

**Minutes of Regular Meeting  
Board of Trustees  
Thursday, January 6, 2022**

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, January 6, 2022, beginning at 6:00 PM, in the Board Room of the Administration Building, 200 North College Street, Stanton, Texas 79782.

**1. Call meeting to order and establish quorum**

At 6:00 p.m., Mr. Louder called the meeting to order and established a quorum. Mr. Franklin and Mr. Patrick were absent.

**2. Public Comments / Open Forum / Student Recognition**

Mr. Louder welcomed guests to the meeting. Dr. Brandon introduced Mrs. Nancy Cooke, CEO at Martin County Hospital. Mrs. Cooke expressed her appreciation to the board for our allowing the hospital to be a community partner with the school district. Mrs. Cooke mentioned several recent projects the hospital and school worked together on. Mrs. Cooke emphasized her appreciation for the use of Stanton ISD facilities for public COVID vaccinations and allowing the introduction of a new school based health clinic. Mrs. Cooke introduced Mrs. Becky Brandon, Director of the Martin County Clinic, and commented that Mrs. Brandon was a big part of leading the community outreach programs. Dr. Brandon discussed Stanton ISD's new Big Red Heart Award and the district's selection of Martin County Hospital District as the first recipient. Dr. Brandon presented the award to Mrs. Cooke and thanked her again for her leadership and partnership.

Mr. Louder asked for any other public comment. Hearing none, Mr. Louder moved the board to agenda items #5 and #6.

**3. Conduct a Public Hearing regarding redistricting of the District's single-member precincts after the 2020 Federal Census.**

*Llevar a cabo una audiencia pública en relación a la redistribución de distritos de un solo miembro del distrito escolar después del censo federal del 2020.*

At 6:13 p.m., after completing agenda items #5 and #6, Mr. Louder moved the board to a public hearing. Dr. Brandon introduced Mr. Brett Hull as the chair person for the redistricting advisory committee (RAC). Dr. Brandon shared with the board his appreciation for the time and effort each RAC member put into the redistricting process. After hearing no further input from the public, at 6:15 p.m., Mr. Louder moved the board back to open session and continued to agenda item #4.

**4. Discussion of Redistricting Plan Options for Board of Trustees**

*Discusión de las opciones del plan de redistribución de distritos para la Junta de Fideicomisarios*

A. Presentation to Board by representative of the Redistricting Advisory Committee regarding recommended Plan.

*Presentación al Consejo de administración por parte de un representante del Comité Asesor para la Redistribución de Distritos en relación al plan recomendado.*

B. Discussion regarding Redistricting Advisory Committee Recommendations on Redistricting Plan.  
*Debate sobre las recomendaciones del plan de redistribución del Comité Asesor para la Redistribución de Distritos.*

C. Consideration and possible action of adoption and approval of a Resolution regarding the adoption of the Redistricting Plan for single-member precincts following the 2020 Census.

*Considerar y tomar posibles medidas para adoptar y aprobar una Resolución sobre la adopción del plan de redistribución de distritos para distritos escolares de un solo miembro después del censo del 2020.*

Mr. Brett Hull reviewed with the board the RAC's discussions regarding proposed redistricting maps A, B, and C. Mr. Hull discussed each map related to registered voter percentages, minority populations, and redistricting guidelines. Board members asked several questions and reviewed boundary lines for each

redistricting map. Board members reviewed Exhibit's A, B, & C from the committee's recommendations and the final recommendation of Plan "B". Mr. Graham made a motion to approve a resolution amending existing single-member trustee district boundary lines according to the Redistricting Advisory Committee's recommendation of Plan B, attached hereto and incorporated for all purposes as Exhibit B, that Exhibit A is incorporated by reference in and made part of this Resolution, and that this Resolution shall take and be given effect January 6, 2022. Mr. Reyes seconded the motion and the motion was approved 5-0.

#### **5. Deliberation and Possible Action Regarding the 2020-2021 Independent Audit Report**

Mr. Holland, CFO, welcomed Mrs. Cathy Pitcock, CPA with Eckert & Company. Due to office and travel issues, Mrs. Pitcock was available for the presentation of the 2020-2021 independent audit report by videoconference. Mrs. Pitcock began by stating the audit report received an unmodified opinion of the district's overall financial statements. Mrs. Pitcock reviewed the district's balance sheet (Exhibit C-1) and the district's statement of Revenue, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance (Exhibit C-3). Mrs. Pitcock concluded her presentation by thanking the board of trustees.

Mr. Graham made a motion to approve the 2020-2021 independent audit report as presented. Mr. Ramos seconded the motion and the motion was approved 5-0.

#### **6. Deliberation and Possible Action to Approve Eckert and Company as the District's Independent Auditor for the 2021-2022 Audit**

Mr. Reyes made a motion to approve Eckert and Company as the District's Independent Auditor for the 2021-2022 audit. Mr. Graham seconded the motion and the motion was approved 5-0.

#### **7. Consent Agenda**

- A. Board Minutes
- B. Monthly Finance Report
- C. Budget Amendments
- D. Quarterly Investment Report

Mr. Holland told the board there were no budget amendments for consideration. Mr. Holland then presented the quarterly investment report. Mr. Holland discussed cash on hand, amounts with Community National Bank, Texas Class, and Tex Pool, and the amount of interest being earned at each investment. Mr. Graham made a motion to approve the consent agenda items as presented accept for payments to Josh Carson or Amanda Louder. Mr. Reyes seconded the motion and the motion was approved 4-0-1 with Mr. Ramos abstaining. Mr. Graham made a motion to approve payment to Josh Carson. The motion was seconded by Mr. Reyes and approved 4-0-1 with Mrs. Carson abstaining. Mr. Reyes made a motion to approve payment to Amanda Louder. Mr. Graham seconded the motion and the motion was approved 4-0-1 with Mr. Louder abstaining.

#### **8. Administrative Reports**

Mr. Holland presented the monthly insurance report.

#### **9. Deliberation and Possible Action Regarding Board Member Resignation**

Board members reviewed the resignations. Mr. Graham made a motion to accept the board member resignations of Darren Patrick and Daniel Ramos. Mrs. Carson seconded the motion and the motion was approved 5-0.

Mr. Louder thanked Mr. Ramos for his dedication to Stanton ISD and willingness to continually help the district when called upon. Mr. Ramos thanked the board and commented on how much he had enjoyed being part of the trustees. Mr. Ramos then left the meeting.

At 7:17 p.m., Mr. Louder moved the board to closed session for the purposes of personnel and deliberation regarding real property.

#### **10. Closed Session (Texas Government Code, Subchapters D and E)**

A. Personnel - Texas Government Code, Section 551.074

B. Deliberation About Real Property - Texas Government Code, Section 551.072

At 7:29 p.m., Mr. Louder moved the board back to regular session.

#### **11. District Personnel**

A. Resignations

B. Personnel-Deliberation and possible action to:

1. Renew or propose the nonrenewal of term contract employees in accordance with Chapter 21, Subchapter E, Texas Education Code; renew or terminate probationary contract employees effective at the end of their current probationary contract periods in accordance with Chapter 21 Subchapter C, Texas Education Code; renew or terminate contract employees on contracts not governed by Chapter 21, Texas Education Code, effective at the end of their current contract periods; and authorize the superintendent to deliver, on Board's behalf, any required notices(s) to such employees in accordance with the Texas Education Code.
2. Offer employment contract(s) to certified and/or non-certified administrator employment applicants(s) for initial assignment by Superintendent to one or more of the following positions: central office administrator; campus principal; assistant principal; and other professional administrative support positions.
3. Offer employment contract(s) to other certified and/or non-certified professional employment applicant(s) for initial assignment by Superintendent to administration, classroom teaching, counseling, librarian, nurse, and other professional instructional and/or professional support positions.

No action regarding district personnel.

#### **12. Consider and Discuss Superintendent Appraisal and Contract**

Dr. Brandon provided the board with a completed Commissioner's-Recommended Student Performance Data Collection and accomplishments related to the 2021 board-superintendent goals. Mr. Louder asked board members to review the documentation and be prepared to use the data to complete the superintendent evaluation in the February board meeting.

#### **13. Adjourn**

Mrs. Carson made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Reyes seconded the motion and the motion was approved 4-0.

Board President



Date

2/14/2022