

**VENUS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
REGULAR MEETING  
SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES**

**February 21, 2022**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Venus Independent School District, on February 21, 2022 was called to order by Chad Sutton at 7:00 p.m., in the Board Room, 100 Student Drive, Venus, Texas 76084.

**Board Members Present:** Chad Sutton, President (Place 3)  
Katie Drambareanu, Vice President (Place 5)  
Tasha Gore, Secretary (Place 7)  
Joe Russell, Trustee (Place 2)  
Leslie Owens, Trustee (Place 4)  
Gregory Hoffman, Trustee (Place 6)

**Board Members Absent:** Gerell Leonard

**Administrators/Staff Present** James Hopper, Superintendent  
Hollis Moore, Assistant Superintendent  
Ann-Marie Morgan, Curriculum Director  
Megan Schwarz, CFO  
Steven Nazworth, Business Manager  
Leighanne Ortiz, Principal  
Lori Box, Principal  
Kim Buck, Principal  
Karen Woodworth, Principal  
Robert Wood, Police Chief

**Guests:** Victoria Fudge, Instructional Technologist  
Amanda Owens, Teacher  
Venus FFA

**1. Call to Order and Announcement of a Quorum**

Announcement of Quorum 7:00 p.m.

**2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**

Flages presented by Venus FFA

**3. Welcome Guests**

**4. Presentation of Campus Reports and Recognitions**

**5. Opportunity for Public Comment (including any item on the agenda)**

None

**6. Presentation of Interactive Classroom strategies**

**7. Presentation of Student growth performance update**

**8. Discussion of the Student Code of Conduct - consideration of mitigating factors in determining DAEP placement.**

**9. Consent Agenda**

- A. Approve previous month's board minutes
- B. Consider approval of Budget Calendar 2022-2023

A motion was made by Greg Hoffman and seconded by Tasha Gore to approve the consent agenda as presented.

**The motion carried 6 – 0 - 0**

**10. Consider approval of payment to Arlington ISD for Shared Services of the Deaf Program not to exceed \$100,000 for the school year 2021-2022. (inclusive fall payment of \$45,750 )**

A motion was made by Les Owens and seconded by Katie Drambareanu to approve payment to Arlington ISD for Shared Services of the Deaf Program not to exceed \$100,000 for the school year 2021-2022. (inclusive fall payment of \$45,750 )

**The motion carried 6 – 0 - 0**

**11. Consider approval of year to date investment report**

A motion was made by Tasha Gore and seconded by Joe Russell to approve the year to date investment report as presented.

**The motion carried 6 – 0 - 0**

**12. Consider approval of General Fund Budget Amendment**

A motion was made by Les Owens and seconded by Tasha Gore to approve the general fund budget amendment as presented.

**The motion carried 6 – 0 – 0**

**13. Consider approval of HS General Fund Budget Amendment**

A motion was made by Joe Russell and seconded by Katie Drambareanu to approve the Venus High School General Fund Budget Amendment as presented.

**The motion carried 6 – 0 - 0**

**14. Consider approval of Resolution of the Board regarding wage payments during emergency school closings**

A motion was made by Katie Drambareanu and seconded by Tasha Gore to approve the Resolution of the Board regarding wage payments during emergency school closings.

**The motion carried 6 – 0 - 0**

**15. Executive Session**

Entered Executive Session at 8:11 p.m.

§551.071 Consultation with School District's attorney on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with the Texas Open Meetings Act specifically including the appointment, employment evaluation, reassignment, duties, salaries, discipline or dismissal of a public officer, superintendent, assistant superintendent, principals, district directors, counselors, assistant principals, teachers, CFO, coaches, interim superintendent, at-will employees, to hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee. Staffing update.

§551.072 A governmental body may conduct a closed meeting to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property if deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the governmental body in negotiation with a third person.

§551.074 A governmental body may conduct a closed meeting to discuss the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, salaries, discipline or dismissal of a public officer, superintendent, assistant superintendent, principals,

district directors, counselors, assistant principals, teachers, CFO, coaches, at-will employees, interim superintendent, or to hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee. Staffing update.

§551.076 A Board is not required to conduct an open meeting to deliberate:

1. The deployment, or specific occasions for implementation, of security personnel or devices;
- or 2. A security audit

§551.082 School Children, School District Employees; Disciplinary Matter or Complaint

§551.0821 School Board: Personally Identifiable Information About Public School Student

**16. Reconvene from Executive Session**

Reconvened from Executive Session at 10:31 p.m.

**17. Consider approval of Superintendent's evaluation**

A motion was made by Tasha Gore and seconded by Joe Russell to approve the Superintendent's evaluation.

**The motion carried 6 – 0 - 0**

**18. Consider approval of Matters Related to Personnel: Resignations, Employment, Position or Contract Amendment**

No items presented for approval no action required

**19. Reports**

A. Superintendent

B. Assistant Superintendent

C. Chief Financial Officer

D. CTE Program

E. Athletics

F. Bilingual / ESL

G. Child Care

H. Child Nutrition

I. Maintenance

J. Special Education

K. Technology

L. Transportation

M. Venus ISD Police Department

20. **Board request for additional items/next schedule board meeting date: March 21, 2022**  
Naming of Properties and/or Buildings

21. **Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 10:35 p.m.

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Chad Sutton, President

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Date

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Tasha Gore, Secretary