

**ERA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES ~ REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 24, 2019
MINUTES**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeff Brown James Eaton Chad Greer Kelly Lane
Todd Reiter Jeffrey Stevens K.D. Weaver

SCHOOL OFFICIALS PRESENT: Supt – Jeremy Thompson Finance Director – Suzette Henderson
Elementary Principal – Courtney Stevens Secondary Principal – Todd Jones

OTHER SCHOOL PERSONNEL: multiple elementary teachers

VISITORS PRESENT: Kathy Mathias (Moak, Casey & Assoc.) Lloyd Pope (Belltown Power)
Brandon Westlake (Cummings Westlake) Austin Willis (Belltown Power)
multiple Era parents and students

I. Meeting called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Jeffrey Stevens.

II. Certification that a quorum was present.

III. Recognize Guests or Committees Calling on the Board

A. A large number of students, parents, teachers, and community members presented each of the school board members with gifts of appreciation in honor of School Board Appreciation Month.

IV. Public Hearing

A. Superintendent Jeremy Thompson presented the Annual Academic Performance Report for the 2017-18 school year, and answered questions.

V. Consent Agenda

Motion by: Kelly Lane Second by: K.D. Weaver to approve:

A. Minutes of the December 17, 2018, Meeting.

B. Bill Register, checks **Activity:** 2488-2489, 2498-2507, **Budget:** 049447-049529, **WC:** 8

Donations were accepted as presented.

Motion passed: 7 For 0 Against 0 Abstain

VI. New Business

A. Campus Principals Courtney Stevens and Todd Jones reported on enrollment and attendance, passing rates, and upcoming school events.

B. Motion by: James Eaton Second by: Todd Reiter
to add or revise Board Policy CCGB (LOCAL) as presented in a Local Policy Update.

Motion passed: 7 For 0 Against 0 Abstain

C. Brandon Westlake (Cummings, Westlake), representing BT Cooke Solar, presented an Application for an Appraised Value Limitation on Qualified Property, gave a general overview of the proposed project and application process, and answered questions. Lloyd Pope and Austin Willis of BT Cooke Solar also added commentary and answered questions from the Board regarding the project.

Kathy Mathias, from Moak, Casey & Associates, reviewed an informational overview of Chapter 313 Agreements under the Texas Economic Development Act, and shared specific details regarding the proposed project by BT Cooke Solar, and answered questions from the Board. She requested a verbal response from each Board member as to whether or not they had a conflict of interest with the land or project in question. All Board members responded verbally that they did not, with the exception of Todd Reiter who has leased the land in question for farming purposes.

- C. Motion by: Chad Greer Second by: Jeff Brown
to accept BT Cooke Solar, LLC's Application for an Appraised Value Limitation on Qualified Property, to authorize the Superintendent to review the Application for completeness and submit to the Comptroller, and to authorize the Superintendent to enter into any agreement to extend the deadline for Board action beyond 150 days, subject to Board ratification.
Motion passed: 6 For 0 Against 1 Abstain (Reiter)
- D. Motion by: Jeff Brown Second by: Kelly Lane
that the Board retain the services of Moak, Casey & Associates, as financial consultants and O'Hanlon, Demerath & Castillo as legal counsel to assist Era ISD in processing the BT Cooke Solar, LLC Application for Appraised Value Limitation on Qualified Property.
Motion passed: 6 For 0 Against 1 Abstain (Reiter)
- E. Motion by: K.D. Weaver Second by: James Eaton
to give approval for Superintendent Jeremy Thompson to be employed as an educational consultant, adjunct professor, or field supervisor in 2019 by ESCXI, Third Bridge Consulting, AlphaSights Consulting, Focus Forward Consulting, or the University of Texas at Arlington outside of his regular district responsibilities.
Motion passed: 7 For 0 Against 0 Abstain
- F. Motion by: James Eaton Second by: Todd Reiter
to approve the Consent to Multiple Representation form from Walsh Gallegos and authorize the Superintendent to sign the Consent form and work with the law firm on revisions to the Cooke County SSA Agreement.
Motion passed: 7 For 0 Against 0 Abstain
- G. Motion by: Todd Reiter Second by: Chad Greer
to approve the ESC10 Multi-Regional Purchasing Cooperative General Interlocal Membership Agreement and Interlocal Participation Agreement for 2019-20 as presented.
Motion passed: 7 For 0 Against 0 Abstain
- H. Motion by: Chad Greer Second by: Jeff Brown
to approve the Interlocal Agreement with Cooke County for the Provision of Road Maintenance Services on Henry Road, as presented.
Motion passed: 7 For 0 Against 0 Abstain
- I. The Board discussed and reviewed TASB Localized Policy Update 112 in a First Reading. No formal action was taken.
- J. Superintendent, Jeremy Thompson, reported on the following:
 1. District Construction/Maintenance Update
 2. Report – District Utility Usage Summary
 3. TASB Policy Review Seminar – January 23, 2019
 4. Update on the last month of professional development attended by the Superintendent and Board
The Board agreed to set the date for the final TASB XG5 training for **Thursday, February 7, 2019 at 6pm.**
- K. The Board entered into closed session at 7:13 p.m. to complete the annual mid-year Formative Superintendent Appraisal, and to discuss 2019-20 staffing patterns, according to TGC §551.074. One student disciplinary issue was also discussed according to TGC §551.082. The Board returned to open session at 8:21 p.m.
- L. No formal action was taken.

VII. Motion by: Chad Greer Second by: Kelly Lane to adjourn at 8:22 p.m.
Motion passed: 7 For 0 Against 0 Abstain

Jeffrey Stevens, Board President Date

Jeff Brown, Board Secretary Date