

SPLENDORA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
February 24, 2025
6:00 PM

The Trustees of the Splendor Independent School District met in the Boardroom at Splendor Independent School District Administration building, located at 23419 FM 2090, Splendor TX 77372, on Monday, February 24, 2025 for a regular monthly meeting. It was the intent of the District to have, and the meeting did have, a quorum of the Board of Trustees physically present. The meeting was recorded as required by law.

1. Meeting began at 6:00 PM. ROLL CALL: (1) Jennifer Stewart - Member, (2) Dan Muirhead – Vice President, (3) Barry Welch – Assistant Secretary, (4) Jason Sessum - Member, (5) Allen Wells - President, (6) Brandon Fry - Member, (7) Kimberly Klepcyk - Secretary, and Dr. Jeff Burke – Superintendent

Presiding: Allen Wells
Recording: Kim Klepcyk
Absent: Brandon Fry and Barry Welch
Jason Sessum arrived at 6:12 PM

2. CLOSED SESSION ITEM(S)

"The Board of Trustees will now go into a Closed session. This Closed Session will be held for purposes authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code(s) Personnel - Section 551.074, Real Estate - Section 551.072, Consultation with Attorney - Section 551.071, and Safety - Section 551.076, concerning any and all purposes permitted by the Act. No voting will take place in the closed meeting. Any action the Board wishes to take as a part of discussions in closed session will take place after the board reconvenes in the open meeting. It is now 6:01 pm."

BREAK AT 6:01 PM

CLOSED SESSION BEGAN AT 6:04 PM

RECONVENED FROM CLOSED SESSION AT 7:02 PM

- A. Safety - Section 551.076
 - 1. DVA Report
- B. Personnel - Section 551.074
 - 1. Resignation(s)/Retirement(s)/New Hire(s)
- C. Real Estate - Section 551.072
- D. Consultations with Attorney - Section 551.071
 - 1. To discuss participation in multi-district litigation involving youth social media usage and related litigation and entering into a contingency fee

contract with Thompson & Horton, LLP, Eiland & Bonnin, PC and O'Hanlon, Demerath & Castillo, PC to represent the District

3. INVOCATION by Dan Muirhead
4. U.S. & STATE OF TEXAS PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCES
5. GOOD THINGS
6. BOARD LEADERSHIP GUIDELINES & CODE OF ETHICS
7. STRATEGIC DIRECTION REVIEW
8. 2022 BOND UPDATES
 - A. Program Manager Update by LAN
9. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
 - A. Enrollment
 - B. Month-at-a-Glance
 - C. Balanced Scorecard Overview
10. STUDENT RECOGNITION- High School Girls' Basketball for making playoffs
11. AUDIENCE - Participants must have signed up prior to the Board Meeting start time. Participants may address the Board on any agenda item. Participation is limited to three minutes to make comments to the Board unless the participant requires the use of a translator, in which case participation is limited to six minutes. The Board will only consider complaints that remain unresolved after being addressed through proper administrative channels and when they have been placed on the agenda. Please note the Board of Trustees shall not deliberate, respond, or make decisions regarding any subject that is not included on the agenda that is posted. For further information on these requirements, contact Miranda McCulloch, Superintendent Secretary at 281-689-4441.

Jeff Renkel with Learning Environments LLC addressed the board for 2:21 minutes regarding agenda item 15. E (Discussion and Possible Action to Approve the Purchase of Furniture for Peach Creek Elementary and Greenleaf Elementary Replacement Schools.)

12. INFORMATION ITEMS
 - A. Masonic Cornerstone Ceremony Presentation by Masonic Lodge
Presenter: Randy Pope
 - B. Next Level Utilization Presentation
Presenter: Next Level
 - C. Residency - Homestead Exemption
Presenter: Dr. Shane Conklin
 - D. Rezoning Update

Presenter: Deitra Johnson & Dr. Shane Conklin

13. ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENTATION(S)

- A. Bluebonnet Math
Presenter: Staci Davis & Carrie Reed
- B. Targeted Improvement Plan
Presenter: Carrie Reed
- C. History in the Making: The American Revolution
Presenter: Brittany Ricci & Kim Sommers
- D. Adult Education Program
Presenter: Lonny Harris & Itzil Welch
- E. TIA Update
Presenter: Brian Kroeger & Sarah Crawford

14. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Minutes
- B. Financials, Tax Report, Investment Report, and Accounts Payable
- C. Consider the Approval of the Donation from the Athletic Booster Club in the Amount of \$9,378 for Track, Baseball, Softball, and Volleyball
- D. Consider Approval of the Donation from Mary H. Cain Foundation to Piney Woods Elementary in the Amount of \$55,000.
- E. Review and Adopt Policy Update 124
 - a. (LEGAL) Policies
 - b. (LOCAL) Policies
- ~~F. Consider Approval of the Installation of a Masonic Cornerstone on the New Junior High Building~~
This consent agenda item (14.F) was postponed until the next regular board meeting

A motion was made by Kim Klepcyk, seconded by Dan Muirhead to approve the January 7, 2025 special meeting minutes; January 13, 2025 special meeting minutes; January 14, 2025 regular meeting minutes; January 22, 2025 special meeting minutes; January 23, 2025 special meeting minutes; January 24, 2025 special meeting minutes; Financials, Tax Report, Investment Report, and Accounts Payable in the amount of \$15,408,359.24; Donation from the Athletic Booster Club in the Amount of \$9,378 for Track, Baseball, Softball, and Volleyball; Donation from Mary H. Cain Foundation to Piney Woods Elementary in the Amount of \$55,000; and Policy Update 124. Voting for: 5 Against: 0 Motion: Passes

15. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Cell Phone Committee Recommendations

A motion was made by Allen Wells, seconded by Kim Klepcyk to approve the cell phone committee recommendations as presented.

Voting For: 4 Against: 0 with Trustee Dan Muirhead abstaining

Motion: Passes

B. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve the Administrative Contracts for the 2025-2026 School Year

A motion was made by Kim Klepcyk and seconded by Jennifer Stewart to approve the administrative contracts for the 2025-2026 school year.

Voting For: 5 Against: 0 Motion: Passes

C. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve the Adoption of Bluebonnet Learning Math (Kindergarten-5th grade)

A motion was made by Allen Wells and seconded by Dan Muirhead to approve the adoption of Bluebonnet Learning Math (Kindergarten-5th grade)

Voting For: 5 Against: 0 Motion: Passes

D. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve the Targeted Improvement Plan as Presented for Piney Woods Elementary and Peach Creek Elementary

A motion was made by Jason Sessum and seconded by Allen Wells to approve the Targeted Improvement Plan as presented for Piney Woods Elementary and Peach Creek Elementary

Voting For: 5 Against: 0 Motion: Passes

E. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve the Purchase of Furniture for Peach Creek Elementary and Greenleaf Elementary Replacement Schools.

A motion was made by Allen Wells and seconded by Jennifer Stewart to approve the purchase of furniture for Peach Creek Elementary and Greenleaf Elementary replacement schools at an amount of \$1,007,912.44 per school and authorize the Superintendent to execute the contracts.

Voting For: 4 Against: 1 Motion: Passes

F. Consideration and Adoption of Resolution Approving Contingent Fee Legal Services Contract, including Findings Needed for Submission of Contingent Fee Legal Services Agreement and Request for Expedited Review by the Texas Attorney General

A motion was made by Dan Muirhead and seconded by Allen Wells to adopt a resolution approving the contingent fee legal services contract, that includes the findings required by Texas Government Code 2254, Subchapter C, and that are needed for submission of a contingent fee legal services agreement and a request to the Texas Attorney General for expedited review.
Voting For: 5 Against: 0 Motion: Passes

G. Consideration and Adoption of Contingent Fee Legal Services Agreement with Thompson & Horton, LLP, Eiland & Bonnin, PC and O'Hanlon, Demerath & Castillo, PC

A motion was made by Dan Muirhead and seconded by Kim Klepcyk to adopt and approve entering into a contingent fee legal services agreement with Thompson & Horton, LLP, Eiland & Bonnin, PC, and O'Hanlon, Demerath & Castillo, PC to represent the District in youth social media usage and related litigation.
Voting For: 5 Against: 0 Motion: Passes

16. POSSIBLE ACTION ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION
No action items from closed session

17. POSSIBLE AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:

- A. Bond 2022 Updates
- B. Dual Language Program Update
- C. Masonic Cornerstone
- D. 25-26 Zoning Map Approval
- E. Residency Policy Changes

18. ADJOURN
ADJOURNMENT AT **9:38 PM.**

President

Secretary