

Regular Board Meeting
MINUTES
03/25/2024
6:00 p.m.

Present: Aslone Foy, Jim Longbotham, Stephen Bradley, Jason Milstead, Tom Sutton, Angela Crane, Bridgett Jackson-Tatum (6:02).

Others: Anthony Figueroa, Teresa Battrick, Cindy Ensminger, Deana Rand, Nancy Sutton, Melissa Smith, Debra Brown, Deana Hurt, Megan Bolton, Sarah Bush, Bonnie Bomar, Kristen Curry, Alex Montoya, Evan Dittmore, Windy Roberts, Kelley Young, Bud Nolan, Shelby Ingram-Condon, Kayla Bryson, Maya Samples, Rick Lambert, Jessica Cisneros, Alexis Davis, Keli Hall, Maricela McGee, Joanna Carpenter, Kaley Eggers.

Aslone Foy called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Jim Longbotham gave the Invocation.

Stephen Bradley and Jason Milstead led the Pledges to the Flags.

Tom Sutton read the District Mission Statement.

Each campus recognized a teacher of the month for March: Debra Brown, Groesbeck High School; Windy Roberts, Groesbeck Middle School; Leslie Nolan, Enge-Washington Intermediate School; and Shelby Condon, H. O. Whitehurst.

Community in School (CIS) Site Coordinators presented information on services that are offered to the students.

There were no public comments.

Aslone Foy opened the amended application for appraised value limitation on qualified property from Stetson Renewables Holdings, LLC, Comptroller Application #1900, pursuant to Texas Tax Code § 313 Public Hearing at 6:42 p.m. There being no comments or questions, Aslone Foy closed the public hearing at 6:43 p.m.

Acknowledgment of Conflict-of-Interest Policies BBFA(LEGAL) and (LOCAL) in connection with an amended application for appraised value limitation on qualified property from Stetson Renewables Holdings, LLC, Comptroller Application #1900, pursuant to Texas Tax Code § 313. There were no conflicts of interest.

Motion by Jim Longbotham, second by Stephen Bradley, to approve attorney fee of \$5,000 for drafting the amended application for appraised value limitation on qualified property from Stetson Renewables Holdings, LLC, Comptroller Application #1900, pursuant to Texas Tax Code § 313. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion of the solar project is to start construction five to nine days from now. Will still receive benefits and amounts sooner. Supplemental payment in the 2025-2026 school year. Stetson Renewables Holdings, LLC has moved the assignment out to Drivers Solar. No change to protections or agreements. Gerrit Peters was available online for any questions regarding the solar project. If they don't fulfill the agreement, the district will receive all back taxes. Motion by Jim Longbotham, second by Jason Milstead, to approve Amended Application for Appraised Value Limitation on Qualified Property and approve Amendment No. 1 to Agreement for Limitation on Appraised Value of Property for School District Maintenance and Operations Taxes by and between Groesbeck ISD and Stetson Renewables Holdings, LLC, Comptroller Application #1900. Motion carried unanimously.

The Science Textbook Committee presented information on the 7th through high school STEMscope and the K-6th Houghton Mifflin Harcourt. Motion by Stephen Bradley, second by Angela Crane, to approve the Science Instructional Materials Adoption as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Cindy Ensminger presented a data update on the student chosen to be followed through iREADY. At the beginning of the year, the student was reading at a third-grade level and is now reading at a fifth-grade level. The student is close to grade level in Geometry from a second-grade level. Motion by Angela Crane, second by Bridgett Jackson-Tatum, to approve the first reading of EIC(LOCAL) Draft 2.

Windy Roberts presented how Groesbeck Middle School uses iREADY, stating that there isn't enough time. Did not use it the first semester, but this semester, it is going better. There's not enough time when doing this and Amplify. Kayla Bryson stated that the diagnostics work but not with middle school. Reading would kick the student out when they reached 70+ percent. For Groesbeck High School, Bonnie Bomar, discussed EOC test scores. Debra Brown presented the iREADY and its diagnostics, taking a week to test everyone, the validity of results, and filling in the gaps. Jessica Cisneros stated that it has a goal to work toward; they have 50 minutes per class period, and it took eight days to test. Does not have TEKS beyond 8th grade level. Deana Hurt also stated that students had to do it in 8th grade and had to do it again in the 9th, 10th, and 11th grades.

Bonnie Bomar and Sara Bush presented possible changes to EIC(LOCAL) Draft 2. Counselors have to calculate GPA by hand. Although ASCENDER runs GPA, it doesn't run GPA correctly. High school always does the top 20% by hand. This change would be for the future (Class of 2026 and beyond). High school would have plenty of time to notify parents because students haven't taken their third science yet. Discussed middle school student being prepared for high school and getting input from students. Mr. Figueroa recommended approving the first reading; however, knowing that we would bring the board more information from the student survey and more information from scenarios, we would then have a draft that would include a 2026 adoption and 2028. Motion by Angela Crane, second by Bridgett Jackson-Tatum to approve this recommendation. Motion carried unanimously.

Presentation of Student Interest Survey from the middle school and high school. Evan Ditmore presented the middle school results with 70% student response. Presented percentages on involvement, organizations (athletics, band, FFA, tennis, academic UIL), outside-of-school

non-related activities (sports, worked (part-time job), church, 4-H). Adding organizations (Spanish club, book club, fishing club, culinary arts, e-sports), some of the barriers to participation were watching siblings and involvement in other sports. Discussed kids not being involved in anything. Bonnie Bomar and Sarah Bush presented the high school results, and 85% of the surveys were returned. Presented percentages of involvement, athletics, attendance at athletic events, FFA, current things they are involved in outside of school, church, select sports, and interest in clubs. No time for extra. Looking at how to let kids know more about the clubs that are available and new clubs such as mental health club and mentoring program.

Motion by Jason Milstead, second by Angela Crane, to approve Micro Integration's bid. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussed the purchase of a marquee sign for the high school. No action. Motion dies.

Consent Agenda: Motion by Jason Milstead, second by Tom Sutton, to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

- A. Minutes of Previous Board Meeting
- B. Budget Report and Amendments
- C. Interquest Detection Canines Agreement
- D. The Amplify Texas Elementary Literacy Program
- E. Surplus
- F. Donation

Entered Executive Session: 8:22 p.m.

Reconvened: 9:26 p.m.

Motion by Jim Longbotham, seconded by Stephen Bradley to approve administrators, teachers, and other staff contracts as recommended. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Stephen Bradley, second by Jason Milstead, to approve personnel resignations, leave of absences, or reassignments. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bridgett Jackson-Tatum, second by Angela Crane, to extend the superintendent's contracts one year. Voting For: Jim Longbotham, Stephen Bradley, Tom Sutton, Angela Crane, Bridgett Jackson-Tatum. Voting Against: Aslone Foy and Jason Milstead. Motion passed.

Superintendent Comments: Anthony Figueroa commented the next Groesbeck U - Parent University will be at the HOW Theater on March 27 from 6:15 pm to 7:15 pm. on Parent Involvement, Mental Health (MTSS) presented in April, and Food Service RFP process/update, and student enrollment.

Board President Comments and Reports: Aslone Foy stated that the 2024 Summer Leadership Institute will be in San Antonio: June 12 – 15 and Fort Worth: June 19 – 22. The next Regular Board Meeting will be on April 15.

Motion by Bridgett Jackson-Tatum, second by Angela Crane, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjourned: 9:31 p.m.

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Aslone Foy, Board President	Bridgett Jackson-Tatum, Secretary	Date Approved

**Board Workshop
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Aslone Foy called the workshop to order at 9:31 p.m.

Board Workshop on Budget: Discussed finances, budgeting, and solar project.

Adjourned: 10:04 p.m.

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