

CALLED MEETING OF BOARD OF EDUCATION
Stephenville, TX. 2024

August 26, 2024

The Stephenville Independent School District Board of Education met in Called Session at 5:30 pm in the Bond Auditorium of the Administration Building, August 26, 2024, with the following members present:

Mr. Chad Elms, President
Mr. Donny Hill, Vice President
Dr. Robert Barberee, Secretary
Dr. Rita Cook

Mr. Matt Miller
Mr. Douglas Young
Mr. Ben McCleery

School Personnel Present: Superintendent Dr. Eric Cederstrom, Mr. Tim Sherrod, Ms. Kathy Hampton, Mr. John Briese, Mrs. Kelly Magin, Mrs. Joanie Bennett, Mr. Shelby Sharp, Mrs. Mica Rudd, Mr. Victor Saucedo, Dr. Josh Holt, Mrs. Stephanie Traweek, Mrs. Jennifer Salyards and Mr. Tom Airola.

Invocation

The Invocation was provided by Mr. Donny Hill

Recited U.S. and Texas Pledges of Allegiance

The U.S. and Texas Pledges of Allegiance were led by Mr. Chad Elms.

I. Call to Order and Announce Quorum Present

President Elms called the meeting to order and announced a quorum present.

II. Approval of Resolution for Committed Funds

The motion was made by Mr. Hill and seconded by Dr. Barberee to approve the Resolution for Committed Funds as presented. A copy of the Resolution to Commit Fund Balance is attached hereto and shall become an official part of these minutes.

All members voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

III. Conduct Required Public Hearing on the Proposed 2024-2025 Budget and Tax Rates

Mr. Sherrod presented information on the proposed 2024-2025 Budget and Tax Rates. There were no public comments.

IV. Approved an Order Authorizing the Defeasement and Redemption of Outstanding Bonds of Stephenville Independent School District

The motion was made by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mr. Young to approve an Order Authorizing the Defeasement and Redemption of Outstanding Bonds of Stephenville Independent School District. A copy of the Order is attached hereto and shall become an official part of these minutes.

All members voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

V. Approved to Adopt the Proposed Budget for Stephenville Independent School District 2024-2025

The motion was made by Mr. McCleery and seconded by Mr. Miller to adopt the 2024-2025 Budget for General Operating, Food Service and Debt Service as presented.

All members voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

VI. Approved to Adopt the Proposed Tax Rate for the Stephenville Independent School District for 2024-2025

The motion was made by Dr. Cook and seconded by Mr. Hill that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of 0.9597, which is effectively a 7.06 percent increase in the tax rate.

All members voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

VII. Approved to Table Item VIII – Action Item: Consider Facility Usage Fees until the September 16, 2024 regular meeting

The motion was made by Mr. McCleery and seconded by Mr. Miller to table VIII – Action Item: Consider Facility Usage Fees until the September 16, 2024 regular meeting.

All members voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

VIII. Heard Superintendent's Report including:

- Opening Day of School
- Tennis Courts Update
- Board of Trustees Team of Eight Training

IX. Closed Session

President Elms announced to those present that the Board would adjourn into Closed Session pursuant to the provisions of Section 551.071 through and/or 551.086 at approximately 6:19 pm.

-Discuss Personnel Matters and/or Hear complaints against Personnel (551.074)

-Deliberate appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties or discipline of contract and/or at-will employees

-Discuss purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property (551.072)

-Discuss the deployment, specific occasions for, or implementation of, security personnel or devices (551.076).

X. Open Session

The Board reconvened to Open Session at approximately 7:09 pm.

XI. Personnel

Employment:

Robin Jowell – Part-time Diagnostician – Special Education Department
Effective: September 3, 2024

XII. Adjourn

No further business appearing before the board, the meeting adjourned.

ATTEST: _____

CORRECT:

Secretary

President