

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
MARCH 8, 2021

Como-Pickton School Board met in regular session with the following members present: D J Carr, Mark Humphrey, Shiloh Childress, J J Cummings, and Jessica Pegues. Brittney Smith and Jim Murray were absent.

Shiloh Childress led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Terry Bryan from Bright Star Church offered remarks during public forum.

Students of the Month were recognized:

Elementary – Brandon Munoz

Jr. High – Cooper Lavender

High School – Chloe Romero

Bobby Mays was recognized as Teacher of the Month.

Motion by Mark Humphrey, seconded by Shiloh Childress, to approve the consent agenda items as presented, which included:

(A) Approval of minutes from the February board meeting.

(B) Approval of expenditures for March 2021.

The motion carried 5-0.

A public hearing and review of the District 2019-20 Texas Academic Performance Reports (TAPR) was held.

Motion by D J Carr, seconded by Mark Humphrey, to approve the Trail of Bread Crumbs contract. The motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Jessica Pegues, seconded by Mark Humphrey, to approve the staff development waivers for 2020-2021 and 2021-2022. The motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Shiloh Childress, seconded by Jessica Pegues, to approve the 2021-22 school calendar as presented. The motion carried 5-0.

Motion by D J Carr, seconded by JJ Cummings, to approve the list of items for auction. The motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Shiloh Childress, seconded by D J Carr, to approve the agreement with Hopkins County for use of election equipment. The motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Jessica Pegues, seconded by Mark Humphrey, to approve adding a custodian position. The motion carried 5-0.

Motion by D J Carr, seconded by Shiloh Childress, to remove the mask mandate for students and staff, in both school district academic setting as well as UIL home events, while also considering seating capacity at home UIL events, effective March 10, 2021. The motion carried 5-0.

Monthly financial and tax collection reports were reviewed.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS

1. COVID Update – Current students testing positive – 0 Students Recovered 30
Current staff testing positive – 0 Staff Recovered – 8
2. Softball team is currently ranked 8th in the state according to the Texas Girls' Coaches' Association's most recent polling. Record is 13-1-1
3. Baseball is currently 1-3-1
4. Ice and Snow Storm Damage Update – Approximately \$21,500 in damage so far
5. Hispanic Community Forum – We are hosting this Wednesday, March 10, at 6:00 p.m.
6. One-act-play holds district competition tomorrow, March 9, in Sulphur Springs
7. Dr. Bower was the only superintendent in the state to be asked to sit in on an AVID state panel on February 24. He will serve in the same capacity on March 24.
8. Dr. Bower was asked by Region VIII to present successful leadership strategies to all the first year administrators in Region VIII.
9. Dr. Bower stated that he is temporarily leading the congregation and preaching at Caney Baptist Church since January – They have asked him to consider being their Pastor, and he wanted to make sure there were no objections from the board before considering the offer.
10. Dr. Bower offered his fourth apology to Mrs. Ledesma/Diosdado if she took offense to a previous Facebook post referring to the "China Virus".
11. Next board meeting is April 12 at 6:00 p.m.
12. Spring break is scheduled for March 15 with an early release for students and staff at 1:00 p.m. on March 12.

The board entered into executive session in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act at 7:25 p.m.

The open meeting reconvened at 8:41 p.m.

Motion by Jessica Pegues, seconded by Shiloh Childress to approve professional contracts for 2021-2022 as recommended, as follows:

TEACHERS:

Anderson, Shelly	Arden, Jennifer	Bain, Karmon
Baxley, Austin	Biggerstaff, Julie	Blanchard, Angela
Bowen, Michael	Bulls, Danny	Burchfield, Josie
Busby, Casey	Busby, Samantha	Buster, Stephanie
Campbell, Latisha	Carr, Katy	Claxton, Rachel
Cleveland, Laura	Cockrum, Chelsea	Crouch, Brandi
Ellison, Jaime	Dee Evans	Fouse, Melissa
Garcia, Celeste	Green, Anglea	Hollingsworth, Debra
Horton, Nicole	Howard, Wilke	Jackson, Rachel
Langley, Tamara	Lewis, Angelina	Lonsberry, Debra
Lynn, Amy	Mays, Bobby	Monk, Saundea
Neal, Chanda	O'Bryan, Dusty	O'Reilly-Clement, Patti
Panter, Linda	Pletcher, Camryn	Potts, Judy
Powell, Shannon	Reese, Patty	Roberts, Terra
Rogers, Colby	Scholta, Ross	Silva, Sandra
Smith, Merrie	Snyder, Robert	Sorley, Jaci
Spencer, Daryl	Tarver, Jennifer	Thompson, Allison

Thompson, Scott
Vorwerk, Cody
Weir, Julie

Torres, Osvaldo
Wallace, Trevor

Turner, Payton
Waldon, Kristen

NURSE:
Self, Holly

ARD FACILITATOR/TEACHER:
Williams, Carrie

DIAGNOSTICIAN:
Wilton, Misty

SPEECH THERAPIST:
Wilkinson, Rachel

COUNSELOR:
Lou Colvin

BEHAVIORIAL INTERVENTIONIST:
Wiley, Brandy

Brandy Wiley, Misty Wilton, and Rachel Wilkinson will receive 2% pay increases.

The motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Jessica Pegues, seconded by J J Cummings, to accept the resignations of Lori Franklin and Alan Folsom, teachers, and the resignation of coaching duties only from Casey Busby. The motion carried 5-0.

Motion by D J Carr, seconded by J J Cummings to hire April Self as teacher through DOI with employment agreement for the 2021-2022 school year. The motion carried 5-0.

Dr. Bower informed the board that he had hired Jazmine Tapley as special education paraprofessional.

Motion by Jessica Pegues, seconded by D J Carr, to adjourn at 8:45 p.m. The motion carried 5-0.