

Board Meeting Minutes of 04-21-2020

The Lamesa Board of Trustees met in a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, April 21, 2020 in the Board Room.

Board Members present: President Kelli Merritt via Zoom, Melissa Cazares, Rebecca Gonzales, Albert Martinez, Don Bethel via Zoom, Ernest Ogeda and Beverly Brewer via Zoom.

The following Administrators were present: Superintendent Jim Knight, Liz Poage and Chris Riggins via Zoom.

Guest(s) in attendance: Dr. Mark Key via Zoom, Dr. Michael Sprice via Zoom, David Ritchey via Zoom and Frankie Sauseda via Zoom. Russell Skiles represented the Lamesa *Press Reporter* via Zoom.

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

President Kelli Merritt gave the invocation.

Dr. Mark Key and Dr. Michael Sprice gave a brief summary of the COVID-19 procedures, questions, and testing currently being brought about at the Lamesa Community Hospital.

David Ritchey and Frankie Sauseda gave a brief presentation of the Tor Stories. They would like this project to combat illiteracy that Lamesa ISD students struggle with.

Liz Poage, CFO, gave a brief update on the cafeteria and school operations. She stated 30,000 meals were served through the month of April. She hopes that LISD will continue through Summer School. She added that new budget codes were created to pay employees through the COVID-19 pandemic for FEMA. She went on to say that RFQ's were sent out to external auditors due May 1st. Ms. Poage is currently negotiating an Electricity Contract for LISD. The current contract expires in May. Lastly, she added that business is as usual at the Central Office Building. All staff come in at different days of the week to ensure safety and social distancing.

Superintendent Jim Knight stated all administrators and staff have been exceptional at every campus. 3-12 Grade 1:1 Using Google Classroom and other online platforms and Teacher platforms, Remind, Zoom and Google Hangouts. PK-2 are utilizing packets with Teacher Zoom, Remind and phone call follow-ups. Knight added every LISD cafeteria staff, maintenance, grounds, custodial staff, business office, secretaries, administrators and volunteers have volunteered their time on their own. Ernest Ogeda left the meeting at 7:01 p.m. Knight continued to say that LISD will not be giving grades the 4th 9 week grading period. Graduation will tentatively be May 22nd at 7:00 p.m. in the football stadium for the Class of 2020. If graduation is not held on that date, it will then be held on June 19th at 7:00 p.m. or July 17th at 7:00 p.m. Knight concluded that he would like to initiate High School teachers to go to Lamesa Success Academy for one class period for student teaching. Keith Emfinger, Technology Director, gave a brief overview of the various projects with teachers and students with their laptops and/or ipads to complete schoolwork.

Albert Martinez made the motion to approve allotment and TEKS Certification 2020-21. Rebecca Gonzales seconded it. It passed by a vote of 6-0

Don Bethel made the motion to approve the painting bid for Middle School Painting from "Paint the Town". Albert Martinez seconded it. It passed by a vote of 6-0.

Don Bethel made the motion to approve the bid for MS carpet replacement from "Yates Carpet". Ernest Ogeda seconded it. It passed by a vote of 6-0.

Albert Martinez made the motion to approve and award Food Service Contract to Aramark. Rebecca Gonzales seconded it. It passed by a vote of 6-0.

Albert Martinez made the motion to approve the request for additional state aid for Ad Valorem Tax Credit for the Mesquite Creek Wind Project. Don Bethel seconded it. It passed by a vote of 6-0.

Don Bethel made the motion to approve postponement of the May 2nd Trustee Election to November 3, 2020 due to COVID-19. Rebecca Gonzales seconded it. It passed by a vote of 6-0.

Don Bethel made the motion to adopt a resolution delegating to the Superintendent authority to seek waivers from regulatory agencies, including but not limited to, the Texas Education ("TEA"), as follows: the authority to seek a waiver from the Educator Appraisal Requirements, including, but not limited to the Texas Teacher Evaluation and Support System (TTES) and the Texas Principal Evaluation and Support System (TPES), due to COVID-19; the authority to pursue any other necessary and available waivers from TEA and other regulatory agencies without further action of the Board; and in the event other waivers are needed, authorize the Superintendent to submit such other waiver requests in accordance with guidance from national, state, or local authorities or agencies. Melissa Cazares seconded it. It passed by a vote of 6-0.

Albert Martinez requested to table the personnel action and renew term contract employees, renew probationary contract employees, propose the nonrenewal of term contract employees, and terminate probationary contract employees effective the end of their current contract periods. Don Bethel left the meeting at 7:01 p.m.

The Board went to Closed Session at 7:43 p.m. The Board reconvened at 8:43 p.m.

Rebecca Gonzales made the motion to approve Chapter 21 Administrator Contracts and Chapter 21 Teacher Contracts for: Keith Emfinger, Gregg Moreland, Doug Morris, Elizabeth Poage, Chris Riggins, Stacy Stewart, Samantha Arguijo, Jamie Bahlman, Sara Gibson, Brad Froman, Serapio Arguijo, Gabriel Chapa, Sarah Clement, Jerry Jerabek, Justin Lindsay, Shelley Mann, David Ritchey, Richard Soliz, Jennifer Stewart, Amy Baker, Logan Bertrand, Yvette Bustamante, Julie Combes, Timothy Drew, Sam Estes, Jason Froman, Avery Gutierrez, Vanessa Hernandez, Greg Hogg, Joseph Hood, Julie Munoz, Michael Munoz, Rusty Oaks, Laura Robason, Tommy Rodgers, Steve Ruiz, Janet Spencer, Kisa Stevens, Lisa Telchik, Jimmy Tercero, Autumn Vara, Jessica Washington, Shai Young, Dora Martinez, Keven Pedroza, Lilly Regalado, Bobby Alvarez, Jeff Barker, Noe Carrion, Sonia Carrion, Liz Castro, Kimberly Couch, Steve Garcia, Jeremy Hernandez, Sandi Martinez, Zane Mauney, RoseMary McCall, Shylo Mitchell, Ashley Overeynder, Alisa Riggins, Kaleen Sarli, Lauri Stevens, Glenda Tercero, Christine Vera, Christina White, Tosha Woodberry, Antonio Aguilar, Kristie Barron, Elisa Benitez, Katy Benton, Penny Borland, Bayli Bryant, Melissa Carpenter, AnaLi Chavez, Rachel Corona, Stacy French, Jennifer Froman, Julie Guerra, Donna Hogg, Laurie Hood, Melissa Martin, Greta Miers, Gerrie Moreland, Tina Parks, Jay Stinson, Angela Veenendaal, Susan Wilson, Jean Arismendez, Concepcion Banuelos, Kerri Barrera, Mary Benton, Jesse Cano, Jodee Casillas, Hannah Clements, Mari Evans, D'Lee Fletcher, Sheri Gruben, Sylvia Hernandez, Julie Knight, Shelli Kunkel, Jennifer Lester, Pam Maxwell, Ashley McCullough, Rebecca Mince, Elonna Moore, Elfida Olivas, Samantha Peacock, Jamie Proctor, Abigail Ramford, Nicole Roberts, Carol Sitton, Nancy Sprayberry, Tracie Swafford, Reba Taylor, Elizabeth Vasquez, Sarah Yancey, Gerry Woodberry, Bailey Brown, Patrice Spicer, Kristen Vargas and Kasi Whitlow-Shofner. Melissa Cazares seconded it. It passed by a vote of 6-0.

Rebecca Gonzales made the motion to adjourn. Beverly Brewer seconded it. It passed by a vote of 6-0.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:12 p.m.