

MINUTES OF SCHOOL DISTRICT REGULAR MEETING

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

SMITHVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given that a Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Smithville Independent School District was held on Monday, November 14, 2022 beginning at 6:00 PM at the Smithville ISD Administrative Building, PO Box 479, 901 N.E. 6th Street, Smithville, Texas 78957.

Members present: Grant Gutierrez, Michael Hancock, Alan Hemphill, Chris Hinnant, Josh Magden, Candice Parsons

Members absent: Nancy Towry

Others present: Margarita Igoe, Stephanie Foster, Tucker Copeland, Bethany Logan, Michael Caudill, Amanda Gommert, Noe McCarthy, Zack Harris, Justin Bezner, Raven Behrens, Kynzie Behrens, Dawsyn Behrens, Penney Behrens, Cory Williams, Cory Kadlecek, Heather Webb, Fran Hunter, Crystal Vinklerek, Jennifer Peterson, Sara Curtis, Megan Lowery, Whitney Brown, Michael Caudill, Cory Williamson, Lindsey Saunders, Lucas Gommert, Kelly Ellington, Amaris White, Andrew Lowery, Cheryl Burns, Denise Behrens

Call to Order – The Board President called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Roll Call – The Board President called the roll of members. All were present.

Student Led Pledge of Allegiance – Students representing the House System at Smithville Elementary led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Those students are: Owen Saunders, Nicholas Gil, Harper Hodges, Jake Chaloupka, Marley Smith, Mia McNeil, Victoria Flores Tamayo, Sidney Taylor, Hayden Powell, Niko Ellington, Harper Rydin, Kiersa Henderson and Kaylee Taylor.

Character Education Speakers – Student guest speakers will be present at each board meeting to read a short essay on the Character Trait of the Month. At this meeting, the Board heard from Sadie Finley, a second grader in Mrs. Heimann's class, and Audrey Chapin, a third grader in Mrs. Saffel's room. Their essays were on the character trait "service".

Public Hearing – As a mandate of the 77th Legislative session, districts must hold a public hearing to report the rating received by the district based upon financial performance in relation to the FIRST rating standards. Chief Financial Officer Jean Ann McCarthy presented the F.I.R.S.T. ratings.

Innovative Teaching Grants Presentation by the Smithville Education Foundation –

The mission of the Smithville Education Foundation (SEF) is to support the Smithville Independent School District (SISD) by working together with our community to serve as a catalyst for generating and distributing resources to school staff to inspire students to excel. The goal of the SEF is to help our teachers inspire greatness in their students and to support district and campus goals. To do so, SEF selects projects for funding that stimulate students' creatively, expand the existing curriculum, and provide for teacher enrichment to improve classroom instruction. Applicants for the grants must be faculty of SISD. Projects must support campus and/or district goals and must support the SEF mission. Most of the grants awarded will be between \$500 and \$900 and are dependent upon available SEF funds.

Grant recipients have been chosen. Fran Hunter, Heather Webb and Cory Kadlecek, board members from the SEF, were present at the board meeting to present the grants to Amaris White, Sara Curtis, Shannon Hall, Megan Lowery, Jennifer Peterson, and Crystal Vinklarek.

Public Communications – There were no speakers signed up to address the Board.

Consent Agenda – Josh Magden moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Michael Hancock econded the motion and it passed 6-0.

1. Minutes
2. Financial Statements
3. Investment Report
4. State Aid Comparison - Budgeted vs. Earned
5. Earned vs. TEA Payments
6. Tax Collection Report
7. Budget Amendments
8. Fund Balance Review

Financial Report – The Chief Financial Officer, Jean Ann McCarthy, reviewed the financial disbursements for the previous month with the Board of Trustees. No action was required.

Superintendent's Report – The Superintendent shared the following information with the Board of Trustees:

- Enrollment numbers as of November 10, 2022 are 1882 students overall, with an attendance of 91.60%.
- The Smithville Tigers have advanced to the second round of the playoffs. They will be playing Silsbee in Waller this coming Friday.
- The Smithville Tiger Theater will perform their production of Chemical Imbalance this Friday and Saturday at the Main Cafeteria at 7pm.

- Child Nutrition would like to invite you to celebrate Thanksgiving with them by attending one of the lunchtime meals at Brown Primary on Wednesday or Smithville Elementary on Thursday.
- Mrs. Burns has been communicating with TASB and Region 13 regarding our Strategic Plan. At this time, it appears that it will be necessary to work with both organizations as we move forward in our planning process.
- The Tiger Insider is at your seats.
- Please refer to the Smithville ISD website for the latest news and resources.

SISD Instructional/Curriculum Program Highlight: SJHS Project Lead the Way – The Board will be presented with curriculum and program area highlights on a regular basis. The purpose of each presentation is to keep the Board informed of the academic progress within the district and on campuses. This month we will be highlighting Project Lead the Way at Smithville Junior High. The instructor is Mr. John Harkrider. Dr. Bethany Logan made the presentation.

Security Update – Mrs. Burns updated the Board on newly released increased security requirements proposed by the Texas Education Agency.

Tentative December Agenda Items – Tentative items to be included on the December agenda are:

- a. Superintendent’s Self-Evaluation Submission to the Board
- b. Distribution of Superintendent Evaluation Material

Review and Approve 2021-2022 District Financial Audit – As required by the Texas Education Agency, an annual audit of financial information is conducted to assure that all legal requirements are being met and sound fiscal responsibility is maintained. The audit was conducted by Armstrong, Vaughn and Assoc, P.C. Kim Roach, who is a Principal with Armstrong, will presented the audit. Michael Hancock moved to approve the 2021-2022 district financial audit as presented. Candice Parsons seconded and the vote passed 6-0.

Resignations of Certified Personnel – There were no resignations to report.

Employment of Certified Personnel – There were no employment recommendations.

The Board adjourned its meeting at 6:55 p.m.