BOARD OF TRUSTEES
CALALLEN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

The regular meeting on Monday, December 13, 2021 was called to order in-person at the Calallen ISD Administration building and for the public, via Zoom https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82647507048 Meeting ID: 826 4750 7048 by Mr. Floyd at 5:30 p.m.

Mrs. Walker led the group in prayer.

Board members present:

Jason Floyd, President
Dr. Lana Carr, Vice President
Lori Jo Walker, Secretary
Allen Libbe, Treasurer
Royce Cameron, Member
Jerry Batek, Member
Heather Luckenbach, Member

Others present:

Dr. Arturo Almendarez, Superintendent
Emily Lorenz, Assistant Superintendent
Kelsey Ramos, Director of Finance
Dr. Marcos Flores, Director of Personnel
Kevin Beatty, Director of Technology (via Zoom)
Candy Morris, Testing Coordinator (via Zoom)
Dr. Rey Saenz, Principal (via Zoom)
Melinda Barron, Principal (via Zoom)
Jodi Ferguson, Curriculum (via Zoom)
Dr. Melana Silva, Curriculum Specialist, (via Zoom)
Debbie Skoruppa (via Zoom)
Jake Smith (via Zoom)
Frank Lovvorn, Auditor
Steven and Shelly Floyd
Christin Garner
Victoria Rodriguez
Janeen Hight
Adriana Armendarez
Jared Duff (via Zoom)
Cortney Valdez (via Zoom)
Amelia Booth (via Zoom)
Sandy Klostermann (via Zoom)
Melissa Davis (via Zoom)

Closed Session:

Mr. Floyd declared under the authority of Texas Open Meetings Act, Government Code 551.074 and 551.071 that the Board goes into executive session at 5:32 p.m.

Executive session was closed and regular session resumed at 6:09 p.m.

A motion was made by Mrs. Walker, seconded by Mr. Batek, to uphold the decision by Administration and deny the requests made in the Employee Level III Grievance by Portia Adkins. The motion carried 7-0.

Comments from the Public:

- None

Communications from Administration:

- None

Informational Reports:

- House Bill 3 – Board Goals Update

Unfinished Business:

- None

New Business:

A motion was made by Dr. Carr, seconded Mr. Libbe, to approve common consent agenda items as follows: 1) approval of minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 8, 2021; Special Meetings of November 19, 2021 and December 8, 2021; 2) approval of bills and warrants as of November 30, 2021; 3) approval of Memorandums of Understanding with Del Mar College, Texas A&M Corpus Christi, Texas A&M Kingsville and Coastal Bend College which support college preparatory courses (CPC) mandated by HB5. The motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Frank Lovvorn presented high points from the 2020-2021 Calallen ISD Financial Audit report. A motion was made by Dr. Carr, seconded by Mrs. Walker to approve the 2020-2021 CISD Financial Audit report. The motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Dr. Carr, seconded by Mr. Cameron, to approve the services contract with Stridde, Callins and Associates for the engineering consultant work on Magee Intermediate HVAC project in the amount of $121,760.00. The motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Dr. Carr, seconded by Mr. Batek, to approve the purchase of computer equipment and peripherals from the following vendors and amounts:

- IT Savvy $84,720.00
- Virtucom $19,045.00
- Visual Techniques $13,399.96
- Discount PC $49,711.10

The total amount will not exceed $166,876.06. The motion carried 7-0.

Mrs. Ramos presented District Health Insurance Options for 2022-2023. No action taken. Presentation only.

A motion was made by Dr. Carr, seconded by Mr. Batek, to approve the Board resolution to withdraw from TRS ActiveCare Health Insurance effective at the start of the 2022-2023 plan year. The motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Dr. Carr, seconded by Mr. Batek, to approve Texas School Health Benefits Program as the new provider for employee health insurance benefits, beginning September 1, 2022, and adopt and approve the Joining Resolution and Interlocal Addendum. The motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Dr. Carr, seconded by Mrs. Luckenbach, to approve the naming of Calallen ISD Central Office Administration building in honor or Dr. Artie Almendarez. The motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Mr. Batek, seconded by Dr. Carr, to approve the naming of CHS Football Stadium in honor of Phil Danaher. The proposed new naming will be Wildcat Field at Phil Danaher Stadium. The motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Floyd declared under the authority of Texas Open Meetings Act, Government Code 551.074 that the Board goes into executive session at 7:10 p.m.

Executive session was closed and regular session resumed at 7:56 p.m.

A motion was made by Dr. Carr, seconded by Mrs. Walker, to name Emily Lorenz as the Lone Finalist for the District's next Superintendent. In the exact words motioned, "As a School Board, we have worked hard to make certain that our District maintain its high academic and extra-curricular standards; and after much discussion and community input, we believe that we should appoint Emily Lorenz as the Lone Finalist for our District's next Superintendent. We believe that any further search could not yield a better candidate, and it is with our full support and excitement that I move Emily Lorenz as our Lone Finalist." The motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Dr. Carr, seconded by Mrs. Luckenbach, to accept the resignation of Athletic Director and Head Football Coach Phil Danaher, to be effective January 31, 2022. The motion carried 7-0.

The remainder of the Personnel List of December 13, 2021 was for informational purposes only. SEE ATTACHED.

There was no further business, so the meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Board President

Kori J Walker

Board Secretary