

REGULAR MEETING OF BOARD OF EDUCATION
Stephenville, Texas

January 21, 2025

The Stephenville Independent School District Board of Education met in Regular Session at 5:30 pm in the Bond Auditorium of the Administration Building, January 21, 2025 with the following members present:

Mr. Chad Elms, President
Mr. Donny Hill, Vice President
Dr. Robert Barberee, Secretary
Dr. Rita Cook

Mr. Ben McCleery
Mr. Matt Miller
Mr. Douglas Young

School Personnel Present: Superintendent Dr. Eric Cederstrom, Mr. Tim Sherrod, Ms. Kathy Hampton, Mr. John Briese, Mr. Tom Airola, Mr. Brad Burleson, Mrs. Renee Goodwin, Mrs. Blessing Wright, Mrs. Carey Arthur, Mrs. Jennifer Salyards, Mr. Sterling Doty, Mr. Koory Arthur, Mrs. Joanie Bennett, Mr. Shelby Sharp, Mr. Victor Saucedo, Dr. Josh Holt, Mrs. Stephanie Traweek, Mr. Mike Childs, Mrs. Arielle Sword, Mrs. Leslie Koplun, Mr. Michael Bruce, Mr. Scott Campbell, Mr. Jeremiah Butchee, and Mrs. Norma Cervetto.

Others Present: Crossland Construction - Mr. Tyler Sperry, Mr. Bailey McDonald and Mr. Robert Taliaferro, Snow Garrett Williams - Lindsey Kennimer, CPA.

Invocation

The Invocation was provided by Henderson JH student Kinsley Bruce.

Recited U.S. and Texas Pledges of Allegiance

The U.S. and Texas Pledges of Allegiance were led by Henderson JH student Strykr Burleson.

I. Call to Order and Announce Quorum Present

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

II. Proclamations/Recognitions

-School Board Appreciation Month
-SHS: Varsity Football
-SHS: Band All State
-SHS: Choir All State

III. Comments From Visitors

Mrs. Carolyn Alarid, Chair for Concerned Citizens for Public Education State Group spoke regarding SISD funding and vouchers. She was accompanied by Pat Schipper and Sue Goodman with the local Concerned Citizens.

IV. Heard Report and Approved the Annual Audit Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Snow Garrett Williams auditor Lindsey Kennimer presented the annual audit financial report for fiscal year 2023-2024.

The motion was made by Mr. Miller and seconded by Dr. Barberee to approve the annual audit financial report for fiscal year 2023-2024.

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

V. Stadium Update

Crossland Construction - Mr. Tyler Sperry, Mr. Bailey McDonald and Mr. Robert Taliaferro presented the stadium update.

VI. Campus Showcase – Henderson Jr. High Robotics Team presentations

Henderson Jr. High Robotics teams 9402 and 9403 presented their competition presentation speeches.

VII. Approval of the Consent Agenda

The motion was made by Mr. McCleery and seconded by Dr. Cook to approve the consent agenda as presented including:

- Minutes: December 16, 2024 Regular Meeting
- Review Check Registry
- Review of Additional Vendors
- Monthly Financial Statements
- Budget Amendments
- Auto, Property and Liability Insurance renewal
- SHS Band Fans Donation for Band Trailer
- Resolution of the Board of Trustees of the SISD Regarding Employee Pay During Weather Emergency
- Revised Election Services Contract with the County Elections Officer State of Texas, County of Erath

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

VIII. Approval of Technology Device Management License Renewal

The motion was made by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mr. Young to approve the Technology Device Management License renewal.

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

IX. Approval of Purchase of Stadium Internet Equipment

The motion was made by Mr. Hill and seconded by Mr. McCleery to approve the purchase of stadium internet equipment.

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

X. Approval to Officially Call for School Board Election (May 3, 2025) and set Canvass Date

The motion was made by Dr. Cook and seconded by Mr. Miller to officially call for the school board election on May 3, 2025 and set a canvass date for Tuesday, May 13 and Wednesday, May 14 as a backup date.

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

XI. Heard Superintendent's Report including:

- Update on Stadium
- TASB SLI (Summer Leadership Institute) meeting dates:
 - June 18-21, 2025 (Fort Worth)
 - June 11-14, 2025 (San Antonio)
- TASA/TASB Convention – September 26-28, 2025 (Dallas, TX)

XII. 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 7:39 pm.

- Discuss Personnel Matters and/or Hear Complaints against Personnel (551.074)
 - Deliberate appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties of discipline of contract and/or at-will employees
 - Deliberate Superintendent Appraisal (551.074)
 - Deliberate Superintendent Contract (551.074)
- 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)

XIII. Open Session

The Board reconvened to Open Session at approximately: 9:38 pm

XIV. Personnel

Resignation:

Elise Gafford – 8th grade ELAR Teacher/Coach – Henderson Jr. High
Effective: May 23, 2025

Employment:

Anette Ehmsen – Secondary Counselor – Henderson Jr. High
Effective: January 24, 2025

XV. Superintendent Appraisal and Approval of Superintendent Contract Extension

The Board of Trustees conducted Superintendent Cederstrom's appraisal and evaluation.

The motion was made by Dr. Barberee and seconded by Mr. McCleery to approve a one-year extension to Superintendent Cederstrom's contract.

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

XVI. Adjourn

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

ATTEST: _____

CORRECT:

Secretary

President