Minutes of Regular Board Meeting

The Board of Trustees
Canutillo ISD

A Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Canutillo ISD was held Tuesday, April 28, 2020, beginning at 10:00 AM in the 7965 Artcraft, El Paso, Texas 79932.

1. **GENERAL FUNCTIONS- OTHER**
   A. Call to Order
   The meeting was called to order at **10:06 am** by Board President Coronado.
   B. Pledge of Allegiance
   The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Board of Trustees.
   C. Texas Pledge of Allegiance
   The Texas Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Board of Trustees.
   D. Roll Call
   All trustees were present.
   E. CISD Vision and Mission Statements
   The Vision Statement was read by Mrs. Yglesias and the Mission Statement was read by Mr. Rodriguez.
2. **BOARD BUSINESS-OTHER**
   A. Discussion and possible action regarding ABM Facility Master Plan Launch.
   Presenter: B. Vasquez
   It was noted by Sonia Gomez that the agenda item should have read ADM not ABM. Mr. Peterson and Mr. Barcon gave a brief introduction of the ADM Team, project scope, timeline and deliverables. Mr. Vasquez stated this would be a comprehensive plan that would include all facilities (occupied or not). Mr. Barcon stated they are currently working with campus principals to get an idea of what each campus needs. He assured the board the geothermal issues would also be addressed.
   Discussion only
   B. COVID 19
      1. Discussion and possible action to approve board resolution to authorize emergency purchases under Texas Education Code § 44.031(h), as a result of the district's major operational failure due to unforeseen COVID-19 emergency.
      Presenter: E. Sida
      Mrs. Mata, CISD Legal Counsel, informed the board that the Resolution would provide the district the ability to suspend procurement rules for

emergency purchases that meet a public purpose. The resolution will terminate once the emergency is resolved.
It was motioned by Mr. Rodriguez, seconded by Mrs. Trout and passed unanimously to approve board resolution to authorize emergency purchases under Texas Education Code § 44.031(h), as a result of the district's major operational failure due to unforeseen COVID-19 emergency.

2. Discussion and possible action regarding a future issuance of maintenance tax notes to upgrade technology and or facilities infrastructure.
   Presenter: M. Piekarksi/R. Mejia/P. Braden
   Ms. Brigham expressed her concern regarding the amount of money that was being spent and the burden this request would put on the taxpayers. Mr. Rodriguez stated equity and inclusion were the reasons for these purchases (1 to 1 devices). Dr. Galaviz stated access for computers and LED lightning were projects that were also needed. Mr. Coronado stated computers and devices were needed for learning and had his full support. Mrs. Searls questioned why the requested amount on the paperwork stated $10,000,000.00 if only $5,000.000,00 was needed for the purchase of the computers. She also questioned the ability of the school district to repay this money in such uncertain times (reduction in sales tax, property taxes and reduction in oil revenues). Mr. Mejia, Estrada Hinojosa, stated the issuance of tax notes would help the district by preserving capital in times of uncertainty. Mrs. Trout suggested purchasing other devices that were more affordable to lessen the burden on the taxpayers. She also expressed her concern with the large amounts of money that were being considered. Mr. Coronado suggested adding LED lighting to the purchase of the computers in order to be able to extend the repayment period. Ms. Brigham stated approving this amount would be like offering the school district a blank check and was not in favor of doing so. After a lengthy discussion it was motioned by Mr. Rodriguez and seconded by Mrs. Yglesias to approve the future issuance of maintenance tax notes to upgrade technology and or facilities infrastructure up to 10,000,000.00 dollars.
   Vote:
   Ms. Brigham-Yes, Mr. Coronado-Yes, Mr. Rodriguez-Yes, Mr.Payan- Yes, Mrs. Trout-No, Mrs. Searls-Yes and Mrs. Yglesias- Yes.
   Motion passes
3. Discussion and possible action regarding the approval of a Resolution Declaring the District's Expectation to Reimburse Expenditures With Proceeds of Future Debt.
   Presenter: M. Piekarksi/R. Mejia/P. Braden
   The board was informed that this resolution would allow for reimbursements to the general fund after the maintenance notes have been sold.
   It was motioned by Mr. Rodriguez, seconded by Mr. Payan to approval of a Resolution Declaring the District's Expectation to Reimburse Expenditures With Proceeds of Future Debt.

Vote:
Ms. Brigham-Yes, Mr. Coronado-Yes, Mr. Payan-Yes, Mr. Rodriguez- Yes, Mrs. Trout-No, Mrs. Searls-Yes and Mrs. Yglesias- Yes.
Motion passes

4. Discussion and possible action to approve purchase from Apple Inc. in the amount of $5,131,069.73 utilizing Texas DIR contract DIR-TSO-3789.
   Presenter: P. Galaviz/O. Rico
   Ms. Brigham applauded the "1 to 1" initiative however felt that administration was unduly trying to influence the board by presenting only 1 option (Apple products). In addition, she felt that moving forward with the purchase without an IT Director was ill advised. Mr. Rodriguez stated the boards role was to consider administration's recommendations. Mrs. Trout voiced her concerns regarding the limited warranty on the Apple products and the cost associated with buying them. Mrs. Searls wanted to ensure all student would be able to connect and Dr. Rico said they would. Dr. Rico also noted the estimate had gone down to $4,804,806.60. Mrs. Searls directed administration to fill the IT Director position as soon as possible. Mr. Rodriguez thanked everyone involved for their hard work. Mr. Blanco, CISD legal counsel, asked administration to confirm that the school district had available funds to make these purchases. Mr. Mejia, Estrada Hinojosa, stated the district could show proof that funds were indeed available for these items.
   It was motioned by Mr. Rodriguez, seconded by Mrs. Yglesias and passed unanimously to approve purchase from Apple Inc. in the amount of $4,804,806.60 utilizing Texas DIR contract DIR-TSO-3789.

5. Discussion and possible action to modify the board resolution approved on April 8, 2020 regarding employee compensation during an emergency closure of the district in response to concerns of further community spread of COVID-19 and pursuant to Policy DEA (Local) to add other positions.
   Presenter: P. Galaviz
   Mrs. Trout asked that Safety and Security along with certain Central Office staff be added to the list of employees that could receive premium pay. Ms. Brigham stated that the district was spending and spending money while members of the community were in food lines. Ms. Brigham stated there needed to be an end to premium pay. Mr. Coronado stated the board could modify the board resolution or completely end it. Mrs. Trout suggested ending premium pay on May 22, 2020. Mrs. Yglesias stated the board needed to consider the budget and was under the impression that the board had already decided to end premium pay. Mr. Coronado stated premium pay had not been budgeted in this year's budget. He expressed his reservations about premium pay and also pay raises due to the unexpected costs associated with COVID-19. Dr. Galaviz stated he wanted to keep the resolution as is. Mrs. Trout asked how the board could spend $10,000,000.00 and yet paying our employees was an issue. Mrs. Trout asked the board to please show support

for the district's employees. Mr. Rodriguez asked the board to support administrations recommendation.
It was motioned by Ms. Brigham and seconded by Mrs. Yglesias to modify the board resolution approved on April 8, 2020 regarding employee compensation during an emergency closure of the district in response to concerns of further community spread of COVID-19 and pursuant to Policy DEA (Local) and to end the Resolution on May 22, 2020.
Vote:
Ms. Brigham-Yes, Mr. Coronado-Yes, Mr. Payan- Yes, Mr. Rodriguez- Yes, Mrs. Trout- No, Mrs. Searls-Yes and Mrs. Yglesias- Yes.
Motion passes

3. **HUMAN RESOURCES-OTHER**

A. Discussion and possible action regarding the 2020-2021 Compensation Maintenance Review / 2020 -2021 Extra Duty Stipend And Supplemental Pay Plan.
Presenter: M. Carrasco/L. Cadena
This item was tabled

B. Discussion and possible action regarding stipend changes.
Presenter: M. Carrasco
This item was tabled

4. **PRESENTATION: OTHER**

A. 2020 Graduation Presentations for Northwest Early College High School and Canutillo High School.

1. Northwest Early College High School
Presenter: J. Arellano
2. Canutillo High School
Presenter: T. Clapsaddle
Informational purposes only

5. **CONSENT AGENDA- VOTING**

A. *BUSINESS SERVICES*

1. Approval of the Monthly Financials.
Presenter: C. Pulley
2. Approval of the Monthly Warrant List.
Presenter: C. Pulley
3. Approval of Monthly Donations.
Presenter: C. Pulley
4. Approval of Budget Amendments.
5. Approval of award RFP #2020-09 Canutillo Independent School District Cafeteria Upgrades to The Edu-Source Corporation in the amount of

$418,471.00.
Presenter: M. Macias

6. Approval of award RFP #2020-10 Vehicle Purchase for Child Nutrition to Southwest Truck in the amount of $103,320.38.
Presenter: M. Macias

7. Approval of House Bill 3834 Certification for Local Governments (Cybersecurity Training).
Presenter: M. Piekarski

B. *CURRICULUM*

1. Approval of the calendar for the 2020-2021 academic school year .
Presenter: E. Moreno

2. Approval of the request for 2019-2020 TTESS / TPESS Waivers to TEA.
Presenter: E. Moreno

C. *HUMAN RESOURCES*

1. Approval of the renewal of probationary, term and continuing contract teachers and other certified/non-certified professionals for the 2020-2021 school year.
Presenter: M. Carrasco

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

It was motioned by Mrs. Searls, seconded by Mrs. Trout and passed unanimously to approve the consent agenda as presented by Administration.

6. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The meeting is to be closed under *Texas Government Code* Sections 551.071, 551.072 and 551.074

The meeting was closed at **3:50 pm** under Texas Government Code Sections 551.071, 551.072 and 551.074

A. Discussion regarding the recommendation of administration to terminate the probationary contract at the end of the contract period of S. A, a teacher at Reyes Elementary, for reasons that will serve the best interests of the District.

7. **NEW BUSINESS (continued): OTHER**

The meeting convened into Open Session at **4:19 pm.**

A. Discussion and possible action regarding the recommendation of administration to terminate the probationary contract at the end of the contract period of S. A, a teacher at Reyes Elementary, for reasons that will serve the best interests of the District.

It was motioned by Mrs. Trout, seconded by Mrs. Yglesias and passed unanimously to terminate the probationary contract at the end of the contract period of S. A, a teacher at Reyes Elementary, for reasons that will serve the best interests of the District.

8. **ADJOURNMENT$**
   The meeting ended at **4:21 pm.**

   Presented to the Board of Trustees for approval on **May 26, 2020.** The minutes reflect all agenda items in the order as originally posted and do not necessarily reflect the order in which they were discussed.