

Minutes of Regular Meeting

The Board of Trustees South Texas Educational Technologies, Inc.

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of South Texas Educational Technologies, Inc. was held Wednesday, January 14, 2015, beginning at 6:30 PM at 519 S. Texas Blvd, Weslaco, Texas.

Present:

Alim U. Ansari
James O. Hayes
Randall Summers
Juan O. Garcia
Sofia Kamal
Dr. Syed Tirmizi
Aurora Saenz

Absent:

Hassan Ahmad

1. Call to Order - James Hayes calls meeting to order at 6:48 p.m.
2. Moment of Silence
3. Public Comments:

Reasonable restraints on the number, length, and frequency of presentations are permissible. The board may limit the number of persons it will hear on a particular subject and the frequency with which they may appear, so long as the regulation does not abridge constitutionally guaranteed rights of freedom of speech and to petition, nor unfairly discriminate among views seeking expression. Atty. Gen. Op. H-188 (1973)

4. Superintendent's Report
 - A. Reorganization of the Board-No action taken on this item.
5. Consent Agenda
 - A. Minutes of December 19, 2014.

A motion was made by Sofia Kamal and second by Juan O. Garcia to approve the minutes as presented by administration. Motion passed unanimously.
6. Information:
 - A. Report on the Qualified School Construction Bonds presented by Nancy Sanchez.
 - B. Report on the Enrollment and Attendance as of January 5, 2015 presented by Nancy Sanchez.
 - C. Report on the 2013-2014 Texas Academic Performance Report presented by Nancy Sanchez.
7. **Action Items: Governance**

- A. Discuss and take appropriate action to approve the resolution to amend the charter lottery date to June 1st or the first Monday of June.

A motion was made by Randy Summers and second by Sofia Kamal to approve the resolution to amend the charter lottery date to June 1st or the first Monday of June if June 1st falls on a Saturday or Sunday. Motion passed unanimously.

- B. Discuss and take appropriate action to submit a non expansion amendment to TEA to change the lottery date.

A motion was made by Syed Tirmizi and second by Juan O. Garcia to approve the non expansion amendment to TEA to change the lottery date. Motion passed unanimously.

- C. Discuss and take appropriate action to approve the Debt Policy.

A motion was made by Juan O. Garcia and second by Syed Tirmizi to approve the Debt Policy. Motion passed unanimously.

- D. Discuss and take appropriate action to approve the Succession Policy.

A motion was made by Juan O. Garcia and second by Syed Tirmizi to approve the Succession Policy. Motion passed unanimously.

- E. Discuss and take appropriate action to approve a site expansion amendment to TEA to add 7142 Cherry Park, Houston, Texas 77095 and name the campus Horizon Montessori- Houston.

A motion was made by Juan O. Garcia and second by Sofia Kamal to approve a site expansion amendment to TEA to add 7142 Cherry Park, Houston, Texas 77095 and name the campus Horizon Montessori- Houston. Motion passed unanimously.

- F. Discuss and take appropriate action to approve an additional site at 7142 Cherry Park, Houston, Texas 77095

A motion was made by Syed Tirmizi and second by Sofia Kamal to approve an additional site at 7142 Cherry Park, Houston, Texas 77095. Motion passed unanimously.

8. Finance:

- A. Approval of the comprehensive financial audit for fiscal year ending August 31, 2014.

A motion was made by Syed Tirmizi and Sofia Kamal to approve the comprehensive financial audit for fiscal year ending August 31, 2014. Motion passed unanimously.

- B. Approval of the additional closing costs related to the 2014 Qualified School Construction Bonds.

A motion was made by Syed Tirmizi and second by Juan O. Garcia to deny the additional closing costs from Balch & Bingham, LLP related to the 2014 Qualified School Construction Bonds. Motion passed unanimously.

- C. Approval of the longevity pay recipients for May 2015.

A motion was made by Aurora Saenz and second by Sofia Kamal to approve the longevity pay recipients for May 2015. Motion passed unanimously.

- D. Approve Joy D. Cain to offer educational services to South Texas Educational

Technologies, Inc.

A motion was made by Aurora Saenz and second by Sofia Kamal to approve Joy D. Cain to offer educational services to South Texas Educational Technologies, Inc. Motion passed unanimously.

9. Construction:

A. Approval of the design of the administration buildings and to request bids/proposals for the project.

A motion was made by Randy Summers and second by Syed Tirmizi to table this item. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Approval of the design of the auditorium building and to request bids/proposals for the project.

A motion was made by Randy Summers and second by Syed Tirmizi to table this item. Motion passed unanimously.

C. Approval of the design and construction of a warehouse building at the 5 acres in Mercedes. Approximate budget: \$50,000.00.

A motion was made by Randy Summers and second by Syed Tirmizi to approve the budget of \$50,000.00 for the warehouse building at the 5 acres in Mercedes. Motion passed unanimously.

10. Financing:

11. Consider and approve the request for additional financing from Regions Bank, if needed to complete the auditorium project.

A motion was made by Randy Summers and second by Juan O. Garcia to table the request for additional financing from Regions Bank. Motion passed unanimously.

12. Executive Session- Closed Session

A. Houston Properties

13. Action, If Necessary, on Items Discussed in Closed Meeting

14. Adjournment- Meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Alim U. Ansari

James O. Hayes
Board Secretary

Date