

Regular Board Meeting
MINUTES
05/19/2025
6:00 p.m.

Present: Aslone Foy, Jim Longbotham, Stephen Bradley, Jason Milstead, Tom Sutton, Angela Crane, Bridgett Jackson-Tatum (6:07).

Others: Scott Cummings, Teresa Battrick, Cindy Ensminger, Deana Rand, Melissa Smith, Alex Montoya, Deann King, Stacy Gold, Misty Dingler, Nelson Kortis, Evan Ditmore, Carli Parker, Justin Bell, Lora Sims, Kelley Copeland, Kristen Curry, Melody Sadler.

Aslone Foy called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Jim Longbotham gave the Invocation.

The Pledges to the Flags were recited.

Stephen Bradley read the District Mission Statement.

There were no public comments.

Reorganization of the Board: Scott Cummings opened nominations for Board President. Stephen Bradley nomination was that positions to stay the same. Jason Milstead second the nomination. Positions remain the same by acclamation. (Aslone Foy as Board President, Jim Longbotham as Board Vice-President, and Bridgett Jackson-Tatum as Board Secretary.)

Deana Rand announced the teachers of the year. Bud Nolan for elementary and Jenna Jones for secondary.

Stacy Gold with McCreary, Veselka, Bragg & Allen, gave an overview of delinquent taxes. Joining Ms. Gold was Misty Dingler. Overview included increase tax collections, value studies, audits, highly skilled and experienced staff, title examinations, payment options, generating taxes, bankruptcy department, mineral department, truth and taxation, and school finance services.

Justin Bell and Carli Parker with WRA Architect presented process overview and bond planning. Why do bonds fail, facility committee members, process steps, planning committee website, and meeting agendas. Bond communication consists of a communication plan, a campaign schedule, print materials, social media, two campaign videos, public engagement, vote-yes groups, and data-driven initiatives. Payment for bond, they will give a proposal, then a percentage of cost on the construction, construction manager agent represents the district, and would have to cut check to subcontractors, construction manager at-risk can go either route.

Motion by Jason Milstead, second by Bridgett Jackson-Tatum, to authorize Scott Cummings to hire personnel and issue contracts from May 20, 2025, through August 31, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

Deana Rand and Deann King presented selection of TAHER as the school nutrition program food service management services. Also presented participation in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP), which will increase participation and eliminate the need for free and reduced forms. Students would get to eat, with no large charges, and ease some of the administrative work. In lieu of the free and reduced form, parents would fill out an economically disadvantaged form in Ascender. Motion by Jason Milstead, second by Sindra McLean to approve the selection of Taher as the food service management services. Motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda: Motion by Jason Milstead, second by Stephen Bradley, to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

- A. Minutes of Previous Board Meeting
- B. Budget Report and Amendments
- C. 2025-2026 Board Meeting Dates
- D. Navarro Community College Dual Credit MOU
- E. 2025-2026 SMARTOX Agreement
- F. Donation(s)
- G. Surplus

Entered Executive Session: 6:39 p.m.

Reconvened: 7:37 p.m.

Sindra McLean left the meeting at 7:28 p.m.

Motion by Jim Longbotham, second by Stephen Bradley, to approve hires as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Teresa Battrick swore in newly elected board members and appointed board members, Angela Crane and Bridgett Jackson-Tatum.

Superintendent Comments: Scott Cummings comments included student attendance and safety and security.

Board President Comments and Reports: The next regular board meeting is scheduled for June 16.

Motion by Jason Milstead, second by Jim Longbotham, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjourned: 7:39 p.m.

Aslone Foy, Board President

Bridgett Jackson-Tatum, Secretary

June 16, 2025
Date Approved