Regular Meeting December 11, 2018

The meeting was called to order by President Jason Bonner at 6:02 pm.

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

District personnel present were Rob Barnwell, Mike Wood, Clint Coyne, Shawn Cox, Jay Patrick, Lindsey Whitaker, and Jack Smith. Others present were Staci Killingsworth, Patti Wallace, Mike Hallum, Myron Stringer, Dan Bartlett, Gary Douglas, Bob Palmer, Robb Furlow, Karen Jones, and Jack Pearl.

Leah Cooper gave the invocation.

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

There was no one present for Public Comment.

Campus and Administrative reports were given at this time. Representatives from our tax attorneys' office (Patti Wallace, Julie Killingsworth) updated the board on delinquent tax properties.

Architect Dan Bartlett gave the Board a set of plans, which is almost 100% complete, related to the additional classroom project for the elementary campus. There was some explanation, a few questions/answers, and a small bit of discussion regarding windows, technology, walkways, and some other details of the drawings. Mr. Fratangelo made a motion to approve the drawings, as presented, in order to move forward with getting a quote from the contractor on the approximate cost of the project. Motion was seconded by Mr. Abernathy. Motion carried, 6-0.

Motion by Mr. Fratangelo, seconded by Mr. Godfrey, to accept and approve the court-ordered tax refunds for USAC Leasing, LLC and J-W Power Company, as recommended by Ms. Karen Jones, Tax Assessor/Collector. Motion carried, 6-0.

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. Abernathy, seconded by Dr. Thigpen, to approve the district audit, as presented. Motion carried, 6-0.

Mr. Fratangelo made a motion to approve the Consent agenda (previous minutes and budget amendments, which were previously explained by Mr. Wood). Motion was duly seconded by Ms. Cooper. Motion carried, 6-0.

Motion by Mr. Godfrey, duly seconded by Mr. Fratangelo, to approve the additional position within the special services department as recommended by Mr. Coyne. Motion carried, 6-0.

Motion by Mr. Abernathy, seconded by Ms. Cooper, to approve the contract to allow for the finalization of the land sale (in Smithland) to EMC Water Supply. Motion carried, 6-0.

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, although Officer Jack Pearl physically applauded the results of the School First Rating. 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. There was no need for action regarding this agenda item.

The Board convened into executive session at 7:07 pm to discuss security measures and personnel.

The Board reconvened into open session at 7:36 pm.

Motion by Ms. Cooper, seconded by Mr. Fratangelo, to approve the additional guardian team membership, as recommended in executive session by Officer Furlow and Officer Pearl. Motion carried, 6-0.

There were no other personnel needs.

Due to no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:37 pm.

President's Signature

Secretary's Signature