

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 8, 2021

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

Jim Murray led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Margarita Diosdado addressed the board during citizen participation.

Students of the Month were recognized:

Lukas Castro, Elementary
Bella Romero, Jr. High
Taylor Ford, High School

Laura Cleveland was recognized as Teacher of the Month.

J D Acker, Caney Baptist Church, offered remarks during public forum.

Motion by Jim Murray, seconded by Mark Humphrey, to approve the consent agenda items, which included:

- (A) Approval of minutes of the January board meetings.
- (B) Approval of February expenditures.

The motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Brittney Smith, seconded by D J Carr, to approve TASB Policy Updates 115 and 116. The motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Jim Murray, seconded by Shiloh Childress, to order an election for May 1, 2021, for the purpose of electing three trustees to full four-year terms, and one trustee to an unexpired two-year term. The motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Brittney Smith, seconded by Jessica Pegues, to appoint Brenda Mowat-Coker as election judge, Becky Brumley as alternate judge, Lenise Boseman, Karla Jacks, and Danetta Carpenter as early voting clerks, and Brenda Mowat-Coker and Becky Brumley as early voting ballot board. The motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Jim Murray, seconded by Mark Humphrey, to purchase a 2016 school bus at a price of \$69,900 from National Bus Sales. The motion carried 6-0.

Monthly financial and tax collection reports were reviewed.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS

1. COVID Numbers – Current student cases – 0 Students recovered – 30
Current staff cases – 0 Staff recovered – 8
2. Basketball
 - a. Varsity boys are 16-8 JV boys are 13-11
 - b. JH A Team 1-7 JH B Team 2-3
 - c. Varsity Girls are 18-7 JV Girls are 7-10

- d. JH A Team 9-0 JH B Team 8-1
3. Girls play at Commerce this Saturday at 12:00 noon. Boys are in the playoffs but no definite site yet.
4. School is out for our scheduled days off on our calendar (Wednesday – Friday & Staff Development Monday)
5. School is out again on February 25th for our student holiday/County Livestock Show
6. Next board meeting is March 8, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.
7. Spring Break is scheduled for the week of March 15.

The board entered into executive session in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act at 6:45 p.m.

The open meeting reconvened at 7:55 p.m.

Motion by Shiloh Childress, seconded by Brittney Smith, to accept the resignation of Gabe Hatch, effective immediately, and of Tim Butts, effective the end of the school year due to his retirement. The motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Shiloh Childress, seconded by D J Carr, to extend Jr. High and Elementary Principal contracts from 11 months to 12 months. The motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Jim Murray, seconded by Mark Humphrey, to extend the contracts of the following administrators:

Jana Andrews, Assistant Superintendent
Kelly Baird, High School Principal
Cassandra Bland, Jr. High Principal
Linda Rankin, Elementary Principal
Ronnie Green, Athletic Director
Amy Friddle, Testing Coordinator/Bilingual-Migrant Coordinator
Joe Newman, Technology Director

Salary will include a 2% increase. The motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Jim Murray, seconded by Brittney Smith, to employ Carl Smith as Maintenance/Transportation Director for the 2021-2022 school year at a salary of \$52,000. The motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Jessica Pegues, seconded by Jim Murray, to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. The motion carried 6-0.