

Minutes of Special Called

The Board of Trustees Bloomington Independent School District

A Special Called of the Board of Trustees of Bloomington Independent School District was held Thursday, February 9, 2017, beginning at 6:30 PM in the Board Room, 2781 FM 616, Bloomington, Texas.

Board Members present were Joe Canales, David Chacon, Blanca Wallace, Javier Chavana, Deloris White, and Raymond Martinez. John Ellsworth was absent.

Others in attendance were Delores Warnell, Kellye Chavana and Abbie Barnett.

Joe Canales called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm.
The Board entered Closed Session at 6:31 pm.

1. Consider and Possible Action Regarding Superintendent's Contract and Special Duties, Assignments, Regular Duties and Compensation.

The Board reconvened at 8:08 pm. No action was taken during closed session.

Blanca Wallace made a motion to cancel the supplemental duties agreement between Bloomington ISD and Superintendent Delores Warnell to the new TIPPS grant effective immediately. Raymond Martinez seconds the motion.

Motion passed 6-0.

The board further directed Ms. Warnell to provide additional information on allowable funding from the TIPPS Grant.

Joe Canales stated that the Board needed more information on where the funds would be paid from for the 15% that is in her contract. Ms. Warnell stated that according to her contract addendum it would be paid from fund balance. Board members asked if someone from TEA or Auditors could come to a meeting or provide in writing answers to clarify where funds could be paid from.

Ms. Warnell stated that she just wanted the Board to honor her contract. She said she has been slandered from a previous board member and now she feels harassed by the situations going on behind her back. This is compromising her ability to find other employment because of negative hits on her character.

Ms. Warnell provided the board members with documentation and stated that the information given to them from the attorney was inaccurate. Ms. Warnell explained to the board members there are two different type of TIPPS Grants, one is non-competitive and the one we are currently in negotiation with is a competitive grant in which only 16 were awarded out of almost 850 eligible to apply. Ms. Warnell wasn't looking for the 15% to be paid from the grant. Ms. Warnell showed the board the positions that will need to be filled beginning as soon as February 15th and the amount that was built in HR for those salaries. She explained it would be hard to get all these positions filled right away and that some staff will be taking on extra duties to get the grant going. Ms. Warnell explained the grant to the Board members stating that she could fill a position if allowable during the pre-implementation period. Blanca Wallace and David Chacon questioned if the 15% was for total grant. Ms. Warnell explained it was total from February to July 2017.

Ms. Warnell said she would email auditors or TEA to clarify allowable expenses. Blanca Wallace stated that the Board needed to review her contract and the addendum annually. Ms. Warnell explained that her contract was to be reviewed annually (once a year) and that the board has reviewed hers in December and at the last meeting in January. David Chacon stated that the wording was vague and her contract for 2016-17 was already approved. Ms. Warnell stated that she has never received 15% from any grants she brought into the district. Ms. Warnell also stated that Robb Decker wrote the addendum to her contract.

Joe Canales again stated that no funds had changed in Ms. Warnell's salary but they are only looking at the new TIPPS Grant.

All Board members agree that if documentation is provided for her to assume a position in TIPPS Grant and get paid from the TIPPS grant that she should be paid from the grant. Ms. Warnell said she would be working on getting the information the board needed on the TIPPS Grant.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm

Board President

Board Secretary