

REGULAR MEETING OF BOARD OF EDUCATION

Stephenville, Texas

October 19, 2015

The Stephenville Independent School District Board of Education met in regular session at 5:30 pm in the Bond Auditorium of the Administration Building, October 19, 2015 with the following members present:

President Dr. Ann Calahan
Vice President Mr. Scott E. Osman
Secretary Mrs. Sherrie Evans

Mr. Cole Gilliam Parks
Mr. Gary Sult
Mrs. Keri Vanden Berge

Member Absent: Mr. Ed Dittfurth

School Personnel Present: Superintendent Mr. Matt Underwood, Mrs. Kathy Haynes, Ms. Deborah Hummel, Mrs. Jennifer Ryan, Mr. Shelby Womack, Mr. Keith Starnes, Mrs. Stephanie Atchley, Mrs. Jenna Hayes, Mrs. Amy Lindsey, Mrs. Deana Moore, Mrs. Kelly Montieth, Mrs. Daphne Jones, Mrs. Wendy Cockerell, Mrs. Kim Singleton, Mrs. Becky Bray, Mrs. Cindy Pharis, Mrs. Ginger Jones, Mrs. Lisa West, Mrs. Ronda Monson, Mrs. Brittney Kostecka, Mrs. Susan Priest, and Mrs. Goldie Scott.

Others Present: Mrs. Autumn Owens, with the Stephenville Empire-Tribune and Mr. Brad Keith, with The Flash.

Invocation

Mr. Gary Sult provided the Invocation for the Board of Trustees.

Recited U.S. and Texas Pledges of Allegiance

The U.S. and Texas Pledges of Allegiance were recited.

I. Call to Order and Announce Quorum Present

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

II. Proclamations/Recognitions

-Erath County United Way SISD Campaign Competition Winner – Hook Elementary

III. Heard Report and Conducted Public Hearing on Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (F.I.R.S.T.)

Ms. Deborah Hummel, Executive Director for Finance and Operations reported on F.I.R.S.T. A public hearing was conducted on F.I.R.S.T. No public comments were made. The hearing was then closed.

IV. Approval of Consent Agenda

The motion was made by Mrs. Vanden Berge and seconded by Mrs. Evans to approve the Consent Agenda including: September 21, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes, Review of Monthly Bills, Approval of additional vendors, Monthly Financial Statements, Budget Amendment, First Six Weeks Attendance, Heard Arbitrage Reports, and approval of bus purchases.

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

V. Approval of Law Firm Retainer Agreements with Walsh Gallegos Trevino Russo and Kyle P.C. and Powell & Leon LLP

The motion was made by Mr. Osman and seconded by Mrs. Evans to approve Law Firm Retainer Agreements with Walsh Gallegos Trevino Russo and Kyle P.C. and Powell & Leon LLP for 2015-2016.

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

VI. Approval of Dr. Ken Stokes' as SISD's representative on the Erath County Appraisal District Board of Directors

The motion was made by Mr. Sult and seconded by Mr. Osman to approve Dr. Ken Stokes as SISD's representative on the Erath County Appraisal District Board of Directors.

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

VII. Heard Superintendent's Report

- Digital Ready Assessment
- Change to School Calendar Requirements
- OCR Survey Draft
- Tax Ratification Election Ballot

VIII. Closed Session

President Calahan announced to those present that the Board would now adjourn into Closed Session pursuant to the provisions of Section 551.071 through and/or 551.086 (Approximately: 5:52 pm)

IX. Open Session

The Board returned to Open Session (Approximately: 6:30 pm)

No action resulted from Closed Session.

X. Personnel

As authorized by the Board of Trustees at the June 15, 2015 Regular Meeting Superintendent Underwood accepted the following resignations/retirements:

Vanessa Halford – Counselor – Chamberlin Elementary

Effective: December 18, 2015

Mary Norris – PAP/Physics Teacher – Stephenville High School

Effective: December 18, 2015

XI. Adjourn

No further business appearing before the Board, the meeting adjourned.

ATTEST: _____
Secretary

CORRECT: _____
President