

REGULAR MEETING OF BOARD OF EDUCATION
Stephenville, TX. 76401

October 16, 2023

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 16, 2023 with the following members present:

Mr. Chad Elms, President	Mrs. Sherrie Evans
Mr. Donny Hill, Vice President	Mr. Ben McCleery
Dr. Robert Barberee, Secretary	Mr. Matt Miller
Dr. Ed Dittfurth	

School Personnel Present: Superintendent Dr. Eric Cederstrom, Mr. Tim Sherrod, Ms. Kathy Hampton, Mr. John Briese, Mrs. Kelly Magin, Mrs. Esther Tucker, Mrs. Joanie Bennett, Mrs. Mica Rudd, Mr. Victor Saucedo, Dr. Josh Holt, Mrs. Stephanie Traweek, Mr. Tom Airola, Mrs. Michelle McNutt, Mrs. Carey Arthur, Mrs. Renee Goodwin, Mrs. Jennifer Salyards, Mrs. Brenda Perez, Mrs. Rachel Kammerer, Mr. LeKorry, Ms. Melanie Parker, Mrs. Norma Cervetto, Mrs. Julie Griffin, Mrs. Lisa Pyburn, Mrs. Afton Varnado and Mrs. Whitney Demetruk.

Others Present: Ms. Mildred Bautista and Mr. David Finley with Parkhill, Mr. Eric Bunner and Mr. Bailey McDonald with Crossland Construction.

Invocation

The Invocation was provided by HJH students Mayci Hamilton and Rhett Reed.

Recited U.S. and Texas Pledges of Allegiance

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I. Call to Order and Announce Quorum Present

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

II. Comments from Visitors

Comments were heard from visitor Ms. Brenda Burks in reference to Proposition 9 and Vouchers.

III. Heard Report and Conducted Public Hearing on Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST)

Mr. Tim Sherrod, Executive Director of Finance and Operations presented the 2022-2023 Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST) report and introduced the Business Office staff. The district received an “A” Superior Achievement Rating. Mr. Elms opened the floor for comments. No comments were made and the hearing was closed.

IV. Approval of Consent Agenda

The motion was made by Mr. McCleery and seconded by Mr. Miller to approve the consent agenda including:

- Minutes: September 18, 2023 – Regular Meeting
- Review Check Registry
- Review of Additional Vendors
- Monthly Financial Statements
- Review of Purchase over \$50,000
 - Fencing Slats and Egress Gates
 - 2 (77) Passenger Buses
- Set Date for Audit Committee Review for 22-23 Annual Audit
 - Wednesday, December 13, 2023
- 1st Six Weeks Attendance
- Report on Catastrophic Leave
- Approval of 2023-2024 Campus and District Improvement Plans

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

V. Stadium Update

Ms. Mildred Bautista and Mr. David Finley with Parkhill, Mr. Eric Bunner and Mr. Bailey McDonald with Crossland Construction presented the stadium update.

VI. Approval of Kindergarten Class Size Waiver

The motion was made by Dr. Dittfurth and seconded by Mrs. Evans to approve the Application for Expedited and General State Waivers – Class Size Waiver Request – Kindergarten – 1 class.

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

VII. Heard Superintendent’s Report including:

- Campus Showcase – Chamberlin Elementary
- Safety and Security Update
- Construction Updates (Tennis, Baseball, other)

VIII. Closed Session

President Elms 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 6:30 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
- Discuss purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property (551.072)
- Discuss the deployment, specific occasions for, or implementation of, security personnel or devices (551.076)

IX. Reconvene Open Session for any action relative to discussion during Closed Session – 7:45 pm

X. Personnel

The following recommendations were approved by Dr. Cederstrom:

Resignation:

Carrie Murphy – Diagnostician – Special Education Department
Effective: October 11, 2023

Employment:

Barbara Schofield – Part-Time Diagnostician – Special Education Department
Effective: October 17, 2023

XI. Approval of Authority to Dr. Cederstrom to locate 3rd party Vendor for Safety and Security Protocols

The motion was made by Mr. Hill and seconded by Mr. McCleery to give Dr. Cederstrom authority to locate 3rd party vendor for Safety and Security Protocols.

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

XII. Board Communications and Future Action Items

Team of Eight Training date – Monday, November 13, 2023 Regular Board Meeting (6:30-9:30 pm).

XIII. Adjourn

No further business appearing before the Board, the meeting adjourned.

ATTEST: _____

Secretary

CORRECT:

President

