

Board Meeting Minutes of 08-12-2021

The Lamesa Board of Trustees met in a Regular Meeting on Thursday, August 12, 2021 in the Board Room.

Board Members present: President Rebecca Gonzales, Beverly Brewer, Cam Wade, April Martinez, Ernest Ogeda, Kelli Merritt and Melissa Cazares.

The following Administrators were present: Superintendent Jim Knight, Liz Oaks, Richard Soliz, Stephen Cross, Dr. James Lewallen, Jaime Bahlman, and David Ritchey.

Guest(s) in attendance: Sarah Clement, Michelle Lewallen, Justin Lindsey, Amy Baker, Treletta Young, Gabriel Chapa, Maranda Watson, Joey Hannaway, Jean Arismendez, Bayli Wright, Vanessa Hernandez and Cris Norris. Mary Elizabeth Davis represented the Lamesa *Press Reporter*.

President Rebecca Gonzales called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Superintendent Jim Knight gave the invocation.

President Gonzales opened the floor for public hearing on Federal Programs. No one signed up. Gonzales closed the floor. Chief Financial Officer Liz Oaks gave a brief summary of the ESSER money.

Kelli Merritt made the motion to approve all consent agenda items. Ernest Ogeda seconded it. It passed by a vote of 6 with 1 abstention.

CFO Liz Oaks stated she is responsible for the truth in taxation for LISD. Mrs. Oaks discussed some historical changes over the years in property values and tax rates and the 2021-22 budget. Cris Norris gave a brief overview of the health insurance changes and the Property and Casualty Insurance for LISD.

Superintendent Knight reported that construction on the LHS gym is underway. Other construction at other campuses is nearing completion. Knight reminded the board that the Budget & Tax Rate Hearing will be August 26, 2021 and the CTE Tour for the community is Tuesday, August 17th at 6:00 p.m. Finally, Mr. Knight requested that the members that are planning to attend the TASB Convention in Dallas let him know by the first of September.

Melissa Cazares made the motion to approve TASB Update 117, Policies CH, CV & DEC LOCAL. Cam Wade seconded it. It passed by a vote of 6-1.

Ernest Ogeda made the motion to approve 2021-22 Code of Conduct. Kelli Merritt seconded it. It passed by a vote of 7-0.

Ernest Ogeda made the motion to approve an Interlocal Agreement with Region 18 Education Service Center. Melissa Cazares seconded it. It passed by a vote of 7-0.

Beverly Brewer made the motion to approve an Interlocal Agreement with Central Texas Purchasing Alliance. April Martinez seconded it. It passed by a vote of 7-0.

Beverly Brewer made the motion to approve the Property and Casualty Insurance for the 2021-22 year with Insurica in the amount of \$306,552. Melissa Cazares seconded it. It passed by a vote of 7-0.

Melissa Cazares made the motion to close High School campus for grades 9-11. Beverly Brewer seconded it. It passed by a vote of 5-2.

Ernest Ogeda made the motion to approve Mark Wilhite, 6th grade teacher at Middle School. Beverly Brewer seconded it. It passed by a vote of 7-0.

Ernest Ogeda made the motion to adjourn.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.