

Regular Board Meeting
MINUTES 11/18/2024 6:00
p.m.

Present: Aslone Foy, Jim Longbotham, Sindra McLean, Jason Milstead, Stephen Bradley (6:40), Angela Crane, Bridgett Jackson-Tatum (7:10).

Others: Anthony Figueroa, Teresa Battrick, Deana Rand, Cindy Ensminger, Melissa Smith, Alex Montoya, Keith Parker, Evan Ditmore, Lora Sims, Kristen Curry, Christina Smith, Kayla Bryson, Leslie Noland, Desirae Settlemyer, Debra Hedrick, Rose Armstrong, Gabbi Ruelas, Randy Lopez, Gabe Ramirez, Ryan Senzig, Skylar Knox, Clayton Strothers, Kelly Grady, Windy Roberts.

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

Jim Longbotham gave the Invocation.

Jason Milstead led the Pledges to the Flags.

Sindra McLean read the District Mission Statement.

There were no public comments.

Student Recognition: Students from the Red Goat Café were recognized.

Teacher of the Month was recognized by each campus for November/December. Heidi Johnson, H. O. Whitehurst; Leslie Nolan, Enge-Washington Intermediate School; Kayla Bryson, Groesbeck Middle School; and Desirae Settlemyer, Groesbeck High School.

Christina Smith, TAHER Representative, presented that food service participation rates increased by 8% for lunches, 43% for a la carte, and over 70% for adult meals. Presented afterschool meal revenue and breakfast remains an opportunity for increasing participation. TAHER has Chef by Design and is bringing in Chef Rosh tomorrow at the high school, and there are plans to do more things.

2023-2024 Financial Audit: Clayton Strothers, with Patillo, Brown, and Hill LLP, presented the financial audit. All things were good on the independent auditors' report with an unmodified (clean) opinion. Presented district-wide statements, cash, capital assets, budget to actual schedule, net change of a decrease by \$675,000, deficit budget for 2025, and solar money. Motion by Jim Longbotham, second by Sindra McLean to approve the 2023-2024 audit as presented. Motion carries unanimously.

Coach Kelly Grady presented information on varsity volleyball players' out-of-state travel to a national tournament in Hawaii through Kaylee Scholarship Association (KSA). Participation would be every two years, allowing players in the program to attend. Discussed sponsorship and fundraisers. Motion by Angela Crane, second by Sindra McLean to approve the volleyball out-of-state travel as presented for high school volleyball players. Motion carried unanimously.

The public hearing for the 2023-2024 Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST) based on 2022-2023 data was opened at 7:04 p.m. Melissa Smith presented the FIRST report with Groesbeck ISD, earning an A = Superior Achievement Rating. The public meeting closed at 7:08 p.m. Motion by Stephen Bradley, second by Jason Milstead to approve the Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas as presented.

Anthony Figueroa presented the findings of the intruder detection audit. One door at the high school was closed but unlocked. Measures are in place to remedy this.

Principals gave a presentation of the first review of their Campus Improvement Plan. Each highlighted one area and then one concern with strategies. Kristen Curry implemented W.I.N. (What I Need) time, and on Fridays, they drop everything and write. Intervention for writing. Social-emotional growth is more explicit. Partnered with VOICE to help with coping strategies. Lora Sims presented that their growth area is also W.I.N. time and the use of Goat Bucks for behaviors. Working on attendance. Evan Ditmore's highlights included attendance and the need to get more students involved in UIL and athletics. CIS has helped with this. Working on Tier III and leverage with iReady. Keith Parker's highlight included mental health. The concern is the struggle with attendance but implementing ways to improve.

Motion by Jason Milstead, second by Jim Longbotham to re-approve board policy DCE(LOCAL) as approved on July 22, 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

2025-2026 Falls County Appraisal District Board of Directors Election Ballot: Motion by Stephen Bradley, second by Jason Milstead to cast one (1) vote for Jace Albright. Motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda: Motion by Jim Longbotham, second by Sindra McLean, to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

- A. Minutes of Previous Board Meeting
- B. Budget Report and Amendments
- C. 2024 Tax Roll
- D. Agreements with Limestone Medical Center: Dietary Employees TB, Bus Driver Physical, and Speech Therapy

Entered Executive Session: 7:27 p.m.

Reconvened: 8:51

Motion by Jim Longbotham, second by Jason Milstead to approve items discussed in executive session. Motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent Comments: Student enrollment. Discussed the I&S rate, facility committee and policy committee that board members to serve on, and Leader in Me Educational and Student Leadership Program.

Board President Comments and Reports: Board Members serving on the Facility and Safety Committee are Aslone Foy, Bridgett Tatum, Jim Longbotham, and Stephen Bradley, and Board Members serving on the Policy Committee (Mission/Vision Statements, Standard Operating Procedures) are Angela Crane, Sindra McLean, and Jason Milstead. It is recommended that two to three board members attend the Thompson Superintendent Academy on February 21-23 in Austin. The January 27th Board Meeting needs to be rescheduled due to Mid-Winter Conference. Some optional dates: Monday 13, Tuesday 21, or Wednesday 22. (The 20th is MLK holiday.) To be decided at the December Board Meeting on December 16.

Motion by Bridgett Jackson-Tatum, second by Jim Longbotham, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjourned: 8:57 p.m.

Aslone Foy, Board President

Bridgett Jackson-Tatum, Secretary

December 16, 2024
Date Approved