Apple Springs ISD

Public Hearing and Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees

August 24, 2020

Members Present: Amanda Roden, Daniel Murray, Audrey Young, David Hildebrand, Jenny Sanders, Karla Hollins, Robert Lankford, Superintendent Cody Moree, Principal Kevin Plotts, Business Manager Chase Neilsen

The Board President called the meeting to order and a quorum was established.

The invocation was offered by Robert Lankford.

The Board entered into Public Hearing for the purpose of adoption of the Tax Rate and M&O Budget for the 2020-2021 academic year.

In the Superintendent’s report, Coach Moree informed the Board on the following topics.

* The award amount for the recently acquired G5 grant is $14,667.00
* 20 of 22 families who registered for Virtual Learning participated in one of two orientation sessions and are now enrolled in Virtual Learning.
* The new bell / emergency alert system installation is complete and activated on campus.
* Teachers have been instructed to spend at least two days per week in all core subjects teaching the Virtual Learning platforms. This is done in an effort to be proactive should another school shutdown occur at some point.
* The latest guidance offered by the UIL in terms of managing extracurricular events and venues during the coronavirus pandemic.
* Several new instructional platforms and supplemental programs have been purchased by the District using instructional grant funds in an effort to more quickly resolve the academic regression as a result of school closure last spring.
* Elementary grades will participate in Center-Based Learning during 2020-2021. This is an interactive instructional best practice.

Moree also informed the Board that TEA is now requiring school districts to report COVID-19 cases directly to TEA via a new unique id and data gathering platform. The Superintendent spoke candidly about his concern for this mandate and stated he would not be comfortable disclosing any personally identifiable information about any staff member or student.

In the Principal’s report, Mr. Plotts informed the Board of opening enrollment numbers. The elementary campus currently has 138 students and the secondary campus has 78 students. The District total is 216 students which is an increase of 17 students from a year ago.

Mr. Neilsen presented the monthly financial reports. There were no questions. He then presented the final 2020-2021 budget proposal.

A motion was made by Karla Hollins and seconded by Robert Lankford to approve the Consent Agenda. For: All

A motion was made by Audrey Young and seconded by Daniel Murray to accept all bids received for good and services. For: All

A motion was made by Karla Hollins and seconded by Robert Lankford to set September 14, 2020 through May 7, 2021 as the official T-TESS Calendar. The motion also stated that Kevin Plotts would serve as the primary appraiser and Cody Moree would serve as the appellant appraiser if necessary. For: All

A motion was made by Audrey Young and seconded by Daniel Murray to table the discussion on Policy Update #115. For: All

A motion was made by Audrey Young and seconded by Jenny Sanders to enter into the MOU contract with the Region V Education Service Center for the purchase of food products.

For: All

A motion was made by Robert Lankford and seconded by Daniel Murray to cancel the Trustee election originally scheduled for November 3, 2020. For: All

A motion was made by Daniel Murray and seconded by Audrey Young to adopt a local Tax Rate of $.9664 for the 2020-2021 school year. For: All

A motion was made by Jenny Sanders and seconded by David Hildebrand to adopt the M&O Budget for 2020-2021 as presented. For: All

A motion was made by Karla Hollins and seconded by Jenny Sanders to approve the amendments to the 2019-2020 Budget as presented. For: All

In the personnel report, Superintendent Moree informed the Board that Melanie Jayroe had been hired as instructional paraprofessional and that the District was still in need one more similar position.

A motion was made by David Hildebrand and seconded by Robert Lankford to adjourn. For: All The Board adjourned at approximately 8:37pm.

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Amanda Roden, President Audrey Young, Secretary