

Minutes of the August 21, 2014 Regular Meeting The Board of Trustees, Harts Bluff Independent School District

On Thursday, August 21, 2014, the Regular Meeting of the Harts Bluff Independent School District was called to order by Board President, Kevin Rose, at 7:25 PM in the Administration Meeting Facility of the Harts Bluff Independent School District.

A quorum was reported as present: Kevin Rose, Rickey Joyner, Keith Luker, and Donald Parr. J. Colton Bradshaw and Joe Mac Duncan were unable to attend.

The following personnel from Harts Bluff ISD were present: Lyle DuBus, Superintendent, Carole Dickerson, Assistant Superintendent, Ann Pruitt, Business Manager, Tracie Rose, Principal, and Marcus Ysasi, Assistant Principal.

Also, in attendance, were architects and representatives from Stantec.

A motion was made by Rickey Joyner and seconded by Keith Luker to approve the following consent agenda items:

- Minutes of the July 24, 2014 Regular Meeting and August 14, 2014 Special Meeting
- July TexPool and Tax Collection Report
- List of Bills Paid
- Monthly Financial Report

The motion passed unanimously by vote of 4-0.

Dr. DuBus presented the Board with the Superintendent's report starting with enrollment numbers. Kindergarten enrollment is at 61 with overall campus enrollment at 550/560. He also stated that the next board meeting should be September 18 due to the upcoming TASA/TASB convention at the end of the month. Dr. DuBus updated the board on the road construction. The Board was informed of the beginning of the year activities with staff and their success. Dr. DuBus stated that the tax attorneys recommended not filing an appeal for the 2010 year. He informed the Board that an upcoming agenda item would be accountability information. The Board chose Attorney Blake Powell as a possible candidate to present annual board training.

Terry of Stantec presented the Board with an architect/constructional update. He explained the current plans and the next steps that need to take place to move forward with construction. He addressed the process to choose the construction manager at risk.

Dr. DuBus presented the Board with budget amendments for the 2013-2014 Operating Budget. Rickey Joyner made a motion to approve the amendments as presented. Keith Luker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 4-0.

Dr. DuBus made a recommendation to adopt the tax rate of \$1.04 per \$100 valuation for Harts Bluff ISD for the 2014-2015 school year, to be assessed and collected by the Titus County Appraisal District. Keith Luker made a motion to adopt the tax rate of \$1.04. Rickey Joyner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 4-0.

Dr. DuBus recommended adopting the proposed budget of \$4,761,107.54 for the 2014-2015 school year. Rickey Joyner made a motion to approve the 2014-2015 budget. Keith Luker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 4-0.

Dr. DuBus presented the investment policy for 2014-2015 and made a recommendation to adopt the resolution concerning the policy. Keith Luker made a motion to accept this recommendation as presented. Rickey Joyner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 4-0.

Dr. DuBus noted that the district financial controls in place are mostly the same as the previous year and made a recommendation to accept the current internal controls for fraud prevention. Keith Luker made a motion to accept the recommendation. Rickey Joyner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 4-0.

Dr. DuBus recommended that the board reconsider an increase in the high school tuition contracts of \$250 per student from Chapel Hill ISD making the total \$1000 per student. This is due to budget increases at CHISD. Keith Luker made a motion to accept the tuition contract from Chapel Hill ISD. Rickey Joyner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 4-0.

Marcus Ysasi presented the Board with updates and changes to the 2014-2015 Student Handbook and Code of Conduct. Keith Luker made a motion to accept this document as presented. Rickey Joyner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 4-0.

Dr. DuBus recommended that the board table the Communities in Schools agreement. The Board will approve the cost of this service at the next board meeting when a quorum will be in attendance to vote.

Dr. DuBus recommended that the Board approved a \$17,000 expenditure for hours of technology professional/consultation services from Cynergy. Rickey Joyner made a motion to accept this recommendation. Keith Luker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 4-0.

Dr. DuBus asked the Board to nominate a delegate to represent Harts Bluff at the 2014 TASB/TASA Conference Delegate Assembly. The Board nominated J. Colton Bradshaw as the TASB delegate and Rickey Joyner as alternate. Rickey Joyner made a motion to approve these nominations. Donald Parr seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 4-0.

No executive session required.

Keith Luker invited those present to the TRMC Foundation golf tournament on September 13, 2014. Dr. DuBus updated those present on the health of Dr. Bradshaw's mother asking everyone to keep them in their thoughts. Rickey asked remembrance of students on the roads returning to college.

The September Board meeting was scheduled for Thursday, September 18, 2014.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Kevin Rose at 9:53 PM.

Kevin Rose
President, Board of Trustees

Rickey Joyner
Sergeant-at-Arms, Board of Trustees

Date Approved