

Darrouzett School Board Meeting  
Regular Meeting                      October 18, 2010                      7:00 P.M.

**Members Present:**

Board President Brad Altmiller 7:05  
Vice President Ernie Miller  
Secretary Marilyn Robins  
Robert Duke  
Vesta Newman

Verle Woods 7:08 pm  
Superintendent Danny R. Cochran

**Absent:**

**Staff:**

Stephanie Kerns, Superintendent's Secretary  
Dwight Rice, Principal

**Guests:** Joe Grimes, Bruce Cowan, Derek Hathorne,  
Jerry Parvin, Patt Howard, Neal Brown, Glenn  
Parker

1. A quorum was established and the meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Board Vice President Ernie Miller.
2. Guests were welcomed.
3. Robert Duke moved to approve September 13, 2010 minutes. Vesta Newman seconded. Motion carried 4-0.
4. Marilyn Robins moved to approve Monthly Bills and Financial Reports in the amount of \$298,299.95. Robert Duke seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Ernie Miller abstained. Neal Brown gave Financial Presentation.
5. Joe Grimes gave Construction Project Presentation. Questions were presented with concerns about maintaining time lines from the board. Joe said that efforts to improve will continue.
6. The Board Conducted FIRST (Financial Integrity Rating of Texas) Public Hearing noting that DISD received the highest level available.
7. Principal gave Presentation on District and Campus Plan.
8. Robert Duke moved to approve the resolution to join the State of Texas Co-Op Purchasing Program. Vesta Newman seconded. Motion carried 6-0.
9. Robert Duke moved to join the TexBuy Purchasing Coop through Region XVI ESC. Ernie Miller seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

**Mr. Cochran asked that items #9 and #10 be considered after executive session. The board concurred.**

12. Patt Howard gave Presentation on Counseling Program.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

13. Board adjourned into executive session in accordance with The Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Governmental Code, and Chapter 551, Subchapters D & E at 10:02 p.m. to consider personnel concerns returning to regular session at 11:20 p.m.
14. Stating that no one wants to cut programs or personnel but the financial condition of the district must be the primary concern at this point to protect the school for future generations, Robert Duke moved to cut Counselor to half time starting in January 2011. Marilyn Robins seconded. Motion failed on 3-3 vote with Verle Woods, Vesta

Newman, and Ernest Miller voting against the motion. Vesta Newman moved to reduce Counselor's position by 25% starting in December 2010. Motion failed for lack of second. Robert Duke moved to add Mary Lynn Miller to Substitute list. Vesta Newman seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

10. No action taken on TASB Board Update 88. Update will be considered in November.

11. Vesta Newman moved to move Monthly Regular Board Meeting to the Third Monday of the Month. Robert Duke seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

16. Principal gave Reports:

A. School Activities

District Football

District Cross Country

Drama Program

Ag Leadership

Art Field Trip

Registration: 76 Elementary, 32 Jr. High, 47 High School

Attendance 97.45

17. Superintendent Reports:

A. State Finance

B. December 6-8 Winter Seminar

C. Misc. Reports

18. No Board President Report:

19. Verle Woods moved the adjournment of the meeting. Vesta Newman seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

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Brad Altmiller, Board President

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Marilyn Robins, Secretary

Note: These minutes are unofficial until approved by The Board.