

Regular Meeting

July 9, 2024

The meeting was called to order by President Tolesia Smith Davis at 6:00 pm.

Members present were Tolesia Smith Davis, Leah Cooper, Jason Bonner, Michael Williams, Joey Romano, and Kirstin Johnson. Rusty Mauldin was absent.

District personnel present were Michael Walker, Mike Wood, Tim Phy, Jay Patrick, Clint Coyne, Lynn Phillips, and Rebecca Pearl. Others present included Nicholas Osborn, Victor Perot, Emily O’Rand, and Joyclyn Green.

Mr. Williams gave the invocation.

Ms. Smith Davis led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

There was no one present related to the Public Comment agenda item.

Campus and Administrative reports were given at this time. Dr. Phy introduced new teachers Emily O’Rand and Joyclyn Green. Clint Coyne gave a facilities update. Some big projects that were completed last month included installation of the digital sign replacement, completion of the field house renovation, and painting of the elementary gym. Future projects include new signs for the high school and the primary school, extending the parent pickup awning at the high school, and adding benches and picnic tables to the high school. Mr. Coyne then gave his yearly informational ESSA report. He briefly discussed the money we receive from this grant and how we spend it—salaries, the Region 8 Contract, professional development, and services for students in need. Mr. Walker gave an update on offering heart screenings to all students who participate in extracurricular activities from 7th-12th grades free of charge. Mr. Walker, Nurse Carnley, Mr. Windham, and Mr. Phy have worked to make these screenings available for the safety of our students.

A motion by Mr. Bonner to approve the scope of work and costs associated with installation of new door access controls and additional cameras throughout the district. These costs will not be out of the local budget, but from the Safety and Security Grant. The purchase will be over \$50,000, requiring board approval. Ms. Cooper seconded the motion. Motion carried, 6-0.

Mr. Bonner made a motion to appoint Ms. Karen Jones, local tax assessor, as the designated official to calculate the district’s effective tax rate for the 24-25 school year. The motion was duly seconded by Mr. Williams. Motion carried, 6-0.

Mr. Walker presented a revised agreement with Karnack ISD. Overall, the agreement is the same from years past, however, this year there is a transportation amendment stating Karnack ISD is responsible for bringing students to Jefferson ISD and Jefferson ISD will transport students back

to Karnack ISD at the end of each school day. Motion made by Mr. Williams to approve the agreement as presented. Motion duly seconded by Ms. Johnson. Motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Bonner made a motion to approve a new 3-year agreement with Claims Administrative Services. Mr. Wood mentioned he has been very happy with CAS for our workers compensation insurance. Mr. Romano seconded the motion. Motion carried, 6-0.

Mr. Wood explained the bid process for Property and Casualty Insurance. There was only one bid for property/casualty insurance from Brownrigg Insurance Company. The total proposal was \$422,501, an increase of \$67,540 from last year. Mr. Wood explained the increase is due to several factors including the district no longer being allowed to have blanket coverage, an increase in property values which raised the appraised values and added coverage for the district. Ms. Cooper made a motion to approve Brownrigg Insurance for the district's property and casualty insurance for the 2024-2025 school year. Motion duly seconded by Mr. Bonner, motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Wood provided the Board with some information related to the 24-25 budget, which still requires some work to determine more accurate revenue estimates. Mr. Wood explained the worksheet he provided which addressed totals regarding the revenue side of the budget as they compared to last year. Mr. Wood made mention that there will be a decrease in tax revenue and the district's ADA has also decreased—both resulting in a decrease in revenue. Mr. Wood noted that at this point, the numbers are a moving target and by the next meeting more information will be available to him to give a clearer picture. No action was required on this agenda item.

Mr. Romano made a motion to approve the consent agenda, which included past minutes and TASB Policy update 123. Motion was duly seconded by Ms. Cooper. Motion carried, 6-0.

The Board convened into executive session at 6:38 pm to discuss personnel.

The Board reconvened into open session at 7:31 pm.

Mr. Walker recommended the personnel needs to be approved as presented. Motion by Ms. Cooper, seconded by Mr. Romano. Motion carried, 6-0.

Due to no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:32 pm.

President's Signature

Secretary's Signature