

REGULAR MEETING OF BOARD OF EDUCATION

Stephenville, Texas

January 19, 2016

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 19, 2016 with the following members present:

President Dr. Ann Calahan
Vice President Mr. Gary Sult
Secretary Mrs. Sherrie Evans
Dr. Ed Dittfurth

Mr. Scott E. Osman
Mr. Cole Gilliam Parks
Mrs. Keri Vanden Berge

School Personnel Present: Superintendent Mr. Matt Underwood, Mrs. Kathy Haynes, Ms. Debbie Hummel, Mrs. Kelly Magin, Mrs. Stephanie Atchley, Mrs. Mary Laigle, Mrs. Stephanie Traweek, Ms. Kelli Crain, Mr. Keith Starnes, Mr. Shelby Womack, Mrs. Brianna Hodges, Mrs. Jennifer Ryan, Mrs. Reagan Hall, Mr. Michael Rainey, Mr. Ryan Best, Mrs. Mindy Wooley, and Mrs. Norma Cervetto.

Invocation

The Invocation for the Board of Trustees was provided by Hook Elementary student Mason Haynes.

Recited U.S. and Texas Pledges of Allegiance

The U.S. and Texas Pledges of Allegiance were led by Chamberlin Elementary students Hudson Butchee and McCoy Magin.

I. Call to Order and Announce Quorum Present

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

II. Proclamations/Recognitions

The following Proclamations/Recognitions were presented:

- SHS: FFA Ag State Award Winners
- School Board Recognition Month

III. Girl Scout Gold Award Presentation – Shelby Sult

Miss Shelby Sult, SHS Senior and Girl Scout and is working on her Girl Scout Gold Award which is the highest and most prestigious award that Girl Scout

Seniors and Ambassadors can earn. Miss Sult presented information in reference to her Art Photography project currently on display at the Cross Timbers Fine Arts Council (CTFAC) and invited the board members to attend the exhibit. Her project brings attention to the stress and pressures of HS students. Miss Sult conducts Art workshops at the HS teaching students art techniques for relaxation. Miss Sult visited with the Board regarding her research on student stress and the recent student survey that she conducted. Miss Sult would like for her Art Photography project to be a traveling exhibit touring the surrounding communities. She also visited with the board about the possibility of displaying her Art Photography project at the TASA/TASB Convention.

IV. Heard 2014-2015 TAPR – Texas Academic Performance Report (formerly called Academic Excellence Indicator System – AEIS) and conducted required Public Hearing

Ms. Kelli Crain, Director of Assessment and Special Programs presented the 2014-2015 TAPR – Texas Academic Performance report (formerly called Academic Excellence Indicator System – AEIS).

Dr. Calahan opened the floor for the required TAPR Public Hearing for comments/questions. No one spoke and the hearing was closed.

V. Approved Consent Agenda

The motion was made by Mr. Parks and seconded by Mr. Osman to approve the consent agenda as presented including the following:

- Minutes: December 14, 2015 Regular Meeting
- Review of Monthly Bills
- Approval of additional vendors
- Monthly Financial Statements: Cash and Investment Report, General Operating Fund, Debt Service Fund, and Child Nutrition Fund

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

VI. Procedure to request a sport

Information was presented and discussed regarding the procedure to request a sport. The form will be available on the website and in the student handbook.

VII. Discussion of adding Cheerleading for 2017-2018 as an activity

Mr. Underwood presented information including the procedures, policies, and deadline for adding Cheerleading (currently a UIL identified pilot program) as an activity. The UIL will meet in June to discuss whether or not cheerleading will be a pilot program for next year. Mr. Underwood presented information on 2016

Spirit State Championships Rules and Regulations in addition to SHS and surrounding school group numbers. Discussion was held regarding adding Cheerleading for 2017-2018 as an activity. Additional information for budget implications for adding Cheerleading as a school sponsored activity and additional information on sponsors will be included as an action item on the October 2016 board agenda.

VIII. Approval to Order Joint Trustee Election to be held on Saturday, May 7, 2016 and set the date and time to canvas election results

The motion was made by Mrs. Evans and seconded by Mrs. Vanden Berge to approve:

Order of Joint Trustee Election for Saturday, May 7, 2016. Election day polling places will be the Erath County Courthouse, 100 W. Washington, Stephenville, Texas and the Dublin County Annex, 219 S. Grafton, Dublin Texas – 7:00 am – 7:00 pm.

Early voting by personal appearance begins Monday, April 25, 2016 through Friday, April 29, 2016 – 8:00 am – 5:00 pm at the Erath County Courthouse, 100 W. Washington, Stephenville, Texas and Dublin County Annex, 219 S. Grafton, Dublin, Texas and Monday, May 2, 2016 through Tuesday, May 3, 2016 – 7:00 am – 7:00 pm at the Erath County Courthouse, 100 W. Washington, Stephenville, Texas and the Dublin County Annex, 219 S. Grafton, Dublin, Texas.

Wednesday, January 20, 2016 is the first day to file an Application for a Place on the Ballot and Friday, February 19, 2016 – 5:00 p.m. is the deadline to file an Application for a Place on the Ballot. The Stephenville Independent School District Office of the Superintendent, 2655 W. Overhill, Stephenville, Texas will be the official place for a candidate to file for a place on the ballot.

Canvass the election results on Monday, May 16, 2016 – 5:30 pm at the regular Stephenville Independent School District meeting.

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

IX. Approval of TASB Risk Management Proposal

The motion was made by Mr. Sult and seconded by Mr. Osman to approve the TASB Risk Management Proposal.

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

X. Approval of Budget Amendment #8

The motion was made by Dr. Dittfurth and seconded by Mr. Parks to approve the Budget Amendment #8 as presented.

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

XI. Presentation of FAST Report

Ms. Debbie Hummel presented the FAST Report (Financial Allocation Study for Texas) prepared by the Comptroller's Office. The study looks at a 3 year average, placing school districts into pier groups and then rates them on academics, finances, and demographics. Individual campuses are rated as well as the district. Stephenville ISD has a FAST rating of 3.5.

XII. Heard Superintendent's report including:

- Hook iPad rollout video
- School Calendar options
- Raise Your Hands Texas Grant
- Texas Innovation Schools
- OCR

XIII. Closed Session

President Calahan 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. (Approximately: 7:10 pm)

XIV. Open Session

The Board returned to Open Session. (Approximately: 8:57 pm)

XV. Personnel

As authorized by the Board of Trustees, Superintendent Underwood approved the following personnel recommendations:

Resignation:

Carline McCullough – Counselor – Central Elementary
Effective: February 5, 2016

Retirement:

Lisa Schwartzkopf – ELA – Stephenville High School
Effective: May 27, 2016

XVI. Approval of 5 year Contract Extension for Superintendent

The motion was made by Mr. Sult and seconded by Mr. Osman to approve contract extension for Superintendent Matt Underwood to five (5) years (July 1, 2016-June 30, 2021).

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

XVII. Adjourn

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

ATTEST: _____ CORRECT: _____
Secretary President