

Board Meeting Minutes of 09-15-2020

The Lamesa Board of Trustees met in a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, September 15, 2020 in the Board Room.

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

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

Guest(s) in attendance: Mary Elizabeth Davis represented the Lamesa *Press Reporter*.

President Kelli Merritt called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Superintendent Jim Knight gave the invocation.

Rebecca Gonzales made the motion to approve all consent items. Ernest Ogeda seconded it. It passed by a vote of 5 with 1 abstention.

All campus Principals David Ritchey, Jennifer Stewart, Serapio Arguijo and Jerry Jerabek gave a brief overview of their respective campus and the start of school with Virtual Learning and the challenges they have faced thus far.

Liz Poage, Chief Financial Officer, gave a brief overview of the LISD fund balance. Ms. Poage discussed a reason to use fund balance in lieu of county available funds to purchase the new home stadium renovations. The Weaver Foundation will be designated for \$600,000 of the stadium project. Poage went on to say that LISD should have a closing date by the next board meeting on the Automated Building. In conclusion, Poage stated that the City of Lamesa will give LISD \$6325.00 from the Coronavirus Relief Funding and Operation Connectivity and TEA should match them.

Superintendent Knight gave an overview of the construction progress. He stated the process has slowed some due to the COVID 19 and supplies have stalled on arriving on time. Phase 3 Planning has been pushed back until possibly Christmas time. The SALTO Project or door security is near finished. Any LISD employee will only have access through the doors via a card. Knight added the next session for the Legislature is in January of 2021. Lastly, Mr. Knight stated that TASB School Board Convention will be virtual.

Don Bethel made the motion to accept the bids of 412 NE 4th, 305 N. Detroit Avenue, 407 S. Avenue K and 1303 N. 1st Street. Rebecca Gonzales seconded it. It passed by a vote of 6-0.

Beverly Brewer made the motion to accept bids from Southern Bleachers for home side football bleachers \$1,300,000. (This does not include the Elevator Project to be bid out by Lee Lewis along with the Gymnasium Project). Don Bethel seconded it. It passed by a vote of 6-0.

Rebecca Gonzales made the motion to approve Keith Emfinger as the Assigned Records Management Approver for Lamesa ISD. Beverly Brewer seconded it. It passed by a vote of 6-0.

Don Bethel made the motion with respect to a "Resolution Approving the Preliminary Official Statement related to the District's Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds, Series 2020; authorizing the distribution of the Preliminary Official Statement; and approving designation of the Underwriters for such Bonds". Beverly Brewer seconded it. It passed by a vote of 6-0.

Rebecca Gonzales made the motion to commit \$600,000 of fund balance to stadium improvements. Ernest Ogeda seconded it. It passed by a vote of 6-0.

Rebecca Gonzales made the motion to consider Professional Contract Employees for Debra Arguijo, Jamie Mendez, Charles Downer and Jennifer Peterson. Beverly Brewer seconded it. It passed by a vote of 6-0.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.