

REGULAR MEETING OF BOARD OF EDUCATION
Stephenville, Texas

January 18, 2022

The Stephenville Independent School District Board of Education met in Regular Session at 5:30 pm in the Bond Auditorium of the Administration Building, January 18, 2022 with the following members present:

Dr. Ann Calahan, President	Mr. Chad Elms
Dr. Robert Barberee, Vice President	Mr. Donny Hill
Mrs. Sherrie Evans, Secretary	Mrs. Phyllis Stewart
Dr. Ed Dittfurth	

School Personnel Present: Superintendent Dr. Eric Cederstrom, Ms. Kathy Hampton, Mrs. Teri Hodges, Mr. Keith Starnes, Mr. Shelby Womack, Mr. Jerod Womack, Mrs. Esther Tucker, Mrs. Jennifer Salyards, Mrs. Daresa Rhine, Mr. Victor Savedra, Mrs. Stephanie Traweek, Mr. Mike Childs, Mr. Sterling Doty, Mrs. Arielle Sword, Mrs. Rachel Kammerer, Mr. Raul Navarro, Mr. Benny Payne, and Mrs. Norma Cervetto.

Others Present: Snow Garrett Auditor Lindsey Kennimer and approximately 60 guests.

Invocation

The invocation was provided by Chamberlin Elementary student Addalyn Spellmeier.

Recited U.S. and Texas Pledges of Allegiance

The U.S. and Texas Pledges of Allegiance were led by Chamberlin Elementary student Dominic Damewood and Anna Floyd.

I. Call to Order and Announce a Quorum Present

President Calahan called the meeting to order and announced a quorum present.

II. Proclamations/Recognitions

The following individuals were recognized:

- SISD Administration CORE VALUE: Mrs. Kelly Magin, Initiative
- SHS: Football (State Champions)
- SHS: All-State Choir
- SHS: ATSSB All-State Band
- School Board Member Appreciation Month

III. Comments From Visitors

The following individuals addressed the Board of Trustees:

-Solar: Michelle Aduddell

-Solar: Kevin Russell

IV. Approval of Consent Agenda

The motion was made by Mrs. Evans and seconded by Mr. Hill to approve the consent agenda including:

-Minutes: December 13, 2021 – Regular Meeting

-Review Check Registry

-Review of Additional Vendors

-Monthly Financial Statements

All members voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

VI. Heard and Approved the Annual Audit Financial Report for Fiscal Year (2020-2021)

Ms. Lindsey Kennimer, auditor with Snow Garrett presented the Annual Audit Financial Report for Fiscal Year (2020-2021).

The motion was made by Dr. Dittfurth and seconded by Mr. Elms to approve the Annual Audit Financial Report for Fiscal Year (2020-2021) as presented.

All members voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

VII. Approval for Superintendent to discontinue contract negotiations with Erath County Solar

The following individuals spoke: Georgia Scott, Carla Trussell, Lisa Williams, Joanna Friebele, Richard Arcand and Michelle Aduddell..

The motion was made by Mr. Hill and seconded by Mrs. Stewart to authorize the Superintendent to discontinue contract negotiations with Erath County Solar.

Dr. Dittfurth called the question.

The following individuals voted in favor of the motion: Mr. Elms, Mrs. Evans, Dr. Barberee, Mr. Hill and Mrs. Stewart.

The following individual voted against the motion: Dr. Dittfurth

The following individual did not vote: Dr. Calahan

The motion carried.

VIII. Approval of the Guardian Program

The motion was made by Mr. Elms and seconded by Mr. Hill to approve the Guardian Program.

All members voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

IX. Approval to Order General Election for May 7, 2022 and set Canvass Date

The motion was made by Dr. Dittfurth and seconded by Mr. Elms to approve the Order of Election for Saturday, May 7, 2022 for the election of trustees for Place 4 and Place 5 (full 3 year terms) and set the canvass date for Monday, May 16, 2022 – 5:30 p.m.

All members voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

X. Approval of Amending COVID Quarantine Protocols

The motion was made by Mr. Elms proposing to consider changing students quarantine period to 5 days as well as staff or include wording to give our Administration the leeway at their recommendation, to go with TEA's policy.

The motion was amended by Mr. Elms proposing to include language that if a student has a positive covid test and a doctor's note that they are not penalized for staying home from school.

Dr. Dittfurth called the question.

The motion was amended by Mr. Elms that if our board does not feel comfortable changing the language for a student being quarantined from 10 to 5 days, I would like include language that allows our Administration, if TEA makes changes from now to the next meeting, to be proactive in coordinating our policy with what TEA says.

The motion was amended by Mr. Elms and seconded by Dr. Dittfurth giving the Administration the authority to modify the quarantine protocol period for students from 10 to 5 days if directed by TEA.

Dr. Dittfurth called the question on the motion amendment.

All members voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

Dr. Dittfurth called for the question.

The motion was made by Mrs. Stewart and seconded by Dr. Barberee to accept the COVID protocol updates as amended according to the quarantine protocols.

All members voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

XIII. 2018 Bond Program Update

Dr. Cederstrom presented the bond program update. An Open House will be discussed at the next board meeting.

XII. Superintendent's Report

The report included the following:

- Tarleton State University Stadium
- School Calendar 2022-2023
- Junior High Rodeo Club

XIII. Closed Session

President Calahan announced to those present that the board would adjourn into Closed Session pursuant to the provisions of Section 551.071 through and/or 551.086 at approximately 7:33 pm.

- Discuss Personnel Matters and/or Hear Complaints against Personnel (551.074)
 - Deliberate appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties or discipline of contract and/or at-will employees
 - Discussion of Superintendent's Contract
- Discuss purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property (551.072)

XIV. Open Session

The Board reconvened to Open Session at approximately 8:30 pm.

XV. Personnel

As recommended by the Administration, the following personnel action is approved:

Resignations:

Katelyn Barnes – Inclusion Teacher – Stephenville High School
Effective: December 17, 2021.

Shayla Hoffman – Instructional Software Support – Technology Department
Effective: January 17, 2022.

Employment:

Lauren Copeland – Changed From: PPCD Aide - Central Elementary
To: Elementary Resource/Inclusion Teacher – Central Elementary
Effective: January 3, 2022.

Blair Landes – Inclusion Teacher – Stephenville High School
Effective: January 3, 2022.

XVII. Adjourn

No further business appearing before the Board, the meeting adjourned.
Approximately: 8:35 pm

ATTEST: _____
Secretary

CORRECT: _____
President