

**Minutes of Special Meeting  
Board of Trustees  
Thursday, July 28, 2022**

A Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, July 28, 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. Graham and Mrs. Carson were absent.

**2. Deliberation and possible action to adopt a proposed tax rate based on Certified Taxable Values for Truth in Taxation publication.**

*Deliberar y tal vez tomar medidas para adoptar la tasa impositiva propuesta basada en el valor imponible certificado de la publicación Transparencia fiscal.*

Mr. Holland reviewed the property value amounts from Martin County and Howard County. Mr. Holland also discussed a reduction in the interest and sinking tax rate due to an upcoming final payment on outstanding bond debt. Mr. Holland discussed the Truth in Taxation document and the timeline for publication.

Mr. Franklin made a motion to adopt a proposed tax rate of \$.88460 for Maintenance and Operations and a tax rate of \$.00710 for Interest and Sinking for a total proposed tax rate of \$.89170 based on the certified taxable property values in the District, and that we authorize the Superintendent to take all action necessary to ensure that the appropriate Truth in Taxation Notices are filed and hearings held as a result of our adoption of this proposed rate. Mrs. Cook seconded the motion and the motion was approved 5-0.

**3. Deliberation and possible action to set the Board meeting date for public hearing on 2022-2023 budget and proposed tax rate.**

*Deliberar y tal vez tomar medidas para fijar la fecha de la reunión del Consejo para la audiencia pública sobre el presupuesto 2022-2023 y la tasa impositiva propuesta.*

Mr. Holland discussed the timeline for a public hearing on the 2022-2023 budget and proposed tax rate. Mr. Reyes made a motion to set the date for the public hearing on the proposed budget and proposed tax rate for Thursday, August 18, 2022. Mr. Franklin seconded the motion and the motion was approved 5-0.

**4. Deliberation Regarding Future School Bond Considerations**

Dr. Brandon and Mr. Holland reviewed possible maintenance and operation expenses needed over the next ten years and discussed considerations for a future rolling bond to help cover those expenses. Possible infrastructure and facility expenditures discussed included heating and air conditioning, safety and security, land for a future instructional facility, buses and white fleet vehicles to transport students, paving, and roofing. Dr. Brandon estimated possible expenditures over the next 5-10 years close to \$10,000,000.00. Board members discussed rising construction costs and suggested increasing the proposed amount to \$12,000,000.00. Dr. Brandon said he would provide the adjusted cost expenditures to Specialized Public Finance for a revised cost analysis.

**5. Deliberation and Possible Action to Approve the 2022-2023 Student Code of Conduct**

Dr. Brandon reviewed the 2022-2023 Student Code of Conduct and commented that there were no changes due to not being a legislative year. Mr. Reyes made a motion to approve the 2022-2023 Student Code of Conduct as presented. Mr. Franklin seconded the motion and the motion was approved 5-0.

**6. Review and Discuss the 2022-2023 District and Campus Handbooks**

Mr. Daniel, high school principal, discussed revisions from TASB as well as local decisions for some changes. Mr. Daniel discussed human sexuality instruction, absences for military families, guidelines for making up absences, grading policy, financial aid requirements, epinephrine auto-injectors, instructional materials, and accelerated learning committees. Mr. Ruiz and Mrs. Miller reviewed a short list of minor changes to the

handbooks for elementary and middle school. Dr. Brandon reviewed changes to the Employee Handbook and asked for board input on the handbook sections for Dress and Grooming as well as security. Board members discussed community values and expectations and how those might vary from larger cities and school districts. Dr. Brandon said he and the campus principals would begin to communicate the changes with students, parents, and staff.

**7. Deliberation and Possible Action to Approve the 2022-2023 Safe Return to School Plan**

Dr. Brandon discussed the Safe Return to School Plan and highlighted changes in the areas of disinfecting, hand sanitizing, transportation, mental health, school based health care, and COVID guidelines. Mr. Franklin made a motion to approve the 2022-2023 Safe Return to School Plan as presented. Mrs. Cook seconded the motion and the motion was approved 5-0.

Mr. Louder asked board members if there were any concerns related to personnel or real property to be considered for closed session. Hearing none, Mr. Louder moved the board to the next agenda item.

**8. 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

**9. 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.

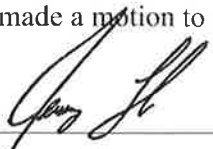
Dr. Brandon reported that there were no resignations and hiring considerations. No action was taken by the board on this item.

**10. Superintendent Report on Back to School Schedule and Activities**

Dr. Brandon discussed upcoming events to include new employee orientation and the Welcome Back staff meeting for all returning employees. Dr. Brandon invited board members to attend.

**11. Adjourn**

Mrs. Cook made a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Allred seconded the motion and the motion was approved 5-0.



Board President

8/8/2022

Date