton seniors would remain on graduation routes requiring additional credits but several students in danger of not graduating would see a benefit from this change in policy.

Mr. Reyes made a motion to approve the TASB revisions to Board Policy EIF(LOCAL) as presented. Mr. Ramos seconded the motion and the motion was approved 7-0.

Consider, Discuss, and Take Appropriate Action Regarding the Employee Salary Augmentation / Retention Stipend:

Mr. Holland reported that the retention stipend budgeted is approximately \$212,000 annually and sufficient funds were available to provide the stipend if approved. Mr. Graham made a motion to approve a \$700.00 Full-Time and \$350.00 Part-Time Employee Salary Augmentation / Retention Stipend payable in the December pay period. The motion was seconded by Mr. Louder and approved 7-0.

District Personnel:

Dr. Brandon presented resignation letters from Bonnie Burkhart, Jerry Burkhart, Selena McCool, and Aaron Bowles. Board members reviewed letters from each employee. Mr. Louder made a motion to accept the resignations as presented. Mr. Graham seconded the motion and the motion was approved 7-0.

Dr. Brandon recommended the hire of Mr. Teddy Hallford. Mr. Ramos made a motion to hire Mr. Teddy Hallford on a probationary contract subject to assignment. The motion was seconded by Mr. Louder and approved 7-0.

Closed Meeting:

At 7:50 p.m. Mr. Franklin returned the board to open session.

Action Items Discussed in Closed Meeting:

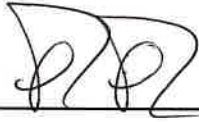
No action was taken as a result of the closed meeting.

Issues / Concerns for Future Agenda or Administrative Reports:

No issues or concerns were noted.

Adjourn

At 7:51 p.m. Mr. Ramos made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Reyes seconded the motion and the motion passed 7-0.



12-10-18

President

Date

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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, Texas 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.