

**Minutes of Regular Meeting
Board of Trustees
Monday, February 14, 2022**

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Monday, February 14, 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.

2. Public Comments / Open Forum / Student Recognition

Dr. Brandon presented the Big Red Heart Award to Jacee Luxton and Maggie Newman, owners of the Corner Day Spa.

3. Public Hearing: Texas Academic Performance Report

At 6:08 p.m., Mr. Louder moved the meeting to a public hearing for the purpose of reviewing the district's Texas Academic Performance Report (TAPR). Mrs. McCown presented information regarding district and campus accountability ratings, STAAR state assessment scores by grade level and subject area, academic growth comparisons, ELL scores, attendance, graduation rate, college, career, and military readiness percentages, and staffing data. Board members asked several questions about areas of improvement and areas of concern. Mrs. McCown addressed measures taken to improve scores to include discussions on curriculum, professional development, and staffing. Mr. Louder asked if there were any further questions. Hearing none, Mr. Louder moved the board back to regular session at 6:23 p.m.

4. Consent Agenda

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

Mr. Holland presented a proposed budget amendment that included a \$20,000 increase in revenues (Gifts and Bequests) and a \$20,000 increase in expenses (Functions 11 & 23) having a \$0.00 overall impact on the general fund. Mr. Franklin made a motion to approve the consent agenda items as presented except for payment to Franklin & Son. Mr. Reyes seconded the motion and the motion was approved 4-0-1 with Mrs. Carson abstaining. Mr. Graham made a motion to pay Franklin & Son. Mr. Reyes seconded the motion and the motion was approved 4-0-1 with Mr. Franklin abstaining.

5. Possible Action to Approve the School Health Advisory Council's Recommendation of Curriculum Materials Related to the District's Human Sexuality Instruction

Mrs. McCown discussed the work of the School Health Advisory Council's (SHAC) in reviewing curriculum materials related to human sexuality instruction. Mrs. McCown shared an overview of the Life Center's Prevention Education Program. Mrs. McCown noted that Stanton ISD has partnered with the Life Center for several years and the Life Center program is a non-profit, faith-based, abstinence program targeting grades 4-12. Mrs. McCown stated the SHAC committee recommended the Life Center's Prevention Education Program for use as the curriculum materials related to the District's Human Sexuality Instruction.

Mr. Graham made a motion to approve the SHAC's recommendation of the Life Center as the District's curriculum materials related to the District's Human Sexuality Instruction. Mrs. Carson seconded the motion and the motion was approved 5-0.

6. Discuss and consider adoption of an Order Amending an Order Authorizing the Redemption of the Stanton Independent School District Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds, Series 2014 and all matters incident or related thereto

Mr. Holland reviewed an order amending the District's previous intent to call bonds in February 2022 to now call the same bonds on April 1, 2022. Mr. Holland said the revised order was needed to delay payment until a sufficient amount of interest and sinking funds could be collected to meet the full amount of the designated payment. Mr. Reyes made a motion to adopt the Order Amending an Order Authorizing the Redemption of the Stanton Independent School District Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds, Series 2014 and all matters incident or related thereto as presented. Mr. Franklin seconded the motion and the motion was approved 5-0.

7. Deliberation Regarding Future School Bond Considerations

Dr. Brandon shared with the board a list of proposed bond projects that had been prioritized by the facilities planning committee in 2020 as well as a list of possible "rolling bond" projects. Dr. Brandon said school closure and a loss of students due to COVID had delayed the work of the committee and a final recommendation to the board. Dr. Brandon introduced Vince Viaille with Specialized Public Finance to discuss the financial impact of the proposed bond projects and the details of how a rolling bond project works.

Mr. Viaille discussed the concept of rolling bonds and how costly maintenance and operations expenses normally spent from the general fund could be moved to a bond. Board members asked about the timeline to expend bond funds approved in a rolling bond. Mr. Viaille stated that once approved by the voters, the voted bond authorization is valid for a ten-year period to be issued. Mr. Louder asked about the possibility of an early call feature and how that might affect bond rates. Mr. Viaille said in his experience a shorter call period would increase the interest rates approximately two to four basis points. Board members reviewed the scenarios and bond election timelines. Mr. Louder asked Dr. Brandon to continue the work with the facilities planning committee and to develop an updated proposal for possible bond projects.

8. Administrative Reports

Mr. Holland presented the monthly insurance report, state aide through the fourth six weeks, and projected budget revenues and expenses for 2021-2022.

9. Deliberation and Possible Action to Appoint an Interim Trustee for District #1

Mr. Louder discussed the vacancy in District #1. Mr. Louder recommended Mrs. Kelly Allred to fill the vacancy. Mr. Reyes made a motion to appoint Mrs. Kelly Allred as interim trustee to fill the current District #1 vacancy. Mr. Graham seconded the motion and the motion was approved 5-0.

10. Deliberation and Possible Action to Appoint an Interim Trustee to District #5

Mr. Louder discussed the vacancy in District #5. Mr. Louder recommended Mrs. Jana Cook to fill the vacancy. Mr. Graham made a motion to appoint Mrs. Jana Cook as interim trustee to fill the current District #5 vacancy. Mrs. Carson seconded the motion and the motion was approved 5-0.

11. Deliberation and Possible Action to Authorize an RFP for technology equipment to include such items as, but not limited to, Chromebooks, iPads, Servers, and Laptops

Mr. Holland discussed a recent communication from the Permian Basin Foundation regarding a donation for technology. Mr. Holland discussed the need for proposals to expend any donated funds before the end of the school year. Mr. Reyes made a motion to authorize an RFP for technology equipment to include such items as, but not limited to, Chromebooks, iPads, Servers, and Laptops. Mr. Franklin seconded the motion and the motion was approved 5-0.

12. Deliberation and Possible Action to Authorize an RFP for equipment, supplies, materials, curriculum, or technology for the special education program

Mr. Holland discussed possible excess funds in the special education budget that may need to be spent before the end of the school year. Mr. Franklin made a motion to authorize an RFP for equipment, supplies, materials, curriculum, or technology for the special education program. Mr. Graham seconded the motion and the motion was approved 5-0.

13. Possible Action to Grant the County AgriLife Extension Agent Adjunct Faculty Staff Member Status for the 2021-2022 School Year

Dr. Brandon shared with the board information regarding a new agriculture extension agent and the need to grant adjunct faculty status. Mr. Franklin made a motion to grant the County AgriLife Extension Agent, JD Schnitker, adjunct faculty staff member status for the 2021-2022 school year. Mr. Graham seconded the motion and the motion was approved 5-0.

14. Deliberation and Possible Action to Approve the 2022 Homestead Exemption

Dr. Brandon discussed the need by the MCAD to document the yearly approval of the 15% homestead exemption. Mr. Franklin made a motion to continue the 15% homestead exemption for 2022. Mr. Graham seconded the motion and the motion was approved 5-0.

15. Approve a Resolution for Joint Election

Dr. Brandon shared with the board a resolution for joint election and a joint election agreement and contract for election services. Mr. Graham made a motion to approve the resolution for joint election services and the joint election agreement with Helen Floyd, Martin County Election Administrator and Martin County Commissioners Court as presented. Mr. Reyes seconded the motion and the motion was approved 5-0.

16. Order Election for Districts #1 and #5

Dr. Brandon presented the Order of Election for Single Member Districts #1 and #5. Mr. Reyes made a motion to approve Order of Election as presented. Mr. Franklin seconded the motion and the motion was approved 5-0.

17. Discuss Board Policy DP(LOCAL) and Superintendents Report of School Counselor Duties

Dr. Brandon reviewed TASB Board Policy DP(LOCAL) and referenced TASB Update 118. Dr. Brandon discussed the process of evaluating counselor duties with regard to their job description. Dr. Brandon said both the elementary / middle school and high school counselors felt 80% of their time is spent in various student counseling roles. Dr. Brandon said he felt at this time the current counselor job descriptions were appropriate.

At 7:41 p.m., Mr. Louder moved the board to closed session for the purposes of personnel and deliberation about real property.

18. 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 10:22 p.m., Mr. Louder moved the board back to regular session.

19. District Personnel

Mr. Graham made a motion to hire Mark Nichols as a certified teacher, subject to assignment, through May 20, 2022. Mr. Franklin seconded the motion and the motion was approved 5-0.

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.

20. Deliberation and Possible Action Regarding Superintendent Evaluation and Contract

Mr. Louder solicited input from board members in evaluating the superintendent's progress on board goals and the proposed superintendent contract. Mr. Graham made a motion to approve the superintendent evaluation and contract as presented. Mr. Reyes seconded the motion and the motion was approved 5-0.

21. Adjourn

Mrs. Carson made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Reyes seconded the motion and the motion was approved 5-0.

Board President



Date

3/10/2022