

Board Meeting Minutes of 10-21-2021

The Lamesa Board of Trustees met in a Regular Meeting on Thursday, October 21, 2021 in the Board Room.

Board Members present: President Rebecca Gonzales, Beverly Brewer, Cam Wade, Ernest Ogeda, Kelli Merritt and Melissa Cazares. April Martinez was not in attendance.

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: Sarah Clement, Michelle Lewallen, Bayli Wright, Katy Benton, Trey Downer, Timothy Drew, Justin Lindsey and Hannah Clements. Mary Elizabeth Davis represented the Lamesa *Press Reporter*.

President Rebecca Gonzales called the meeting to order at 5:59 p.m.

No one signed up for public speaking.

Superintendent Jim Knight gave the invocation.

Chief Financial Officer Liz Oaks explained the budget amendment and purchases over \$50,000 to USA Shades, RCI, Mitch Hall and LVR Flooring.

Ernest Ogeda made the motion to approve the consent agenda items. Beverly Brewer seconded it. It passed by a vote of 6-0.

Chief Financial Officer Liz Oaks gave a brief financial overview of all district funds. As of to date \$22.6 million of bonds funds have been spent. The total amount spent, encumbered, and estimated for projects to finish that was designated for the bond will end with about \$6 million being used from committed for construction fund balance. The remaining bond projects are the CTE/Band Hall, High School Gymnasium, Security Vestibules at Middle School, High School and North Elementary. Also remaining are a new Ag Farm and Elementary Science Labs. Mrs. Oaks also gave information on the fund balance projected for the end of the fiscal year 2020-2021. She estimates it will decrease by \$1.4 million due to construction projects paid for with local funds and a decrease in funding due to a lower average daily attendance that was supplanted with ESSER funds by TEA. In conclusion, Oaks shared the amount available to LISD through permanent school funds held by Dawson County is \$1,792,729 to be used for capital projects.

Jamie Bahlman Principal at South Elementary, David Ritchey Principal at North Elementary, Stephen Cross Principal at Middle School and Dr. James Lewallen Principal at Lamesa High School gave a brief report of their campuses.

The Campus Instructional Coordinators Timothy Drew, Justin Lindsey, Michelle Lewallen, Bayli Wright and Sarah Clements gave an overview of the "Fundamental 5" Program produced by Sean Cain. The coordinators showed video clips of powerwalks from every campus.

Superintendent Knight stated he would like to have a special board meeting on Friday, November 5, 2021 at noon to discuss the TDA Audit for the cafeteria. He added that we are still waiting on overhead doors for the new Maintenance Building as well as the elevator for the Press Box. The football handicap parking is complete. The security vestibules at North Elementary should be completed in two weeks.

The security vestibules at Middle School should be completed by Thanksgiving. The security vestibules at High School should be completed by Christmas. The new High School gymnasium has had concrete be poured and some steel is going up. Lastly, Knight stated the insurance company has picked up the totaled vehicles and are still awaiting the scope of the claim for MS.

Ernest Ogeda made the motion to approve the contract with Hellas Construction. Beverly Brewer seconded it. It passed by a vote of 5-1.

Beverly Brewer made the motion to request permanent school funds to use for the Hellas Construction Project. Cam Wade seconded it. It passed by a vote of 6-0.

Melissa Cazares made the motion to approve the Asynchronous Plan Resolution. Beverly Brewer seconded it. It passed by a vote of 6-0.

Kelli Merritt made the motion to approve Interlocal with 1GPA Cooperative. Ernest Ogeda seconded it. It passed by a vote of 6-0.

Ernest Ogeda made the motion to approve the Legal Services Agreement with the Underwood Law Firm for redistricting of the district's single member districts after the 2020 Federal Census. Melissa Cazares seconded it. It passed by a vote of 6-0.

Cam Wade made the motion to table to appoint members of the District's Redistricting Advisory Committee for the next board meeting. Beverly Brewer seconded it. It passed by a vote of 6-0.

Beverly Brewer made the motion to offer Lauren Hamilton an employment contract. Ernest Ogeda seconded it. It passed by a vote of 6-0.

The Board went into Executive Session as allowed by Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Section 551.074 at 8:21 p.m.

The Board reconvened at 9:06 p.m. No action was taken.

Kelli made the motion to adjourn. Beverly Brewer seconded it. It passed by a vote of 6-0.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:07 p.m.