

VENUS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
April 15, 2019

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Venus Independent School District on April 15, 2019 was called to order by Presidents Leslie Owens at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room, 100 Student Drive, Venus, Texas 76084.

Board Members Present:

Leslie Owens, President
Linda Taylor, Vice President
Joe Russell, Secretary
Gregory Hoffman, Trustee
Debra Cruce, Trustee
Gerell Leonard, Trustee
Tara Sheppard, Trustee - ABSENT

Administrators/Staff Present:

James Hopper, Superintendent
Hollis Moore, Assistant Superintendent
Traci Palazzo, Admin Assistant
Michelle Salazar – CFO
Randall Buck – High School Principal
Kim Buck – Middle School Principal
Steven Nazworth, Elem/Primary Principal
Jacob Bible – Athletic Director
Dr. Ann-Marie Morgan – Curriculum Director
Dr. Michele Gist-Barrow – SPED Director

Guest:

- 1. Call to Order and Announcement of a Quorum**
- 2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3. Welcome Guest**
- 4. Public Forum – 30 minutes allotted per Policy BED(LOCAL) – Ben Clopton**
- 5. Campus Recognitions**
- 6. Recognition of the girls' basketball season accomplishments**
- 7. Consent Agenda**

Approve previous month's board minutes

A motion was made by Gregory Hoffman and seconded by Debra Cruce to approve Previous months board minutes.

The motion carried: 6-0-0

- 8. Announcement of Board continuing education hours**
- 9. Construction Update**

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10. Annual report of VISD maintenance director

11. Consider approval of instructional materials allotment and TEKS Certificates

A motion was made by Joe Russell and seconded by Linda Taylor to approve materials allotment and TEKS certificates.

The motion carried 6-0-0

12. Consider approval of the RFP for Student Chromebooks for the high school.

A motion was made by Gerell Leonard and seconded by Gregory Hoffman to approve Request for purchase for Student Chromebooks for the high school not to exceed \$92,000.00

The motion carried 6-0-0

13. Consider approval of National Superintendent certification enrollment.

A motion was made by Gerell Leonard and seconded by Linda Taylor to approve National Superintendent certification enrollment.

The motion carried 6-0-0

14. Consider approval of adding new positions for the 2019-2020 school year.

A motion was made by Joe Russell and seconded by Linda Taylor to approve new positions for the 2019-2020 school year.

The motion carried 6-0-0

15. Consider approval of purchases for 3rd Street Facility Welding Lab renovation.

A motion was made by Les Owens and seconded by Gerell Leoanrd to approve Purchases for 3rd Street facility welding lab renovation, not to exceed \$55,000.00

The motion carried 6-0-0

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16. Consider approval of Summer School for English learners in kindergarten and first grades.

A motion was made by Gregory Hoffman and seconded by Debra Cruce to approve Summer School for English learners in kindergarten and first grades, June 3-27, 2019.

The motion carried 6-0-0

17. Consider approval of payment to Hill College for Dual Credit Fall/Spring courses in excess of over \$100,000 that was approved in October, 2018. The excess to be approved is \$27,456.70

A motion was made by Gregory Hoffman and seconded by Joe Russell to approve payment to Hill College for Dual Credit Fall/Spring courses in excess over \$100,000 that was approved in October, 2018. The excess to be approved is \$27,456.70.

18. Consider approval of extending the RFP for student insurance for the school Year 2019-2020 with The Brokerage Store in the amount of \$26,268.

A motion was made by Gerell Leonard and seconded by Linda Taylor to approve extending the RFP for student insurance for the school year 2019-2020 with The Brokerage Store in the amount of \$26,268.

The motion carried: 6-0-0

19. Discussion of proposed policies and procedures being considered for 2019-2020.

20. Discussion of potential for creating Venus ISD Police Dept.

21. Consider approval of General Fund Budget Amendment

A motion was made by Gregory Hoffman and seconded by Gerell Leonard to approve General Fund Budget Amendment.

The motion carried 6-0-0

22. Executive Session 9:29pm

A. §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 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 detrimental effect on the position of the governmental body in negotiations with a third party.

§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, interim superintendent, at-will employees, to hear complaint or charge against an officer or employee.

§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

23. Reconvene from Executive Session and take action on any items discussed in Executive Session: 10:36pm

24. Consider approval of teacher contracts for the 2019-2020 school year.

A motion was made by Les Owens and seconded by Joe Russell to approve teacher contracts for the 2019-2020 school year.

The motion carried: 6-0-0

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25. Reports

- A. Superintendent
- B. Assistant Superintendent
- C. Chief Financial Officer
- D. Venus Primary/Elementary School
- E. Venus Middle School
- F. Venus High School
- G. Library
- H. Athletics
- I. Technology
- J. Truancy

26. Board request for additional items/next scheduled board meeting May 20, 2019

27. Adjourn _____

Joe Russell, School Board Secretary

Date

Leslie Owens, School Board President

Date