

## MINUTES OF SCHOOL DISTRICT REGULAR MEETING

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

#### SMITHVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given that a Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Smithville Independent School District was held on Monday, October 19, 2020 beginning at 6:00 PM at the

ZOOM Webinar

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Smithville, TX 78957.

**Members present:** Howard Burns, Jr., Alan Hemphill, Mike Davis, Jr., Grant Gutierrez, Candice Parsons, Nancy Towry

**Members absent:** Tay Campbell

**Others present:** Stephanie Foster, Jean Ann McCarthy, David Edwards, Zack Harris, Belinda Waters, Lisa Gonzales, Jenny Davis, Chris Kelly, Candy Biehle, Shari Bang, Tucker Copeland, Dianna King, Josh Magden, Molly Cox, Michael Caudill, Cheryl Burns, Denise Behrens

A. Call to Order

**Call to Order** – The Board President called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

B. Roll Call

**Roll Call** – The Board President called the roll of members. Tay Campbell was absent.

C. Resignation of School Board Trustee, Place 1

**Resignation of School Board Trustee, Place 1** – Mr. Tay Campbell, current School Board Trustee, Place 1, is requesting to resign his position, effective immediately, due to a family move. To be effective, a board member's resignation must be in writing, signed by the board member (an email is deemed signed), and delivered to the board for action. The Board may not refuse to accept the resignation.

Mr. Campbell's current place is up for re-election on November 3, 2020 and will be filled by one of two duly filed candidates. The newly elected board member will be sworn in at the next regular meeting on November 16, 2020. Grant Gutierrez moved to accept Mr. Campbell's resignation from the Smithville I.S.D. Board of Trustees. Candice Parsons seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

D. Communications from the Public

**Communications from the Public** – There were no citizens signed up to address the Board.

- E. Consent Agenda  
**Consent Agenda** – Howard Burns, Jr. moved to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. Candice Parsons seconded and the motion carried 6-0. The Consent Agenda included:
1. Minutes
  2. Financial Statements
  3. Investment Report
  4. State Aid Comparison - Budgeted vs. Earned
  5. Earned vs. TEA Payments
  6. Tax Collection Report
  7. Budget Amendments
- F. Information Items
1. **Financial Report** – Mrs. McCarthy presented the financial report.
  2. **Superintendent's Report** – The superintendent shared the following information with the Board of Trustees:
    - The end of the nine-week grading period is Friday, October 30th.
    - We've received many compliments on the bleacher replacements at the high school gym.
    - High school band students treated the Red Brick employees to a musical performance as they used the auditorium to record their region jazz auditions last week.
    - Central Office hosted a celebration for the 2019-2020 school year retirees last Wednesday. Paul Smith, Marie Outlaw, Cory Kadlecsek and Beatrice Flippo were there to be recognized.
    - Angels Unaware is working with the Child Nutrition department to assist in meeting the needs of students.
    - The Tiger Stadium bricks were installed last week. Some were damaged in transit and are on reorder.
    - The Smithville Fire Department walked the new junior high school and Elementary Buildings 2 and 3 on Wednesday of last week as part of their safety training.
    - We are currently receiving COVID-19 technology and will start issuing desktops to campuses as they arrive.
  3. **2016 Bond Renovation Update by PBK and Drymalla Construction** – Mrs. Burns shared an update on renovation progress.
  4. **In-Person and Virtual Learning Report** – The Superintendent, along with David Edwards, Federal Programs Director, reported the cumulative totals of student and staff excluded from attendance on campus due to active lab confirmed COVID-19 cases or symptoms or close contact with lab confirmed COVID-19 cases. Mrs. Burns reported the current number of students participating in face-to-face learning and in virtual learning, including failure rates for both.
  5. **Report on Board Member Continuing Education Hours** – Board Policy BBD [Legal] and 19 TAC 61.61 requires the Board President to announce the name of each Board member who has completed the required continuing education, who has exceeded the

required hours of continuing education, and who is deficient in the required continuing education. This announcement is required annually. The Board President must announce Board members' continuing education hours at the last regular meeting prior to the next board election, shall cause the minutes to reflect the information, and shall make this information available to the local media. Mr. Gutierrez announced that Mr. Burns, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Davis, Mr. Hemphill, Mrs. Towry, Mrs. Parsons and Mr. Gutierrez have all exceeded the required training hours.

6. **Tentative November Agenda Items** – Tentative items to be included on the November agenda are:

- a. Canvass the Results of the November 3, 2020 Board of Trustees Election
- b. Oath of Office for New Board Members
- c. Reorganization of the Board
- d. FIRST Ratings Public Hearing
- e. Financial Report
- f. Superintendent's Report
- g. Construction Report
- h. Investment Policy Review
- i. Review Approved Providers of Investment Training
- j. Personnel

G. Action Items

1. **Consider Approval of the Targeted Improvement Plan (TIP)** – The intervention plan addresses the requirements under Texas Education Code (TEC) 39. Intervention requirements and resources are provided through the Texas Education Agency framework of the Targeted Improvement Plan (TIP), which includes the continuous improvement process of data analysis, needs assessment, improvement planning, and implementation and monitoring of a targeted improvement plan. Local school boards are required to review and approve the targeted improvement plan that has been developed by the campus leadership team (CLT). Candice Parson moved to approve the Targeted Improvement Plan for Smithville Elementary School and Brown Primary School grades kindergarten through fifth grade as presented. Nancy Towry seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

H. Personnel

1. **Resignations of Certified Personnel** – There were no resignations to report.
2. **Employment of Certified Personnel** – Candice Parsons moved to employ Kaileigh Gibson as librarian at Smithville Elementary School for the 2020-2021 school year as requested by the superintendent. Mike Davis, Jr. seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

The Board ended its meeting at 7:12 p.m.