

Board Meeting Minutes of 07-21-2020

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

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

The following Administrators were present: Superintendent Jim Knight, Liz Poage, Chris Riggins, David Ritchey and Jerry Jerabek.

Guest(s) in attendance: Jaime Bahlman, Vanessa Hernandez and Richard Soliz. Russell Skiles represented the Lamesa *Press Reporter*.

President Kelli Merritt called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Superintendent Jim Knight gave the invocation.

Mr. Knight introduced Richard Soliz as the new Director of Instructional Technology and Vanessa Hernandez as the new Assistant Principal of Lamesa High School.

Don Bethel made the motion to approve all consent items. Beverly Brewer seconded it. It passed by a vote of 6-0.

David Ritchey and Jaime Bahlman of South Elementary School gave a brief presentation on standards based grading for K-2.

Chief Financial Officer Liz Poage gave a brief report on the budget and bond expenditures. Poage also discussed the tax rate timeline in regards to the new process. She went on to update the board on Automated Controls and discussed the CE Local Policy on the fund balance. In conclusion, Poage stated that the cafeteria adult prices are \$2.50 for breakfast and \$4.00 for lunch. All student meals are free.

Superintendent Knight stated the construction has been doing great progress along with the summer renovation projects. He gave the update on TEA guidance for instructional and operational measures. Albert Martinez left the meeting at 6:54 p.m. Martinez returned at 6:56 p.m. Knight wanted to fill the board in that Borden County has possibly reached an Interlocal Agreement with LISD. Don Bethel left the meeting at 7:12 p.m. Bethel returned at 7:13 p.m. Knight continued to say that CDB Legal considered the donation of VZ Rodgers facility to West Texas Opportunities. The Science Labs/Life Skills/Band Hall should be complete by the start of school. The discussion of possibly closing the HS campus for lunch for COVID health reasons was presented. Knight gave a brief review of the Policy Update 115. In conclusion, Knight stated the TEA Mentor Grant allotted LISD \$36,000 for the school year 2020-21 and Frankie Sauseda was appointed to the West Texas Opportunities Board.

Don Bethel made the motion to accept bids for 1411 S. 2nd, 126 S. Boston, 131 S. Boston, 103 S. Canyon and 516 SE 13th. Albert Martinez seconded it. It passed by a vote of 6-0.

Albert Martinez made the motion to approve changes to DC LOCAL. Rebecca Gonzales seconded it. It passed by a vote of 6-0.

Don Bethel made the motion to suspend DEC LOCAL (9 week leave incentive for teachers) due to remote instructional changes from TEA. Rebecca Gonzales seconded it. It passed by a vote of 6-0.

Consideration and possible action to suspend extracurricular drug policy for 2020-21 due to remote instruction was tabled.

Don Bethel made the motion to request balance of LISD County Available Funds to execute capital project renovation on football stadium in fall 2020. Albert Martinez seconded it. It passed by a vote of 6-0.

Beverly Brewer made the motion to authorize the Superintendent to submit attestations for 3-12 Synchronous/Asynchronous Instruction Plans for LISD. Rebecca Gonzales seconded it. It passed by a vote of 6-0.

Beverly Brewer made the motion to authorize the Superintendent to submit attestation for K-2 Asynchronous Plan. Melissa Cazares seconded it. It passed by a vote of 6-0.

The Board went into Executive Session as allowed by Texas Open Meetings Texas Government Code, Section 551.074 at 7:38 p.m. The Board reconvened at 7:51 p.m. No action was taken.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m.