

Board Meeting Minutes of 01-23-2020

The Lamesa Board of Trustees met in a Regular Meeting on Thursday, January 23, 2020 in the Board Room.

Board Members present: President Kelli Merritt, Melissa Cazares, Ernest Ogeda, Beverly Brewer, and Rebecca Gonzales. Albert Martinez and Don Bethel were not in attendance.

The following Administrators were present: Superintendent Jim Knight, Liz Poage, Chris Riggins, Jerry Jerabek, Jennifer Stewart and Shelley Mann.

Guest(s) in attendance: Susan Wilson, Kim Bairrington, Amanda Brackeen and Keith Emfinger. Russell Skiles represented the Lamesa *Press Reporter*.

President Kelli Merritt called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Superintendent Jim Knight gave the invocation.

Kim Bairrington gave a brief summary of the LISD Audit Report 2018-2019. Bairrington stated the Firm found that LISD did not have any findings or financial misstatements.

Rebecca Gonzales made the motion to accept the Financial Audit Report for 2018-2019. Beverly Brewer seconded it. It passed by a vote of 5-0.

President Merritt opened the floor for public hearing of the TAPR Report. No one signed up. Merritt closed the hearing. Superintendent Knight gave a brief report and explanation of the TAPR Report.

Rebecca Gonzales made the motion to approve all consent items. Beverly Brewer seconded it. It passed by a vote of 5-0.

South Elementary Principal Shelley Mann gave a summary of the testing goals Pre-K through Second graders have met thus far and anticipate will meet by the next testing date.

North Elementary Principal Jennifer Stewart gave a brief report of the campus testing and data collection gathered from Third through Fifth grade students. She praised the students and teachers for their growth from the beginning of the school year until now.

Assistant Superintendent Chris Riggins gave a brief recap of the Raptor Security System Upgrade. Riggins added this update will run a background check on all persons at any campus via their driver's license alerting the campus SRO and other pertinent staff of any unwelcomed guest.

Mr. Knight stated the Baseball and Softball Fields are nearing completion. He added that progress of the Career and Technology construction is posted on the LISD website. Knight alongside Shelley Mann gave a brief demo of the Literacy Pilot initiative via the students' ipads.

Rebecca Gonzales made the motion to conduct a joint election with the City of Lamesa. Ernest Ogeda seconded it. It passed by a vote of 5-0.

Beverly Brewer made the motion to accept the bids of the following properties: Case Number 19-07-20451, Case Number 14-05-19357, Case Number 19-07-20451, and Case Number 11-12-18714. Ernest Ogeda seconded it. It passed by a vote of 5-0.

The Board went into Closed Session at 8:00 p.m. as allowed by Texas Government Code, Section 551.074.

The Board reconvened at 10:03 p.m. Ernest Ogeda made the motion to approve the evaluation of the Superintendent of Schools. Rebecca Gonzales seconded it. It passed by a vote of 5-0.

Rebecca Gonzales made the motion to extend the superintendent's employment with the district by an additional year and that we increase his salary and provide benefits to him in the manner set forth in the employment contract as presented before the Board at this meeting and that we authorize the Board President to execute the contract on behalf of the Board. Ernest Ogeda seconded it. It passed by a vote of 5-0.

Rebecca Gonzales made the motion to adjourn. Beverly Brewer seconded it. It passed by a vote of 5-0.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:07 p.m.