

The Rosebud-Lott ISD School Board Trustees present were:

Marlene Zipperlen, Emily Hering, Gerald Hudson, Cindy Kahlig and Henry Bravo.

Others present were: Anthony Price, Carol Pruitt, Charmaine Knight, Valerie Gausemeier, Karen Heugatter, Natalie Parcus, Gail Palmore, Mike Rasmussen, Charla Kahlig, Sonja Holtzclaw, John Minor, Boyd Rice and Don Stiles.

Marlene Zipperlen led the Prayer.

Marlene Zipperlen led the Pledge of Allegiance. Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

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Bryan Coker joined the meeting at 6:03 pm.

Gary Barker from the Education Service Center Region 12 gathered information and presented templates for estimating state aid from the 2013 – 2014 school year up to the 2019 - 2020 school year. The template was designed to calculate revenue from funding elements, staff, property values, tax rates & collections, other data dealing with the transportation allocation, Tier I Allotments, Foundation School Program (FSP) State Funding, State Aid by Funding Source, and additional information dealing with the M&O from the state/local taxes along with M&O dealing with funding from ASATR. Beginning in the year 2017–2018 there will no longer be any ASATR (Additional State Aid for Tax Reduction).

We have not maxed out of our tax rate yet. Gary Barker suggested that we raise our taxes during the 2017-2018 school year. As long as we are not over \$1.04.

Rodney Drake joined the meeting at 6:25 pm.

Other discussion was about us as a district keeping everything the same, 10% decrease in property value, increase our taxes by five cents, and how much a penny will generate for the district, and how much the state will kick in.

Dr. Zipperlen suggested that the board have a dollar amount in mind as Mr. Price begins his presentation.

Mr. Price presented to the board a handout of the School Finance. Included was a breakdown of the different campuses/departments within our district and the expenses that are paid out of each campus/department.

The principals/administrators will compile a wish list of things they need for their campus/department.

Mr. Price reviewed the 2013 -2014 year end budget report from the audit and presented it in is presentation with a total amount of \$1,060,664.00 going back in the fund balance. Current fund balance amount is: \$3,246,318.00. Also, in the handout was the year to date expenditures and a list of the grants that we have, the amounts of the grant, the amount we have spent so far, along with the remainder balance that is left on the grants for the 2014-2015 school year.

Emily Hering wanted to know if we had a plan in place to make sure we spend the remainder of the funds that were available to the school district before the school year ends. Mr. Price let Emily and the board know, that the administrators that deal with the grants, had a meeting and discussed how the grant funds would be spend the remainder of the school year.

Dr. Zipperlen asked about the Title I grants and asked if they were competitive. Also asked about the Direct Certification Grant. Valerie Gausemeier explained that this particular grant was for the students who were on free and reduce lunch. She also explained how this grant would benefit those families.

Dr. Zipperlen asked if we could look at the 5% increase in taxes, build a budget on what revenue we generated, look at what the percentage of personnel we have, breakdown of percentages going to each function, revenue breakdown, break down of taxes special funds (title/grants) breakdown, a list of different programs each campus use, and debt (bus).

Suggested Budget amount for 2015 – 2016 school year is \$6,102,600.00.

The topic of Temple College was discussed. They will no longer host a site in Cameron after the school year ends. Suggestions were that we can offer the students to do on-line classes, Skype, ask if the instructors will come to Rosebud-Lott to teach the classes. Offer virtual school network/distance learning. We have also offered Temple College the Rosebud Intermediate School to house Temple College. They didn't give a response to this offer.

The school board suggested that Mr. Price check on the agreement that Westphalia ISD has with Rogers ISD and to check the graduation attendance for Westphalia's eighth graders. Emily Hering told the board that Mr. Price had to contact the Westphalia Superintendent in order to see if we can get a Memorandum of Understanding for the students that are graduating from Westphalia ISD. The Westphalia board meetings are held every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month.

Board members asked Mr. Price to look at this year's budget to see if we can find some funds for the cheerleaders to go to cheer camp. Want to know the date they are needing the funds and the amount.

Next Budget Workshop will be April 20, 2015.

Hering made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 pm and Bryan Coker seconded the motion.

The Rosebud-Lott ISD School Board Trustees present were:  
Henry Bravo, Emily Hering, Gerald Hudson, Rodney Drake, and Marlene Zipperlen.

Others present were: Anthony Price, Larry Dutcher, Sonja Holtzclaw, Karen Heugatter, Valerie Gausemeier, Charmaine Knight, Julie Bennett, Carol Pruitt, Todd Williams, Allen McKinley, Gail Palmore, Amy Kruger, Teresa Sullivan, Natalie Parcus, Meagan Willberg, Mike Rasmussen, Larry Boone, Charla Kahlig, Don Stiles, and Jason Mallory.

1. Gerald Hudson led the Prayer. Emily Hering led the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was called to order at 6:10 pm.

2. Quorum was established with five Board of Trustees present. Members not present were Cindy Kahlig and Bryan Coker.

3. A. The cheerleader sponsors (Teresa Sullivan/Amy Kruger) asked the board to help fund the cheerleader/mascot summer camp. They were asking for \$4,365.00 for the JV/Varsity cheerleaders, mascots and cheer sponsors to attend the camp. The sponsors said that were going to be a \$900.00 deposit needed by May 1<sup>st</sup>. The camp dates are June 29<sup>th</sup> – July 2<sup>nd</sup>?. The cheerleaders are working on fundraisers to help with the cost of camp. Mrs. Pruitt stated the funds for the cheer camp can come out of the line item where she gets paid out of. The sponsors let the board know how much it would cost for just the varsity cheer squad to attend the summer camp. Rodney Drake made a motion to give the cheerleaders the \$900 for the down payment of the camp. Gerald Hudson seconded the motion. Henry Bravo suggested that just the varsity squad attend the cheer camp. Motion passed 4-1 (Bravo against)

B. Allen McKinley came and presented an update from the Appraisal District. Said that the results from Chilton and Westphalia are already back and that he was waiting on the results from Rosebud-Lott and Marlin. Mr. McKinley said he should get the results any day now. We are in a grace period now and he feels that we will not lose any money at this point. Larry Boone joined in with the discussion.

C. The next board meeting for Westphalia school board meeting is on April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 pm. Marlene Zipperlen suggested that Mr. Price along with two of the board members to attend this meeting and voice in Open Forum that we are wanting to enter into an agreement with the district to accept their graduating eighth grade students. The board suggested to have a Memorandum of Agreement with Westphalia for 5-years. Henry Bravo and Emily Hering agreed to attend the school board meeting with Mr. Price.

D. Mr. Price presented the School Finance power point for the Budget Workshop II. This presentation included our Targeted Budget of: \$6,106,592.00, our revenues we are expecting to generate, amount with a 5 cent tax increase, grants, the amounts and percentage that's paid out in each department/campus, amounts and percentage of expenditures, and transportation report.

E. Each department/campus principal Big Ticket Item was presented to the board. The total of the Big Ticket Items was: \$563,955.00.

The board wants to know at the next meeting how many teachers/students there are per grade level.

4. Discussion/Action Item: Personnel

Board members went into Executive Session at 7:45 pm.

Board returned from Executive Session at 8:36 pm.

A. Emily Hering made a motion to accept a 1-year contract for the Curriculum Specialist position. Rodney Drake seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

B. Dr. Zipperlen read the resignation letter of Mr. Price. The board was not able to act on the contract because it was not an agenda item. The board set a special board meeting for Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am to accept Mr. Price's letter of resignation. Items that Mr. Price ask the board to consider is that he continue renting and living in the Supt. House until the end of June.

Things to consider with looking for an Interim Superintendent is that he/she is strong in school finance. The board suggested that a firm search for a Superintendent for the school district. Dr. Zipperlen will contact the district lawyer for an agreement for Mr. Price to sign.

Emily Hering made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:44 pm. Gerald Hudson seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0

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Marlene Zipperlen, Emily Hering, Cindy Kahlig, Henry Bravo, and Rodney Drake.

Others present were: Sonja Holtzclaw, Alan Bristol, Larry Dutcher, Carol Pruitt, Valerie Gausemeier, Lena Williams, Jennifer Lorenz, Karen Heugatter, Kayce Neal, Susan Moher, Meagan Willberg, Natalie Parcus, Gail Palmore, Brad Ballard, Todd Williams, Mike Rasmussen, John Minor, Boyd Rice, Don Stiles, Charla Kahlig, Charmaine Knight

1. Marlene Zipperlen led the Prayer. Todd Williams led the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

2. Quorum was established with five Board of Trustees present. Members not present were Gerald Hudson and Bryan Coker.

3. Don Stiles spoke in open forum and said he attended the band concert and was impressed with their performances and how well the band director did directing three different bands. He thanked Marlene Zipperlen and Bryan Coker in his absence for a job well done on the School Board and wished them well.

Gail Palmore spoke in open forum about the current school configuration. She expressed that there has never been a cost analysis of busing and wanted to know if busing was effective or not.

Alan Bristol spoke in open forum about the motor vehicle tax and that we only collect 50% of the taxes. Reminded us that motor vehicle taxes are hard to collect. He also talked about raising our tax rate and encouraged us to talk with our school attorney if we were considering doing a bond election.

4. Approval of Minutes Cindy Kahlig made a motion to approve the minutes from the previous board meeting. Rodney Drake seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

#### 5. Payment of Bills/Financials

Board members asked about the convertor catalyst, the hot water heater at LES, and asked if we could use local vendors. The Board asked if RLISD could possibly use local vendors in order to improve community involvement and support those who pay taxes to the school district. Emily Hering motioned to approve the bills that were presented and Rodney Drake seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Board members went into Executive Session at 7:25 pm.

Board members returned from Executive Session at 9:21 pm.

#### 6. Informational Items

A. Blue Bell Recall (2<sup>nd</sup> notice)

- B. Information on Life School- Charter School (no effect to RLISD enrollment)
- C. Board Member Access to School District Records- (District Report Request Annually)
- D. Falls County/Archer County Land and Royalties Update
- E. TEA Closure Letter to Salary Discrepancies of Two Employees (Issue Closed)

#### 7. Discussion/Action Items

A. Emily Hering made a motion to extend the Depository Contract with Classic Bank. Cindy Kahlig seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

B. Budget Amendments (tabled until next board meeting)

C. Mr. Rasmussen talked about replacing/repairing the HVAC System in the RPS Library. He stated that this is a 21 year old rooftop unit. The Board asked how many units were 21 years old. Mr. Rasmussen said 30-35. He also state that 80 out of the 120 we have were replaced with the grant. Henry Bravo made the motion to replace the HVAC System at RPS. Marlene Zipperlen seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

D. Mr. Rasmussen let the Board know that the playground equipment at RPS needed to be within ADA compliance of the OCR report. He stated that we needed to have a plan in action to get the equipment up to date or remove the playground equipment and this would be done this summer. There would have to be a budget amendment for this project. Emily Hering made the motion to remove equipment not in compliance and relocate the playground area. Rodney Drake seconded the motion. The motion was passed 5-0.

E. Rodney Drake motioned to accept the 36-month renewal rate for TASB/Direct Energy. Marlene Zipperlen seconded the motion. The motion was passed 5-0.

F. Mr. Williams stated that the parent was satisfied with the outcome of the Parent Incident from the previous board meeting.

G. The agreement for education for the Westphalia ISD students will be on the May School Board Agenda for RLISD to present a contract with Westphalia ISD. Emily Hering made the motion. Cindy Kahlig seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

#### 8. Superintendent's Report

\* No Report Given

#### 9. Discussion/Action Items; Personnel

##### A. Faculty and Staff Contract Recommendations

Mr. Williams stated that the Digital Media class was created for seventh and eighth grade students and that no certification is required for this course.

Marlene Zipperlen state that this position be offered a Probationary Multi-Duty Contract. Cindy Kahlig made the motion. Rodney Drake seconded the motion.

Motion passed 5-0.

B. The resignation of Mike Sammon was accepted. Mr. Sammon has been with the district for 37 years.

C. Rodney Drake made a motion on the CTXEBC update. Emily Hering seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

D. The board interviewed Dr. Don Hancock.

E. Emily Hering made the motion to employ Dr. Don Hancock as the Interim Superintendent. Motion seconded by Cindy Kahlig. Motion passed 5-0.

10. Request for next Board meeting is as follows:

- RN Contract Recommendation

- Overnight Band Trip

- Cheerleading Summer Camp

- Alan Bristol (vehicle tax)

Upcoming meetings:

- Budget Workshop III (May 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm)

- Board Meeting (May 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm)

Emily Hering made a motion for adjournment at 10:22 pm. Marlene Zipperlen seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0