

Board Meeting Minutes of 08-26-2021

The Lamesa Board of Trustees met in a Regular Meeting on Thursday, August 26, 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 and Liz Oaks.

Guest(s) in attendance: 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 CRRSA ESSER II Grant Funds. No one signed up. Gonzales closed the floor.

Chief Financial Officer Liz Oaks stated the ESSER II Grant Program was authorized in the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CRRSA), signed into law in December 2020. The period of availability of CRRSA ESSER II Grand Funds is March 13, 2020 to September 30, 2023. Lamesa ISD has been awarded \$2,346,781. For each LEA that receives a Hold Harmless ADA Adjustment, TEA will fund a portion of that Hold Harmless Adjustment with federal funds. This reduction will be reflected in Lamesa ISD's Foundation School Program (FSP) Funds. Lamesa ISD will utilize their ESSER II Funds to offset the reduction that will occur in FSP Funds and the remaining to prevent, prepare for, or respond to the COVID-19 Pandemic by continuing to employ existing staff.

Mrs. Gonzales opened the floor for the hearing of the 2021-2022 Budget & Tax Rate. No one signed up. Mr. Gonzales closed the floor.

Ernest Ogeda made the motion to adopt the 2021-2022 LISD Budget. Beverly Brewer seconded it. It passed by a vote of 7-0.

Ernest Ogeda made the motion to adopt the Written Ordinance Setting of the M&O Tax Rate at \$1.0517 and the I&S Tax Rate of \$0.35 for 2021-2022 School Year. April Martinez seconded it. It passed by a vote of 7-0.

Ernest Ogeda made the motion to approve the budget amendments. April Martinez seconded it. It passed by a vote of 7-0.

Kelli Merritt made the motion to set a minimum fund balance amount of \$15 million. All \$15 million will be designated for construction. Ernest Ogeda seconded it. It passed by a vote of 7-0.

Beverly Brewer made the motion to adjourn. Ernest Ogeda seconded it. It passed by a vote of 7-0.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.