

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
WEST RUSK COUNTY CONSOLIDATED
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
DECEMBER 16, 2024

The West Rusk County Consolidated Independent School District Board of Trustees met in the West Rusk CCISD boardroom at 6:00 p.m. The agenda with time and place posted in the required manner.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sandra Smith, President; Robert Anderson, Matt Eastwood, Chris Pratt, and Lorenzo Tavarez.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Iris Hammontree and Will Sudweeks.

SCHOOL PERSONAL PRESENT: Lawrence Coleman, Superintendent; Leah Bobbitt, Assistant Superintendent; Gwen Gilliam, Director of Student Services; Mindee Mata, Director of Business Operations; Lee Clark, Director of Technology; and Jo Ann Cooper, Secretary to the Superintendent.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The board members and the audience recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

VISITORS: None.

REPORTS: Board Training Hours: Jo Ann Cooper, Superintendent's Secretary, reported the board training hours. New Board members are required to complete 10 hours of continuing education the first year after election and all sitting board members are required to complete 5 hours of continuing education every year. The district is required to report these training hours at the last board meeting of the year. Beginning in 2025, board member's hours of continuing education will be reported in October of each year before the board election in November.

<u>Board Members</u>	<u>Hours of Continuing Education</u>
Robert Anderson	30 hours – Exceeds
Matthew Eastwood	10 hours – Appointed and Elected 2024 -Meets
Iris Hammontree	18.25 hours – Exceeds
Chris Pratt	0 hours – Elected November 2024
Sandra Smith	22.25 hours – Exceeds
Will Sudweeks	20.5 hours – Exceeds
Lorenzo Tavarez	24.75 hours – Exceeds

NEW PHONE SYSTEM: Lee Clark, Technology Director, informed the board that the district's current phone system is obsolete and we are unable to get replacement parts. Mr. Clark researched phone systems and after looking at other systems, the district will be replacing the current server based phones with a Cloud based System.

NEW WEBSITE: Lee Clark, Technology Director, informed the board that the West Rusk website is in the process of renovation. The web address will go from www.westrusk.esc7.net to www.westruskisd.org when renovation is complete.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- 24-15 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR BOARD MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 18, 2024, REGULAR BOARD MEETING, BILLS, PAYROLL AND INVESTMENT REPORT: Robert Anderson made a motion to approve the minutes as listed above and approve bills, payroll and investment report, seconded by Iris Hammontree and unanimously passed.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION AGENDA:

- 24-16 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL AUDIT: Albert Garcia, with Mays & Associates PLLC, Certified Public Accountants, presented the West Rusk County Consolidated ISD Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2024. Mr. Garcia stated the audit opinion is unmodified, which is a clean report. The district has a fund balance of 2.36 million dollars. West Rusk has a good fund balance and follows TEA recommendations and the audit contains no material weakness.

Mr. Garcia thanked Mindee Mata, Director of Business Operations, and her staff for providing everything needed as soon as requested. He thanked Ms. Mata for insuring the audit went smoothly and being cordial and professional at all times.

After discussion, Matt Eastwood made a motion to approve the 2023-2024 school audit as presented, seconded by Robert Anderson and unanimously passed.

- 24-17 A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR REDEMPTION CERTAIN CURRENTLY OUTSTANDING DISTRICT OBLIGATIONS; DELEGATING TO CERTAIN DISTRICT OFFICIALS AND STAFF THE AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE RELATED DOCUMENTATION; AND OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH: Robert Anderson made a motion stating I move the approval of the Resolution calling for Redemption certain currently outstanding district obligations; delegating to certain district officials and staff the authority to execute related documentation; and other matters in connection therewith, seconded by Lorenzo Tavaréz and unanimously passed.

- 24-18 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF THE UPDATED WELLNESS TRIENNIAL ASSESSMENT: Lawrence Coleman, Superintendent, discussed the updated Wellness Triennial Assessment with the board. He stated that the information was approved by the SHAC Committee at the last SHAC meeting. Lawrence said there were no changes in the assessment from last year and recommended the board approve the Wellness Triennial Assessment as presented

Matt Eastwood made a motion to approve the Wellness Triennial Assessment approved by the SHAC Committee as stated above, seconded by Robert Anderson and unanimously passed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION AND ACTION RESULTING FROM SESSION: The Board went into executive session and the following action resulted from the session.

- 24-19 EMPLOYMENT, RESIGNATIONS AND REASSIGNMENTS: Robert Anderson recommended that Keanna Jenkins be employed as an algebra 2 teacher beginning January 8, 2024, seconded by Matt Eastwood and unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT: Sandra Smith, President, said there is no further business and adjourned the meeting.

Sandra Smith, President

Iris Hammontree, Secretary