

MINUTES OF SCHOOL DISTRICT SPECIAL MEETING

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

SMITHVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given that a Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Smithville Independent School District was held on Tuesday, June 1, 2021 beginning at 6:00 PM at the Smithville ISD Administrative Building, PO Box 479, 901 N.E. 6th Street, Smithville, Texas 78957.

Members present: Howard Burns, Jr., Alan Hemphill, Mike Davis, Jr., Grant Gutierrez, Chris Hinnant, Candice Parsons, Nancy Towry

Others present: Jim Rose, Stephanie Foster, David Edwards, Erik McCowan, Dennis Bender, Amanda Gommert, Jean Ann McCarthy, Jennifer Bezner, Penny Scott, Patsy Holmes, Donna Bartsch, Dusty Goertz, Trish Hawkins, Maria Adkins, Lou Ann Peavy, Ana Murray, Michele Rutherford, Justin Bezner, Jenny Fulcher, Lindsay King, Cameron Drummond, Lisa Gonzales, Cheryl Burns, Denise Behrens

Call to Order – The Board President called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call – Mr. Gutierrez called the roll. All members were present.

Communications from the Public – The Board heard from Jim Rose, Erik McCowan, Dennis, Penny Scott, and Kurt Hammons spoke regarding their opinion of Big Star Solar, LLC. The Board heard from Jennifer Bezner regarding ESSER III.

Action Items

Possible Action On Resolution Regarding Second Extension Of Time For Consideration Of Tax Limitation Application On Qualified Property from Big Star Solar, LLC, No. 1531

– The extension request from Big Star Solar, LLC is required to make sure that the application review period does not expire. The extension allows both parties to further their due diligence and present a final agreement to the Board when completed. Candice Parsons moved to approved the resolution allowing a second extension of time for consideration of tax limitation application on qualified property from Big Star Solar, LLC. Nancy Towry seconded the motion. The vote carried 5-1 with Howard Burns, Jr. opposing and Grant Gutierrez abstaining.

Consider Approval of Resolution for Public Notice of Federal Grants – Due to the number of public notice requirements in federal grant statutes, TEA recommends that school districts develop local board policy to address how the district will provide required public notice regarding federal grants and awards for consistency. Auditors may request documentation of the district's policies and procedures. TASB Policy and Legal Services developed a resolution with sample text that can be adopted for inclusion in CB (Local) on grants and awards. Howard

Burns, Jr. moved to approve the resolution as presented. Candice Parsons seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

Resignations of Certified Personnel – Mrs. Burns informed the Board of the resignation of Chris Kelly, principal at Smithville Junior High School. No action was required.

Employment of Certified Personnel – Mrs. Burns recommended employment of Mollie Gerus and Stephanie Brant as teachers at Smithville Elementary School for the 2021-2022 school year. Candice Parsons moved to employ Mollie Gerus and Stephanie Brant for the 2021-2022 school year as recommended. Howard Burns, Jr. seconded and the vote passed unanimously 7-0.

The Board adjourned its meeting at 6:40 p.m.