

**Minutes of Regular Meeting  
Board of Trustees  
Tuesday, December 13, 2022**

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Tuesday, December 13, 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 PM, Mr. Louder called the meeting to order and established a quorum. Mr. Reyes was absent.

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

No public comment was given.

**3. Consent Agenda**

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

Mr. Holland reviewed the proposed budget amendment. Mr. Holland stated the proposed amendment would decrease local revenue by \$53,000.00 and increase expenses (Function 51) by the same amount resulting in an overall \$0.00 change in fund balance. Mr. Graham made a motion to approve the consent agenda items as presented except for payment to Franklin & Son. Mr. Franklin seconded the motion and the motion was approved 5-0-1 with Mr. Louder abstaining. Mr. Graham made a motion to approve payment to Franklin and Son. Mr. Franklin seconded the motion and the motion was approved 4-0-2 with Mr. Franklin and Mrs. Allred abstaining.

**4. Administrative Reports**

Dr. Brandon shared with the board a preliminary plat for Shenandoah Ridge in North East Midland. The subdivision is platted for over 500 homes with approximately 126 of those homes located in Stanton ISD. Mr. Holland reviewed the monthly Blue Cross Blue Shield insurance report as well as a pupil projection update.

**5. Deliberation and Possible Action Regarding the 2021-2022 Independent Audit Report**

Cathy Pitcock with Eckert and Company presented the 2021-2022 independent audit report. Mrs. Pitcock stated that the district received an Unmodified Opinion and commended the district's financial records. Mrs. Pitcock reviewed the Balance Sheet (Exhibit C-1) and the Statement of Revenue, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance (Exhibit C-3). Mr. Graham made a motion to approve the 2021-2022 Independent Audit Report as presented. Mrs. Cook seconded the motion and the motion was approved 6-0.

**6. Deliberation and Possible Action to Approve Eckert and Company as the District's Independent Auditor for the 2022-2023 Audit**

Mrs. Cook made a motion to approve Eckert and Company as the District's Independent Auditor for the 2022-2023 audit. Mr. Graham seconded the motion and the motion was approved 6-0.

**7. Deliberation and Possible Action to Authorize a Request for Proposals for Security Cameras and Vape Detection**

Dr. Brandon reviewed previous administrative and board discussion regarding the need for additional security cameras and vape detection devices at the high school. Mr. Baker discussed the possibility of the purchase being more than \$50,000.00 depending on the number of cameras and the expense of installation. Mr. Holland discussed the need for a Request for Proposals for purchases over \$50,000.00. Mr. Graham made a motion to authorize a request for proposals for security cameras and vape detection devices. Mr. Franklin seconded the motion and the motion was approved 6-0.

#### **8. Deliberation and Possible Action to Authorize a Request for Proposals for District Charter Bus Services**

The board discussed the option of having coaches driving the district owned travel buses to games versus the possible need for hiring charter bus services. Board members discussed the amount of miles and time a school employee driver may be asked to drive. The board discussed the possibility of a school employee driving 200 miles one way to be considered a maximum amount of distance to drive before hiring a charter bus company to drive the trip. The board asked about the possibility of placing a maximum distance on driving in board policy. Dr. Brandon said he would call TASB legal service for guidance. Mr. Louder tabled the agenda item.

#### **9. Deliberation and Possible Action to Nominate a Board Member to the Martin County Appraisal District Board of Directors for the 2023-2024 Term**

Mr. Louder asked if anyone would be interested in serving on the Martin County Appraisal Board. Mr. Graham said he would not mind continuing to serve in that role. Mr. Franklin made a motion to nominate Mr. Graham to the Martin County Appraisal District Board of Directors for 2023 and 2024 terms. Mrs. Cook seconded the motion and the motion was approved 6-0.

#### **10. Deliberation Regarding Future Sale of Bonds for Facility Improvements**

Dr. Brandon reviewed the list of proposed facility improvements and amounts associated with each improvement. Mr. Holland discussed the need to closely monitor spending in each area to ensure all items are addressed over the life of the bond. Mr. Holland also discussed his conversations with Vince Viaille with Specialized Public Finance regarding the best time of year to sell the bonds.

#### **11. Deliberation and Possible Action to Approve a Resolution to Expend Public Funds for the Support of an Education Foundation within the District**

Mr. Holland discussed his conversations with Underwood Law firm regarding the implementation of an education foundation. Mr. Holland reviewed language of a resolution in support of the formation and a proposed maximum amount the board would be willing to approve as spending toward the creation of the education foundation. Mr. Graham made a motion to approve the resolution to expend public funds for support of an educational foundation within the District as foundation. Mrs. Cook seconded the motion and the motion was approved 6-0.

#### **12. Deliberation Regarding the 2023-2024 School Calendar**

Dr. Brandon presented two draft calendars for the 2023-2024 school year designed to simulate what neighboring districts may move to in an effort to attract teachers. The calendar options were designed to allow students and teachers off the majority of Fridays in the school year. Dr. Brandon

commented that considering a calendar designed in this manner might be detrimental to student learning as well as student nutritional needs. The board discussed several negative impacts for parents in considering this type of calendar. Dr. Brandon told the board that the District Leadership Team would begin to consider calendar design in January but that design would remain similar to the traditional calendar approved in past years.

### **13. Deliberation and Possible Action to Approve a Security Agreement with Guardian Security for Security Services**

Dr. Brandon reviewed key aspects of a proposed security agreement. Dr. Brandon told the board that the agreement had been reviewed, revised and approved by Underwood Law. Mr. Graham made a motion to approve the Security Agreement with Guardian Security for Security Services as presented. Mrs. Cook seconded the motion. The motion was approved 6-0.

At 7:40 p.m., Mr. Louder moved the board to closed session.

### **14. 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
- C. Considering Security Personnel or Devices - Texas Government Code, Section 551.076

At 8:42 p.m., Mr. Louder moved the board back to regular session.

### **15. Deliberation Regarding Superintendent Appraisal Process**

Dr. Brandon reviewed the timeline for the superintendent appraisal process as well as the proposed documents to be used in the appraisal.

### **16. District Personnel**

#### **A. Resignations**

Mr. Graham made a motion to accept the resignation of Dyan Hale as part time counselor. Mrs. Cook seconded the motion and the motion was approved 6-0.

#### **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.

Mr. Graham made a motion to approve a probationary, full-time, certified counselor contract to Dyan Hale and a probationary, Non-Chapter 21 / DOI contract to Lucero Garcia for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year. Mrs. Cook seconded the motion and the motion was approved 6-0.

**17. Adjourn**

Mrs. Carson made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Graham seconded the motion and the motion was approved 6-0.

  
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Board President

01 / 12 / 2023  
Date