

## MINUTES OF SCHOOL DISTRICT REGULAR MEETING

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

#### SMITHVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given that a Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Smithville Independent School District was held on Monday, December 11, 2023 beginning at 6:00 PM at the Smithville ISD Administrative Building, PO Box 479, 901 N.E. 6th Street, Smithville, Texas 78957.

**Members present:** Grant Gutierrez, Michael Hancock, Alan Hemphill, Chris Hinnant, Josh Magden, Candice Parsons, Nancy Towry

**Others present:** Cyril Adkins, Stephanie Foster, Tucker Copeland, Sarah Vinklarek, Noe McCarthy, Bethany Logan, Zack Harris, Rebecca Hamilton, Jean Ann McCarthy, Whitney Brown, Tracy Johnson, Matt Stone, Amanda Hudspeth, Roy Barnard, Debbie Barnard, Lindsey Saunders, Michael Caudill, Maria Adkins, Cyril Adkins, Margarita Igoe, Cheryl Burns, Denise Behrens

**Call to Order** – The Board President called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**Roll Call** – The Board President called the roll of members. All were present.

**Student Led Pledge of Allegiance** – The top Tiger Token winners for the month at Smithville Elementary led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Those students were Maevin Hodge, Blayne Bennett, Alyson Jaramillo Ulloa, Lucy Burch, Malina Guillen, and Jesse Garza.

**Public Communications** – The Board heard heard from Margarita Igoe in support of Senate Bill 763, chaplains in schools.

**Closed Session** – The Board moved to closed session at 6:07 p.m. and returned at 7:39 with no official action taken.

Mr. Gutierrez left the meeting at 7:39 p.m.

**Consent Agenda** – Alan Hemphill moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Michael Hancock seconded the motion and it passed 6-0.

1. Minutes
1. Financial Statements
2. Investment Report
3. State Aid Comparison - Budgeted vs. Earned
4. Earned vs. TEA Payments
5. Tax Collection Report
6. Budget Amendments

**Financial Report** – The Chief Financial Officer, Jean Ann McCarthy, reviewed the financial disbursements for the previous month with the Board of Trustees. No action was required.

**Superintendent's Report** – The Superintendent updated the Board on important issues pertaining to the District including:

- Enrollment numbers as of December 8, 2023 are 1824 students with an attendance rate of 92.88%.
- The Tiger Band had 26 members make the All Region Band this past Saturday and 2 members earned alternate positions. Out of the 26 band members that made the All Region Band, 12 placed high enough to advance to Area and will compete in January for a spot in All State Band.
- SHS Tiger Band Concert is at 8:00 p.m. tonight at the high school band hall.
- SJHS Tiger Band Concert is tomorrow evening at the junior high band hall. 6th grade at 5:30 p.m., 7th and 8th grade are at 7:00 p.m.
- The Lady Tigers basketball team will play in Caldwell on Tuesday.
- Soccer has begun and the first scrimmage is on Tuesday for the boys.
- Board Policy DP (Local) addresses school chaplains. School districts must make a decision whether they will proceed with allowing school chaplains in schools by March 1st.
- The Fall issue of the Tiger Insider is at your seats.

**Memorandum of Understanding for the Bastrop County Juvenile Boot Camp** – This Memorandum of Understanding ("Agreement") is an interlocal agreement entered into pursuant to Texas Education Code, Chapter 37 and the Texas Interlocal Cooperation Act, Texas Government Code Chapter 791, and is entered into to be effective between Bastrop County, the Bastrop County Juvenile Probation Department, (BCJPD) and the following educational and local government entities: Bastrop Independent School District, Elgin Independent School District, Smithville Independent School District, McDade Independent School District, Cities of Bastrop, Elgin, and Smithville. No action was required at this time.

**Tentative January Agenda Items** – Tentative items to be included on the January agenda:

- a. Board Recognitions
- b. Public Hearing - Texas Academic Performance Report
- c. District Improvement Plan Mid-Year Update
- d. Call for Regular School Board Election, May 4, 2024
- e. Board Policy DP Local
- f. Review of Strategic Plan
- g. Consider Approval of Election Services Contract with Fayette County, Bastrop County and Joint Election Contract with City of Smithville
- h. Personnel including Superintendent's Evaluation/Contract Renewal

**Consider Approval of TASB Board Policy Update 122 and Local Policies as Follows: COB(LOCAL): TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES - CYBERSECURITY, CSA(LOCAL): FACILITY STANDARDS - SAFETY AND SECURITY, DC(LOCAL): EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES, EHB(LOCAL): CURRICULUM DESIGN - SPECIAL**

**PROGRAMS, EHBC(LOCAL): SPECIAL PROGRAMS - COMPENSATORY SERVICES AND INTENSIVE PROGRAMS, EHBCA(LOCAL): COMPENSATORY SERVICES AND INTENSIVE PROGRAMS - ACCELERATED INSTRUCTION, FEA(LOCAL): ATTENDANCE - COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE, FFAC(LOCAL): WELLNESS AND HEALTH SERVICES - MEDICAL TREATMENT, FFB(LOCAL): STUDENT WELFARE - CRISIS INTERVENTION, FL(LOCAL): STUDENT RECORDS** – The District must update and maintain its policies with the most recent legislation and educational regulation changes. In your packet of information, you have been provided the Update 122 Local Policy Overview. The board should not adopt (LEGAL) policies, but TASB recommends that they be reviewed. Therefore (LEGAL) policies are included for review in Update 122. The attachments provide you with information concerning the policy changes found in the update. The information included in the board packet is a summary of each of the policy changes. The update includes changes to the following local board policies: CQB(LOCAL): TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES - CYBERSECURITY, CSA(LOCAL): FACILITY STANDARDS - SAFETY AND SECURITY, DC(LOCAL): EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES, EHB(LOCAL): CURRICULUM DESIGN - SPECIAL PROGRAMS, EHBC(LOCAL): SPECIAL PROGRAMS - COMPENSATORY SERVICES AND INTENSIVE PROGRAMS, EHBCA(LOCAL): COMPENSATORY SERVICES AND INTENSIVE PROGRAMS - ACCELERATED INSTRUCTION, FEA(LOCAL): ATTENDANCE - COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE, FFAC(LOCAL): WELLNESS AND HEALTH SERVICES - MEDICAL TREATMENT, FFB(LOCAL): STUDENT WELFARE - CRISIS INTERVENTION, FL(LOCAL): STUDENT RECORDS – Alan Hemphill moved to approve TASB Board Policy Update 122 as presented. Josh Magden seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

**Resignations of Certified Personnel** – The Superintendent informed the Board of the resignation of Claude Bassett, teacher/coach at the high school. Mr. Bassett will retire at the end of this semester. No action was required.

**Employment of Certified Personnel** – There was no employment to recommend.

**Superintendent's Self-Evaluation Submission to the Board of Trustees and Distribution of Evaluation Materials** – Board Policy BJCD [Legal] requires the Board to annually evaluate the Superintendent. One part of the appraisal process involves the superintendent completing and providing to Board members a self-evaluation. Mrs. Burns delivered her self-evaluation in closed session. No action was required.

Adjournment – Alan Hemphill moved the meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m. Josh Magden seconded and the vote passed 6-0.