Aransas Pass Independent School District

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on July 10, 2024

The Aransas Pass Independent School District Board of Trustees held a regular board meeting on July 10, 2024 in the boardroom located at 2300 McMullen Lane, Suite 600, Aransas Pass, Texas.

President, Wanese Butler; Vice President, John Mullenax; Secretary, Olivia Hill; Trustee, David Rector; and Trustee, Terry Stansberry were present. Also present were Superintendent, Dr. Glenn Barnes; Director of Curriculum, Heather Waugh-Hurta; Director of Business and Finance, Melinda Chapa; Special Programs Director, Chris Johnson; A.C. Blunt Middle School Principal, Rose Tran; and other interested parties.

Absent were Trustee, Delfino Flores; Trustee, Victor Galvan; and Trustee, David Rector.

Opening Ceremonies

With a quorum established, President, Wanese Butler called the regular meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. Vice President, John Mullenax led the group in the pledges of allegiance to the Texas and United States flags. President, Wanese Butler delivered the invocation.

Public Testimony

At this time President, Wanese Butler opened the meeting for any member of the community who would like to address the board on matters concerning the district. There was none.

President, Wanese Butler closed the open meeting at 7:05 p.m. and stated that the board would convene in executive session as authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code 551.001 et seq., concerning any and all purposes permitted by the act.

- Section 551.074 Personnel
 - Resignations
 - New Hires Information
 - New Hire Local Certification through District of Innovation
 - New Hire Principal and Assistant Principal Positions at Faulk Elementary
 - Staffing Update
- Section 551.071 and 551.0821 Consultation with attorney regarding a pending dispute / litigation involving a special education student: TEA Docket No. 300-SE-0524

The board ended the closed session at 8:32 p.m., and reconvened in open session.

Vice President, John Mullenax moved to approve the resignations as discussed in executive session. Secretary, Olivia Hill seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Vice President, John Mullenax moved to approve the new hire for the Faulk Elementary Principal position as discussed in executive session. Secretary, Olivia Hill seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Secretary, Olivia Hill moved to approve the new hire for the Faulk Elementary Assistant Principal position as discussed in executive session. Vice President, John Mullenax seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Vice President, John Mullenax moved to approve a local teaching certificate utilizing the District of Innovation Option for an 8th Grade Science Teacher and Coach. Secretary, Olivia Hill seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Secretary, Olivia Hill moved that the Board of Trustees authorize the Superintendent to negotiate and execute an agreement resolving a special education dispute consistent with the parameters discussed in closed session. Vice President, John Mullenax seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent, Dr. Glenn Barnes shared an update on the district's construction projects, an update on the Balanced Scorecard, and an update regarding Title IX regulations. Dr. Barnes also provided the 2024-2025 student and employee handbooks, student dress code, and the calendar of upcoming events. The Board was also reminded of the upcoming budget workshop, discussed scheduling an academic workshop, and discussed Board attendance at the TASA/TASB txEDCON.

Financial Reports

Information was shared with the Board regarding the accounts payable, and budget status and investment for June 2024, and the tax collection report for May 2024. Tax collection reports for June 2024 were not received by all counties at the time of posting. There were no ESSER expenditures during the reporting period. There was no update to provide on the FEMA projects.

Consent Agenda

The item included on the consent agenda for consideration included the minutes of the June 10, 2024 Regular Board Meeting and June 20 Special Board Meeting, TASB-Initiated Policy Update 123 Affecting (LEGAL) Policies and Policies:

BBD(LOCAL): Board Members - Training and Orientation

BBFA(LOCAL): Ethics - Conflict of Interest Disclosures

CKC(LOCAL): Safety Program/Risk Management - Emergency Plans

CKE(LOCAL): Safety Program/Risk Management - Security Personnel

CKEC(LOCAL): Security Personnel - School Resource Officers

COC(LOCAL): Technology Resources - Equipment

DCE(LOCAL): Employment Practices - Other Types of Contracts

DGBA(LOCAL): Personnel-Management Relations - Employee Complaints/Grievances

EEH(LOCAL): Instructional Arrangements - Homebound Instruction

EF(LOCAL): Instructional Resources

EFA(LOCAL): Instructional Resources - Instructional Materials

EFB(LOCAL): Instructional Resources - Library Materials

FNG(LOCAL): Student Rights and Responsibilities - Student and Parent Complaints/Grievances

GF(LOCAL): Public Complaints and District-Initiated Update to (LOCAL) Policies

DNB - Performance Appraisal: Evaluation of Campus Administrators

EIC - Academic Achievement: Class Ranking, and

FDA - Admissions: Interdistrict Transfers

and the 2024-2025 Student Code of Conduct. Trustee, Terry Stansberry moved to approve the consent agenda item. Vice President, John Mullenax seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Board Updates and Topics for Future Meetings

There were no updates or topics for future meetings presented.

Action Agenda

The proposed contract for financial advisory services with RBC Capital Markets was provided for consideration. Trustee, Terry Stansberry moved to approve the contract for financial advisory services with RBC Capital Markets. Vice President, John Mullenax seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The engagement letter for the proposed auditor, Lovvorn & Kieschnick, LLP to conduct the district's financial audit for the year ended August 31, 2024 was provided for consideration. Trustee, Terry Stansberry moved to approve Lovvorn & Kieschnick, LLP to conduct the district's 2024 financial audit. Secretary, Olivia Hill seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The memorandum of understanding between the District and Engagement to Employment Partners (E2E) was provided for consideration. Secretary, Olivia Hill moved to approve the MOU between APISD and Education to Employment Partners. Vice President, John Mullenax seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The Balanced Scorecard Strategic Objectives were provided for consideration. Vice President, John Mullenax moved to adopt the Balanced Scorecard Strategic Objectives. Secretary, Olivia Hill seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The resolution regarding authorization of leave adjustments for the June 19, and July 8-9, 2024 weather-related closure due to tropical weather was provided for consideration. Trustee, Terry Stansberry moved to approve the resolution regarding authorization of leave adjustments for the June 19 and July 8-9, 2024 weather-related closure due to tropical weather. Vice President, John Mullenax seconded the motion. Motion passed.

There being no further business before the board, President, Wanese Butler adjourned the meeting at 9:01 p.m.

Wanese Butler, President

Blaise Miller, Secretary to Board