

**Regular Meeting
July 16, 2019**

The meeting was called to order by President Jason Bonner at 6:00 pm.

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

District personnel present were Rob Barnwell, Mike Wood, Dr. Lynn Phillips, Laura Ornelas, Lindsey Whitaker, Antwain Jimmerson, Jay Patrick, and Clint Coyne. Others present included David Rohrbaugh, James Carter, Patti Wallace, Gary Endsley, Mike Gannon, Dylan Davis, Jasmine Bryson, Raelyn Green, Buddy Wilson, BeJe Foster, Tyler Foster, Larry Foster, Rachel Jones and several other visitors who did not sign in.

Ms. Cooper gave the invocation.

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

There was no one present related to the Public Comment agenda item.

Campus and Administrative reports were given at this time. New employee candidates were introduced. Those candidates were: Rachel Jones and Tyler Foster. Dr. Phillips introduced members of the Collins Academy. They gave the Board an update regarding their recent involvement with JISD students and various learning opportunities. A video was also shown to illustrate some of those outdoor educational activities provided by the Collins Academy staff. Ms. Ornelas introduced Raelyn Green and Jasmine Bryson. These students were recognized for outstanding performance, as they recently placed well at a national CTE competition. Mr. Coyne gave a short update regarding some of his federal programs and gave the Board a handout related to that information. Patti Wallace gave an update related to delinquent tax properties. Jay Patrick demonstrated an interactive panel, which is one of the new devices the district has purchased as part of the upgrades to educational technology.

Ms. Cooper made a motion to approve a Job Order Contract as the delivery/procurement method in order to have the high school roof replaced. Motion was seconded by Mr. Abernathy. Motion carried, 6-0.

Ms. Cooper made a motion to approve RBT Roofing Contractors to replace the high school roof, along with delegating authority to the superintendent to negotiate and sign the necessary paperwork/contracts related to that project. Motion was duly seconded by Mr. Godfrey. Motion carried, 6-0.

Mr. Langbartels made a motion to approve Bartlett Architects to serve as the district's architect for the high school roof project. Mr. Godfrey seconded the motion. Motion carried, 6-0.

There was no action on the agenda item related to the possible sale of property in the Smithland area.

Dr. Phillips provided the Board an update on test scores and the related (preliminary) accountability system ratings. Dr. Phillips indicated that our scores should enable the District to move from a "C" rating to a "B" rating.

Ms. Cooper made a motion to approve the Consent agenda, which included past minutes, budget amendments, and the routine TASB policy updates. Motion was duly seconded by Mr. Langbartels. Motion carried, 6-0.

Mr. Wood and Mr. Barnwell provided the Board with some information related to the 19-20 budget. There was some discussion regarding the finance template including how the district receives its local and state funding, the new (compressed) M&O tax rate, (which will be lowered from 1.04 to .97), and the timelines/deadlines that must

be met as part of the publication requirements in order to adopt the tax rates and budget in August. Mr. Barnwell said, to ensure we have time to publish the tax/budget notice in the local newspaper, the regular August Board meeting needed to be moved to one day earlier next month (from August 13th to August 12th). Mr. Bonner, as Board President, said he did not have a problem with moving the August meeting to that date to accommodate our needs. Mr. Wood indicated that he feels confident that we will be able to offer a balanced 19-20 budget for the Board to consider next month.

Ms. Cooper made a motion to appoint Ms. Karen Jones, local tax assessor, as the designated official to calculate the district's effective tax rate for the 19-20 school year. The motion was duly seconded by Dr. Thigpen. Motion carried, 6-0.

Motion by Mr. Abernathy to approve SL&A (Sara Leon and Associates) to serve as one of the District's legal counsel representatives. Motion was seconded by Mr. Godfrey. Motion carried, 6-0.

Motion by Mr. Abernathy, seconded by Mr. Godfrey, to approve the new salary/pay scales for the teachers and other staff, as presented. Motion carried, 6-0.

Motion by Dr. Thigpen, seconded by Mr. Langbartels, to approve the adjusted pay scale for substitutes, as presented. Motion carried, 6-0.

Motion by Ms. Cooper, seconded by Mr. Langbartels, to approve Brownrigg as the district's property/casualty insurance carrier for 19-20 school year. Motion carried, 5-0, with Mr. Godfrey abstaining.

Mr. Barnwell asked that the minutes reflect the previous acceptance of resignations from Don Cupples, Victoria Downs, and Jeremy Gressman. Mr. Barnwell also recommended the Board offer employment to candidate Tyler Foster on an 11 month, probationary, dual-assignment contract for the 19-20 school year. He also recommended employment for Rachel Jones on a 10 month probationary contract for the 19-20 school year. Mr. Langbartels made a motion to approve the personnel transactions, as presented. Dr. Thigpen seconded the motion. Motion carried, 6-0.

Due to no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

President's Signature

Secretary's Signature