

REGULAR MEETING OF BOARD OF EDUCATION
Stephenville, Texas

October 18, 2021

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 18, 2021 with the following members present:

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

Mr. Chad Elms
Mr. Donny Hill
Mrs. Phyllis Stewart

School Personnel Present: Interim Superintendent Mrs. Kelly Magin, Ms. Kathy Hampton, Mrs. Teri Hodges, Mr. Keith Starnes, Mrs. Renee Goodwin, Mrs. Esther Tucker, Mrs. Jennifer Salyards, Mrs. Daresa Rhine, Mr. Victor Saucedo Mr. Brad Burleson, Mrs. Stephanie Traweek, Mrs. Michelle McNutt, Mrs. Rachel Kammerer, SRO – Mr. Benny Payne, Mr. Raul Navarro and Mrs. Norma Cervetto.

Others Present: Huckabee and Associates - Mr. Josh Cogburn and Stephenville Police Captain – Mr. James Gresham.

Invocation

The invocation was provided by Halle Rust, student at Gilbert Intermediate School.

Recited U.S. and Texas Pledges of Allegiance

The U.S. and Texas Pledges of Allegiance were led by Kyler Virgin, student at Gilbert Intermediate School.

I. Call to Order and Announce a Quorum Present

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

II. Proclamations/Recognitions

The following individuals were recognized:

-Gilbert Intermediate School: CORE VALUE: Initiative – Trinity Ward, Cayden Roberson and Bree Nitschke.

III. Comments From Visitors

Prior to hearing from visitors, Dr. Calahan made the announcement that Item XIX – Presentation on Chapter 313 – Superintendent Dr. Greg Poole, Barbers Hill ISD has been removed from the Agenda.

The following individuals addressed the Board of Trustees:

Solar: Caleb Morefield, Michelle Aduddell, Cathy Valle, Joanna Friebele, Carla Trussell, Jannett Cochran, Dub Crumley, and Kenny Weldon.

Guardian Program: Allen Mays

IV. Approval of Consent Agenda

The motion was made by Mrs. Evans and seconded by Dr. Barberee to approve the consent agenda including:

- Minutes: September 20, 2021 – Regular Meeting
- Minutes: October 6, 2021 – Called Meeting
- Minutes: October 13, 2021 – Called Meeting
- Review Check Registry
- Review of Additional Vendors
- Monthly Financial Statements
- 1st Six Weeks Attendance
- 21-22 Budget Amendments – Note: Based on discussion of the fluctuation of our ADA (including the year to year comparison), budget amendments approved will be made effective at the end of October to avoid skewing the original budget.

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

V. 2020-2021 Audit Committee Review Date

The Audit Committee review date is scheduled for Monday, January 10th. The following board members that will be serving on that committee are: Mr. Donny Hill, Dr. Robert Barberee, and Mrs. Phyllis Stewart.

VI. 2018 Bond Program Update

Mr. Josh Cogburn with Huckabee and Associates presented the 2018 Bond Construction Update.

VII. Approval of Change Order in Contingency on the Bond Project

The motion was made by Mrs. Evans and seconded by Mr. Hill to approve the Change Order in contingency on the Bond Project with an additional \$185,000 as discussed.

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

VIII. Bilingual/ESL Program Evaluation (2019-2020) and (2020-2021)

Mrs. Michelle McNutt presented the English Learner Program Evaluation.

IX. Report on Catastrophic Leave

Ms. Kathy Hampton presented the Catastrophic Leave Bank Annual Report 21-22.

X. Discussion of COVID Update – Reduction in Student Cases

Interim Superintendent Mrs. Kelly Magin presented the district COVID update.

XI. Second Reading and Approval of Board Policy CKC (Local)

The Board conducted a second reading of Policy CKC (Local). The motion was made by Mr. Elms and seconded by Mrs. Stewart to approve the second reading of Board Policy CKC (Local) with respect to written authorization to possess a firearm while on school premises, grounds, buildings or passenger transportation vehicle.

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

XII. Approval of Erath County Appraisal District SISD Representative Resignation

The motion was made by Dr. Dittfurth and seconded by Mr. Elms to accept the resignation of ECAD SISD Representative Ms. Debbie Hummel.

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

XIII. Approval of 2021-2022 Campus and District Improvement Plans

SISD Principals presented their Campus Improvement Plan summaries in addition to the District Improvement Plan presented by Mrs. Renee Goodwin.

The motion was made by Dr. Barberee and seconded by Mrs. Evans to approve the 2021-2022 Campus and District Improvement Plans as presented.

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

XIV. Approval of Application for Expedited and General State Waiver – PK Waiver

The motion was made by Dr. Dittfurth and seconded by Mrs. Evans to approve the Application for Expedited and General State Waiver – PK.

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

XV. Approval of SRO Memorandum of Understanding for 2021-2022

The motion was made by Mr. Elms and seconded by Mrs. Stewart to approve the SRO Memorandum of Understanding for 2021-2022.

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

XVI. Item XVI – Consider MOU with Stephenville ISD and Anything’s Paws-ible Stephenville

The motion was made by Mrs. Evans and seconded by Mr. Elms to table Item XVI until the November Regular Board Meeting.

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

XVII. First Reading of Changes to TASB Policy BED (Local) – Board Meetings/Public Participation

The board conducted the first reading of changes to TASB Policy BED (Local) – Board Meetings/Public Participation.

XVIII. Hear TASA/TASB Convention Report

The Board discussed the TASA/TASB Convention.

XIX. Heard Interim Superintendent’s Report

-HB 3 State Plan Update

XX. 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 at approximately 8:57 pm.

-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

-Deliberation regarding economic development negotiations between Stephenville ISD and Erath County Solar LLC (551.087)

-Hearing and Deliberation of parent grievance under Board Policy FNG (Local) (551.082)

XXI. Open Session

The Board reconvened to Open Session at approximately 10:56 pm.

XXII. Level III Parent Grievance under Board Policy FNG (Local)

The motion was made by Mr. Elms and seconded by Mrs. Stewart to grant the Level III Grievance and make an exception to the SISD Board approved Volunteer Guidelines.

The following members voted in favor of the motion: Mr. Elms, Mrs. Stewart, Mrs. Evans, Dr. Dittfurth, and Mr. Hill.

The following members voted against the motion: Dr. Calahan and Dr. Barberee.

The motion carried.

XXIII. Topics for future discussion

- SISD Volunteer Guidelines
- Discuss Staff Policy as related to Texas law

XXIII. Adjourn

No further business appearing before the Board, the meeting adjourned. (Approximately: 11:00 pm).

ATTEST: _____
Secretary

CORRECT: _____
President