Regular Meeting August 8, 2017

The meeting was called to order by President Jason Bonner at 6:03 pm.

Members present were Jason Bonner, Kevin Godfrey, Leah Cooper, Dr. Kent Thigpen, and Bobby Langbartels. J.P. Abernathy and Ned Fratangelo were absent.

District personnel present were Mike Wood, Michael Walker, Steve Walker, Shawn Cox, Jay Patrick, Nick Brown, Lindsey Whitaker, Angela Oliver, Joy Densmore, Charmaine Lamb, Clint Coyne, Chris Eppley, and Melissa Coker. Others present included Darla Higgins, Patti Wallace, and Robb Furlow.

Ms. Cooper gave the invocation.

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

There was no one present related to the Public Comment agenda item.

Campus and Administrative reports were given at this time. New employee candidates were introduced by the principals and directors. Mr. Barnwell gave reports on the activities from around the district including updates on the facility projects that began during the summer.

Motion by Ms. Cooper, seconded by Dr. Thigpen, to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried, 5-0.

Mr. Wood provided the Board with some updated information related to the 17-18 budget. There was some discussion. Mr. Wood said that he is fairly confident that the board would be presented a balanced budget to consider/approve at the end of the month, and he also said he is hopeful that the budget will even show a revenue surplus. Board members expressed their satisfaction that the district looks to be in good financial shape.

Mr. Godfrey made a motion to set the proposed M&O tax rate at 1.04 and the I&S rate at .09 cents for the 17-18 school year. Motion was duly seconded by Dr. Thigpen. Motion carried, 5-0.

Ms. Cooper made a motion to set the date and time for the required public hearing related to the discussion of the 17-18 proposed budget and tax rates for August 31, 2017 at 6:00 pm in the JISD administration building. Motion carried, 5-0.

Motion by Mr. Langbartels, seconded by Dr. Thigpen, to approve the members that make up the Concussion Oversight Team for 2017-18. Motion carried, 5-0.

Dr. Thigpen made a motion to approve the agreement with Good Shepherd Medical Center related to the district's concussion protocol services. Motion was seconded by Mr. Godfrey. Motion carried, 5-0.

Mr. Bonner announced that the Board would convene in executive session at 6:28 pm in order to discuss personnel, district safety/security measures, and the details of purchasing property.

The Board reconvened into open session at 8:45 pm.

Ms. Cooper made a motion to approve an amendment to the stipend schedule to provide 1,000 dollars for each team member-employee related to the purchase of a weapon and required accessories as a part of the School Guardian Program. Ms. Cooper also asked that a stipend of 2,500 dollars be added to the schedule for the duties associated with the position of District Nurse. Motion was duly seconded by Mr. Langbartels. Motion carried, 5-0.

Ms. Cooper made a motion to approve ETTL Engineers & Consultants, Inc., to perform a Phase I study of the real estate that has recently been purchased from Mr. Fant. Motion was seconded by Dr. Thigpen. Motion carried, 5-0.
Mr. Barnwell asked that the minutes reflect the previous acceptance of a resignation from Tonya Tomlinson.
Mr. Barnwell also stated the minutes should reflect the previous hiring of Joy Densmore, Brandy Musick, Charmaine Lamb, and Vivian Okereke through the offer of 10-month, probationary contracts for the 17-18 school year.
Due to no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Secretary's Signature

President's Signature