

## Board Meeting Minutes of 09-16-2021

The Lamesa Board of Trustees met in a Regular Meeting on Thursday, September 16, 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, Jaime Bahlman, Dr. James Lewallen and David Ritchey.

Guest(s) in attendance: Steve Ruiz, Sandra Jacquez, Soronya Shafer, and Zach Holbrooks. 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.

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

Jamie Bahlman-Principal of South Elementary, David Ritchey-Principal of North Elementary, Stephen Cross-Principal of Middle School and Dr. James Lewallen-Principal of High School gave a brief report of the start of school on each of their campuses.

Richard Soliz, Director of Human Resources and Curriculum and Instruction gave a brief overview of the process that LISD takes in order to hire non-certified teachers that are currently working toward getting their certification. This program allows them up to three years to get certified while working with students and other teachers.

Chief Financial Officer Liz Oaks gave a brief report of the current enrollment and population history for Lamesa ISD from 2010 through 2020.

Superintendent Knight introduced Sandra Jacquez, Zach Holbrooks and Soronya Shafer of the South Plains Public Health District. They gave a brief summary of the TEA and CDC COVID Guidelines and answered questions that Board Members had. RN Steve Ruiz, Head Nurse for LISD was also available to help answer questions and give safety protocols in place at all campuses.

Mr. Knight and the Board had a lengthy discussion regarding cafeteria procedures and reasons why parents are not allowed on campuses more frequently. They also discussed why students are not allowed outside food to be brought in per the Wellness Program.

Knight stated LISD will come up with an Asynchronous Plan that is more concise and restrictive. The Bill restricts synchronous learning for students that have to be quarantined.

Knight went on to give a brief Legislative report and construction report. The elevator will be delivered possibly after football season. All other construction is progressing slowly but continuously. The playground equipment at South Elementary needs attention. It is approximately 22 years or older and is not age appropriate. The baseball and softball outfield and fencing needs to be addressed. Perhaps finish turfing the rest of the field to have a finished look with the previous turf or just continue maintenance on it.

In conclusion, Mr. Knight went over the TASB itinerary with the members that will be attending.

Beverly Brewer made the motion to approve employment contracts for Skye Torres and Mariah Tatum. April Martinez seconded it. It passed by a vote of 7-0.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.