

REGULAR MEETING OF BOARD OF EDUCATION
Stephenville, Texas

May 20, 2019

The Stephenville Independent School District Board of Education met in regular session at 5:30 pm in the Bond Auditorium of the Administration Building, May 20, 2019 with the following members present:

President Dr. Ann Calahan
Vice President Dr. Ed Dittfurth
Secretary Mrs. Sherrie Evans
Dr. Robert Barberee

Mr. Scott E. Osman
Mr. Cole Gilliam Parks
Mrs. Keri Vanden Berge

School Personnel Present: Superintendent Mr. Matt Underwood, Ms. Deborah Hummel, Ms. Kathy Hampton, Mrs. Jennifer Salyards, Mr. Victor Saucedo, Mr. Brad Burleson, Mrs. Stephanie Traweek, Mrs. Stephanie Atchley, Mr. Shelby Womack, Officer Benny Payne, Mr. Keith Starnes, Mr. Mike Childs, Mr. Jerod Womack, Mrs. Jennifer Ryan, Mrs. Amber Lemons, Ms. Brenda Burks, Mrs. Nancy Bullard, Mrs. Jessica Cowan, Mrs. Amber Monk, Mrs. Rachel Kammerer, Mrs. Emily McLemore, Mrs. Jennifer Jones, Mr. Ryan Best, Ms. Katie Fulton, Mr. Taylor Smith, Mr. Bruce Nation, Mrs. Mindy Pope, Mrs. Patti Williams, Mr. Jordan Smith, Mr. Jeremiah Butchee, Mr. Kreg Kimple, Mrs. Shay Douglas, Mr. Brent Moore, Mr. Casey Weil, Ms. D'Anna Green, and Mrs. Norma Cervetto.

Others Present: Ms. Ashley Inge – Stephenville Empire-Tribune, Mr. Mark Goulet, Attorney with Walsh Gallegos Trevino Russo and Kyle, P.C., Mr. Russell Huffman with the Erath County Breaking News and Dr. Nanette Evans.

Invocation

The Invocation was provided by Stephenville High School student Rett Douglas.

Recited U.S. and Texas Pledges of Allegiance

The U.S. and Texas Pledges of Allegiance were led by Stephenville High School student Mitch Deckard.

I. Call to Order and Announce Quorum Present

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

II. Administration of Statement of Elected Officer, Certificate of Election, and Oath of Office to newly elected board members

The Statement of Elected Officer and Oath of Office were administered to Dr. Ann Calahan and Mr. Scott E. Osman.

III. Organization of the Board and Election of Officers 2019-2020

President

Superintendent Underwood opened the floor for nominations for the office of President.

The motion was made by Mrs. Evans and seconded by Mrs. Vanden Berge that Dr. Ann Calahan be nominated as President of the Board.

The following members voted in favor of the motion: Mrs. Evans, Mrs. Vanden Berge, Dr. Calahan, and Dr. Dittfurth.

The following members voted against the motion: Dr. Barberee, Mr. Parks, and Mr. Osman.

The motion carried.

Vice-President

President Calahan opened the floor for nominations for the office of Vice President.

The motion was made by Mr. Osman and seconded by Mrs. Vanden Berge that Dr. Ed Dittfurth be nominated as Vice-President.

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

Secretary

President Calahan opened the floor for nominations for the office of Secretary.

The motion was made by Mrs. Vanden Berge and seconded by Mr. Osman that Mrs. Sherrie Evans be nominated as Secretary.

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

IV. Set Date, Time, and Place for Regular Board Meetings

The regular board meetings will be held on the 3rd Monday of each month at 5:30 pm in the SISD Bond Auditorium.

V. Proclamations/Recognitions

The following Proclamations/Recognitions were presented:

- Teacher of the Year (Secondary: Nancy Bullard)
- CORE VALUE: Brock Boehm – Relationships
- CORE VALUE: Officer Benny Payne – Initiative
- HJH: Duke University TIP Program
- SHS: Band Wind Ensemble
- SHS: BASS Club State Qualifiers
- SHS: DECA
- SHS: FFA
- SHS: Honeybee Golf
- SHS: Jacket Golf
- SHS: OAP
- SHS: Skills USA
- SHS: Honeybee Soccer – State Champs
- SHS: Jacket Soccer
- SHS: Theatrical Team – State Champs
- SHS: Track
- SHS: UIL
- SHS: VASE
- SHS: Welding

VI. Comments from Visitor

The Board heard comments from visitor Dr. Nanette Evans regarding a licensed athletic trainer.

VII. Teacher Spotlight

Central Elementary teachers Jessica Cowan (Kindergarten) and Amber Monk (Pre-K) presented a video regarding their Education Foundation Grant – BEE-BOTS.

VIII. Action Item: Consent Agenda

The motion was made by Mr. Osman and seconded by Mrs. Evans to approve the Consent Agenda including:

- Amended Minutes: March 18, 2019 – Regular Meeting
- Minutes: April 15, 2019 – Regular Meeting
- Minutes: May 13, 2019 – Called Meeting
- Review of Monthly Bills
- Review of additional vendors
- Monthly Financial Statements – Ms. Debbie Hummel
- Attendance 5th six weeks

The following individuals voted in favor of the motion: Dr. Calahan, Dr. Dittfurth, Mrs. Evans, Dr. Barberee, Mr. Osman, and Mrs. Vanden Berge.

The following individual abstained: Mr. Parks

The motion carried.

IX. Approval of Budget Amendments

The motion was made by Dr. Dittfurth and seconded by Mr. Parks to approve the third quarter Budget Amendments as presented.

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

X. Report from Mark Goulet, Attorney with Walsh Gallegos Trevino Russo and Kyle, P.C. regarding the investigation into public allegations of school board misconduct and term limits

The Board entered into Closed Session.

XI. 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 (Approximately: 7:09 pm)

- Private consultation with the board's attorney (551.071)
- 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

XII. Open Session

The Board reconvened to Open Session (Approximately: 8:54 pm)

XIII. Approval of Instructional Materials Allotment and TEKS Certification 2018-2019

Mrs. Jennifer Ryan, Executive Director of Curriculum & Instruction presented the Instructional Materials Allotment and TEKS Certification 2018-2019.

The motion was made by Mrs. Evans and seconded by Dr. Barberee to approve the Instructional Materials Allotment and TEKS Certification 2018-2019.

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

XIV. Approval of Application of Expedited and General State Waivers

The motion was made by Dr. Dittfurth and seconded by Mr. Parks to approve the Application of Expedited and General State Waivers.

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

XV. Approval of iPad refresh at Gilbert Intermediate and campus computer refresh for Central Elementary and Chamberlin Elementary

The motion was made by Mr. Parks and seconded by Mrs. Vanden Berge to approve the iPad refresh at Gilbert Intermediate and campus computer refresh for Central Elementary and Chamberlin Elementary.

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

XVI. Action Item: Address findings from the investigation

Hearing no motion, the Action Item XIV: Address findings from the investigation will not be presented.

XVII. Acceptance of Chamberlin Elementary PTO Donation to Chamberlin Elementary

The motion was made by Mr. Osman and seconded by Mr. Parks to accept the Chamberlin Elementary PTO Donation to Chamberlin Elementary in the amount of \$6,000 for playground fence screen/cover.

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

XVIII. Acceptance of Ben Hogan Foundation's Donation to Stephenville High School

The motion was made by Mr. Parks and seconded by Mr. Osman to accept the Ben Hogan Foundation's donation in the amount of \$5,000 to Stephenville High School to purchase Polaris Ranger for the athletic training program.

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

XIX. Acceptance of SABC (Blue & Gold Legacy) Cody Davis Camp donation to Stephenville High School

The motion was made by Mr. Osman and seconded by Dr. Dittfurth to accept the SABC (Blue & Gold Legacy) – Cody Davis Camp in the amount of \$38,000 to Stephenville High School for new flooring in the weight room.

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

XX. Approval of Volunteer Guidelines

The motion was made by Mr. Osman and seconded by Mr. Parks to approve the Volunteer Guidelines with changes.

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

XXI. TASB Board Policy – DEC (Local) First Reading

The first reading of TASB Board Policy DEC (Local) was held.

XXII. Approval to table Agenda Action Item XX – Board Designation of Contract Hiring Authority to Superintendent

The motion was made by Dr. Dittfurth and seconded by Mr. Osman to table Action Item XX – Board Designation of Contract Hiring Authority to Superintendent until June.

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

XXIII. Heard Superintendent’s Report

- TASA/TASB Convention – September 20-22, 2019 – Dallas TX
- Trueface presentation
- Legislative Update
- Parent and Staff Surveys
- Student Attendance Report – 6 weeks
- 2019 Graduate Roster
- Summer Maintenance Projects

XXIV. Personnel

The motion was made by Mr. Osman and seconded by Dr. Barberee to approve the following personnel recommendations:

Resignations:

Kenya Vargas – Teacher – Chamberlin Elementary
Effective: May 31, 2019

Leslie Cantu – Teacher – Gilbert Intermediate
Effective: May 31, 2019

April Harmon – Teacher – Henderson Jr. High
Effective: May 31, 2019

Alan Thorpe – Teacher/Coach – Stephenville High School
Effective: May 31, 2019

Employment:

Mandy Matthews – Art Teacher – Chamberlin Elementary
Effective: August 12, 2019

Monica Monk – Teacher – Chamberlin Elementary
Effective: August 12, 2019

Lacey Cross – Life Skills Teacher – Hook Elementary
Effective: August 12, 2019

Katelyn Veteto – Teacher – Henderson Jr. High
Effective: August 12, 2019

Jenna Vrla – Teacher – Henderson Jr. High
Effective: August 12, 2019

Christopher Chamberlain – From: Aide To: Behavior Teacher – Stephenville HS
Effective: August 12, 2019

Wendy Ivey – Culinary Arts Teacher - Stephenville High School
Effective: August 12, 2019

Justina Danilowski – LSSP Intern – Special Education Department
Effective: August 1, 2019

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

XXV. Adjourn

No further business appearing before the board, the motion was made by Mr. Parks and seconded by Dr. Dittfurth that the meeting adjourned.

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

ATTEST: _____
Secretary

CORRECT: _____
President