

**Regular Meeting
December 12, 2017**

The meeting was called to order by President Jason Bonner at 6:00 pm.

Members present were Jason Bonner, Bobby Langbartels, Dr. Kent Thigpen, J.P. Abernathy, Leah Cooper, Ned Fratangelo, and Kevin Godfrey. (none absent)

District personnel present were Rob Barnwell, Mike Wood, Michael Walker, Ryne Sikes, and Jennifer Hoskins. Others present were Staci Killingsworth, Patti Wallace, and Mike Hallum.

Dr. Thigpen gave the invocation.

Mr. Bonner led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

Campus and Administrative reports were given at this time. Ryne Sikes and Jennifer Hoskins, who are previously-hired employees, were introduced to the board.

There was no one present for Public Comment.

Mike Hallum, of Knuckols, Duvall, Hallum, & Co. (District Auditors), gave the annual audit report. Mr. Hallum stated the district's books were in very good shape and that Mike Wood and his business office staff should be commended for doing a great job with the district's finances. Mr. Hallum referred to several different pages in the report in order to point out the important parts of the audit results. Motion by Mr. Fratangelo, seconded by Ms. Cooper, to approve the district audit, as presented. Motion carried, 7-0.

A report was given at this time by Ms. Staci Killingsworth, a representative of Linebarger, Goggan, Blair, and Sampson (tax attorneys) regarding delinquent tax collections and tax sales.

Motion by Mr. Fratangelo, seconded by Mr. Abernathy, to approve the resolution to allow for a more expedited process related to the sale of tax delinquent (struck-off) properties, as presented. Motion carried, 7-0.

Motion by Ms. Cooper, seconded by Mr. Godfrey, to approve a resolution to reflect current practice related to the costs/agreement with Linebarger, Goggan, Blair, & Sampson associated with the collection of delinquent taxes for the district. Motion carried, 7-0.

A public hearing was held at this time related to the School First (Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas) Rating. No one was available for public comment. Superintendent Barnwell praised Mike Wood and the business office personnel for their outstanding work related to the business operations of the district. The district received the highest rating possible (Superior) from TEA on its School First Rating with a score of 100 out of 100 points. Several board members also conveyed accolades for Mr. Wood and the business staff.

A motion was made by Mr. Abernathy, seconded by Mr. Langbartels, to appoint Jason Bonner, Bob Sanders, and Kevin Godfrey to serve as JISD representatives on the Marion Central Appraisal District Board of Directors. Motion carried, 5-0, with Mr. Bonner and Mr. Godfrey abstaining.

Motion by Dr. Thigpen, seconded by Mr. Fratangelo, to amend the stipend schedule to allow for a 2,500 dollar stipend to be paid to an employee for taking on the responsibilities associated with serving as Election Judge. Motion carried, 7-0.

Mr. Langbartels made a motion to approve the Consent agenda (previous minutes). Motion was duly seconded by Ms. Cooper. Motion carried, 7-0.

The Board convened into executive session at 7:10 pm to discuss personnel.

The Board reconvened into open session at 7:30 pm.

Mr. Barnwell asked that the minutes reflect the previous employment (on a 10 ½ month probationary contract) to Ms. Jennifer Hoskins for the 17-18 school year. There were no other personnel needs.

Due to no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:31 pm.

President's Signature

Secretary's Signature