

REGULAR MEETING OF BOARD OF EDUCATION
Stephenville, Texas

May 16, 2022

The Stephenville Independent School District Board of Education met in Regular Session at 5:30 pm in the Bond Auditorium of the Administration Building, May 16, 2022 with the following members present:

Dr. Ann Calahan, President
Dr. Robert Barberee, Vice President
Mr. Chad Elms (President Elect)
Mrs. Sherrie Evans, Secretary
Mrs. Phyllis Stewart (Secretary Elect)

Mr. Donny Hill (Vice President Elect)
Mr. Luke Elms (Board Member Elect)
Mr. Matt Miller (Board Member Elect)

Member Absent: Dr. Ed Dittfurth

School Personnel Present: Superintendent Dr. Eric Cederstrom, Ms. Kathy Hampton, Mrs. Teri Hodges, Mr. Keith Starnes, Mr. Shelby Womack, Mrs. Rachel Kammerer, Mrs. Kelly Magin, Mrs. Esther Tucker, Mrs. Jennifer Salyards, Mrs. Daresa Rhine, Mrs. Stephanie Traweek, Mr. Jerod Womack, Mrs. Robin Kimbrough, Mr. Jeremiah Butchee, Mr. Mike Copeland, Mrs. Jocelyn Etters, Mrs. Mica Rudd, Mrs. Vickie Amos, Mr. Kolt Kittley, Mrs. Jennifer Jones, Mr. Justin Rhodes, Ms. Mindy McCleskey, Ms. Liz Stearnes, Mrs. Norma Cervetto.

Invocation

The Invocation was provided by Stephenville HS student – Reese Weyers.

Recited U.S. and Texas Pledges of Allegiance

The U.S. and Texas Pledges of Allegiance were led by Stephenville HS student – Camilla Buchanan.

I. Call to Order and Announce Quorum Present

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

II. Proclamations/Recognitions

The following Proclamations were presented:

- -SHS: Track (YellowJackets and Honeybees)
- -Elementary Teacher of the Year – Robin Kimbrough
- -Secondary Teacher of the Year – Jeremiah Butchee

- -SHS: UIL Academics
- -SHS: DECA
- -SHS: Newspaper: Interscholastic League Press Contest
- -SHS: Varsity YellowJacket Soccer
- -SHS: Theatrical Design
- -SHS: VASE
- -Recognize Dr. Ann Calahan and Dr. Ed Dittfurth for School Board Service

III. Approved Canvass of Election Results of Annual Trustee Election – May 7, 2022

The results of the annual trustee election, as verified by County Clerk Gwinda Jones were as follows:

Annual Trustee Election – May 7, 2022

Place 4 – Full Three Year Term

Amauri Martinez – 1,269

Luke Sims – 1,509

Place 5 – Full Three Year Term

Matt Miller (unopposed) – 2,501

The motion was made by Mr. Hill and seconded by Mr. Elms to approve the canvassing of votes for the school board trustee election.

Mr. Luke Sims, Place 4 and Mr. Matt Miller, Place 5 are declared winners of the election to serve as members of the board until 2025. A breakdown of the votes cast is attached hereto and shall become an official part of these minutes.

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

IV. Approved Order Canvassing of May 7 Special Election Proposition A and Proposition B - Bond

The motion was made by Dr. Barberee and seconded by Mrs. Evans to approve the Order Canvassing of May 7 Special Election PROPOSTION A and PROPOSITION B. The Board of Trustees officially finds and determines that the following votes were cast at said election on the submitted PROPOSITION A and PROPOSITION B by the resident, qualified electors of said District, who voted at the election:

PROPOSITION A

VOTES FOR: 1,344

VOTES AGAINST: 1,607

PROPOSITION B

VOTES FOR: 1242

VOTES AGAINST: 1699

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

- V. Administer Statement of Elected Officer, Certificate of Election, and Oath of Office to newly elected board members.

The Statement of Elected Officer and Oath of Office were administered to newly elected board members: Mr. Luke Sims and Mr. Matt Miller. The newly elected board members were seated.

- VI. Organization of the Board and Election of Officers for 2022-2023

President

Superintendent Cederstrom opened the floor for nominations for the office of President.

Mrs. Evans nominated Dr. Robert Barberee for the office of President.

The following individuals voted in favor of the nomination:
Mrs. Evans and Dr. Barberee.

Mrs. Stewart nominated Mr. Chad Elms for the office of President.

The following individuals voted in favor of the nomination:
Mr. Miller, Mrs. Stewart, Mr. Elms, Mr. Sims and Mr. Hill.

Mr. Elms was voted as President.

Vice President

President Elms opened the floor for nominations for the office of Vice President:

Mrs. Evans nominated Mr. Donny Hill for Vice President.

The following individuals voted in favor of the nomination: Mr. Elms, Mr. Hill, Mrs. Stewart, Mrs. Evans, Dr. Barberee, Mr. Sims and Mr. Miller.

Mr. Hill was voted as Vice President.

Secretary

Mr. Hill nominated Mrs. Sherrie Evans as Secretary of the Board.

The following individuals voted in favor of the nomination: Dr. Barberee, Mrs. Evans and Mr. Hill.

Mr. Elms nominated Mrs. Phyllis Stewart as Secretary.

The following individuals voted in favor of the nomination: Mr. Elms, Mr. Sims, Mrs. Stewart and Mr. Miller.

Mrs. Stewart was voted as Secretary.

VII. Approval of Board Meeting Dates for 2022-2023

The motion was made by Mrs. Evans and seconded by Mr. Sims that the list of board meeting dates for 2022-2023 be approved – 3rd Monday of each month – 5:30 pm. A copy of the list is attached hereto and shall become an official part of these minutes.

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

VIII. Approval of Minutes of April 19, 2022 – Regular Meeting

The motion was made by Mr. Hill and seconded by Mr. Evans to approve the Minutes of March 21, 2022 – Regular Meeting.

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

IX. Approval of Consent Agenda items including: Review Check Registry, Review of Additional Vendors, Monthly Financial Statements and Budget Amendments

- Review Check Registry
- Review of Additional Vendors
- Monthly Financial Statements
- Budget Amendments

The Budget Amendments included “additional compensation”; a one-time retention payment to employees committed to returning to Stephenville ISD for

the 2022-2023 school year. A signed copy of the Staff Retention Payment is attached hereto and shall become an official part of these minutes.

The following members voted in favor of the motion: Mr. Elms, Mr. Hill, Mr. Miller, Mr. Sims, Dr. Barberee and Mrs. Evans.

The following member abstained: Mrs. Stewart

The motion carried.

X. Approval of Updates to the McLemore Custodial Contract

The motion was made by Dr. Barberee and seconded by Mr. Hill to approve the updates to the McLemore Custodial Contract.

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

XI. Approval of Application for Expedited and General State Waivers

The motion was made by Mrs. Stewart and seconded by Mr. Miller to approve the Application for Expedited and General State Waivers. A copy of the Application for Expedited and General State Waivers is attached hereto and shall become an official part of these minutes.

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

XII. Approval of Resolution convening the local SHAC recommendations regarding curriculum materials for human sexuality

The motion was made by Mrs. Evans and seconded by Mr. Elms to approve the Resolution convening the local SHAC recommendations regarding curriculum materials for human sexuality. A copy of the Resolution is attached and shall become an official part of these minutes.

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

XIII. Approval of Board Designation of Contract Hiring Authority to Superintendent

The motion was made by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mr. Sims to approve the board designation of contract hiring authority to Superintendent.

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

XIV. Heard Superintendent's Report

- May Budget Workshop Date
- 2022 Bond Update
- Graduation: May 20, 2022 – Tarleton State University
Memorial Stadium – 8:00 pm
- Summer Maintenance Projects – Mr. Keith Starnes
- Campus Showcase: Central Elementary and Chamberlin Elementary

XV. 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 7:45 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
 - Consider Employment of Executive Director for Technology and Digital Learning
- 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)

XVI. Open Session

The Board reconvened to Open Session at approximately 8:50 pm

XVII. Personnel

The motion was made by Mrs. Evans and seconded by Mr. Miller to approve the following personnel recommendations:

Resignations:

Stephanie Johnson – Kindergarten – Central Elementary
Effective: May 20, 2022

Wendy Cockerell – 3rd Grade ELAR – Hook Elementary
Effective: May 20, 2022 (Retirement)

Kristen Svajda – 6th grade ELA – Gilbert Intermediate
Effective: May 20, 2022

Kimise Arpin – Secondary Science – Henderson Jr. High
Effective: May 20, 2022

Parker Smith – PE Teacher/Coach – Stephenville High School
Effective: May 20, 2022

Brody Wilson – Secondary Math Teacher/Coach – Stephenville HS
Effective: May 20, 2022

Emily Akard – Diagnostician – Special Education Department
Effective: June 14, 2022

Employment:

Katlyn Lofton – Kindergarten Teacher – Central Elementary
Effective: August 9, 2022

Rebecca Tuggle – Kindergarten Teacher – Central Elementary
Effective: August 9, 2022

Bobby Nicholson – PE Teacher/Coach – Gilbert Intermediate
Effective: August 9, 2022

Julia Biberdorf – Secondary Math Teacher – Henderson Jr. High
Effective: August 9, 2022

Elise Gafford – Secondary ELA Teacher/Coach – Henderson Jr. High
Effective: August 9, 2022

Kurt Swisher – Assistant Band Teacher – Stephenville High School
Effective: August 1, 2022

Michelle Humphries – RN – Stephenville High School
Effective: August 9, 2022

Kathryn Trammel Gerred – Speech Language Pathologist Asst.
-Special Education Department
Effective: August 1, 2022

John Briese – Executive Director for Technology and Digital Learning
Effective: June 1, 2022

Change in Status:

Michele Ponder – From: Elementary Math Teacher To: Special Education
Resource Inclusion Teacher – Hook Elementary

Effective: August 9, 2022

Blair Landes – From: Special Education Resource/Inclusion Teacher To: Special
Education Behavior Teacher – Stephenville HS

Effective: August 9, 2022

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

VIII. Adjourn

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

ATTEST: _____
Secretary

CORRECT: _____
President