

REGULAR MEETING OF BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Stephenville, Texas

February 22, 2021

The Stephenville Independent School District Board of Education met in regular session at 5:30 pm in the Bond Auditorium of the Administration Building, February 22, 2021 with the following members present:

President Dr. Ann Calahan  
Secretary Mrs. Sherrie Evans  
Dr. Robert Barberee

Mrs. Keri Vanden Berge  
Mrs. Phyllis Stewart  
Mr. Donny Hill

Member Absent: Mr. Scott E. Osman

Superintendent Dr. Matt Underwood , Ms. Kathy Hampton, Mrs. Teri Hodges, Mrs. Kelly Magin, Mrs. Renee Goodwin, Mrs. Jennifer Salyards, Mr. Brad Burleson, Mrs. Stephanie Traweck, Mr. Keith Starnes, Mr. Mike Childs, Mrs. Rachel Kammerer, Mr. Shelby Womack and Mrs. Norma Cervetto.

Others Present: Mr. Josh Cogburn with Huckabee and Associates, Mr. Jeff Brown, Attorney with Linebarger Goggan Blair Pena & Sampson, LLP, Mrs. Jennifer Carey, Erath County Tax Assessor-Collector.

Invocation

The Invocation was provided by Mrs. Vanden Berge.

Recited U.S. and Texas Pledges of Allegiance

The U.S. and Texas Pledges of Allegiance were led by Dr. Barberee.

I. Call to Order and Announce Quorum Present

President Calahan called the meeting to order and announced a quorum present.

II. Proclamations and Recognitions

The following students and employees were recognized:

- SHS: CORE VALUE – John Ogle – Initiative and Relationships
- SHS: All-State Choir – Michelle Rodriguez
- SHS: All-State Band – Justin Beamsley
- SHS: Choir Ensemble – State Qualifiers

- SHS: Band Ensemble – State Qualifiers
- SHS: Athletic Trainers – Texas State Athletic Trainers’ Association
- Academic All- State

III. Comments from Visitors

The following individuals made comments:

- Toby O’Neal – No Masks
- Jon Koonsman – No Masks
- Cullen Guinn – No Masks
- Cole Barber – No Masks
- Justin Slawson – No Masks; Safe Space

IV. Heard Annual 2019-2020 Texas Academic Performance Report (TAPR)

Mrs. Renee Goodwin, Director of Assessment and Accountability presented the 2019-2020 Texas Academic Performance Report (TAPR).

V. Conducted required public hearing on 2019-2020 Texas Academic Performance Report (TAPR)

President Calahan opened the floor for required public hearing on the 2019-2020 Texas Academic Performance Report (TAPR) for comments. Mr. Toby O’Neal asked a question about the number of students that have withdrawn.

VI. Approval of Consent Agenda

The motion was made by Mrs. Vanden Berge and seconded by Mrs. Evans to approve the Consent Agenda including:

- Minutes: January 19, 2021 – Regular Meeting
- Review Check Registry
- Review of Additional Vendors
- Monthly Financial Statements

VII. 2018 Bond Program Update

Mr. Josh Cogburn with Huckabee and Associates presented an update on the 2018 Bond Program.

VIII. Heard Delinquent Tax Report

Mr. Jeff Brown, attorney with Linebarger Goggan Blair Pena & Sampson, LLP and Mrs. Jennifer Carey, Erath County Tax Assessor-Collector presented the Activity

Report on Delinquent Tax Collections for the period of January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020.

IX. Review of Investment Policy and Approval of Officer Designation and Training Approval

The motion was made by Dr. Barberee and seconded by Mrs. Stewart to approve the Officer Designation and Training.

All members voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

X. Approval of Auto, Property and Liability Insurance

Dr. Underwood presented information on Property, Casualty and Liability/Workers' Comp comparisons.

The motion was made by Mr. Hill and seconded by Dr. Barberee to approve TASB's Insurance recommendation for auto, property and liability insurance for the period of March 1, 2021 through February 28, 2022.

All members voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

XI. Approval Engagement Letter for 2020-2021 Audit

The motion was made by Mrs. Evans and seconded by Mrs. Vanden Berge to approve the Engagement Letter for 2020-2021 Audit from Snow Garrett Williams, CPAs.

All members voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

XII. Approval of Application for Expedited and General State Waivers

The motion was made by Mrs. Vanden Berge and seconded by Dr. Barberee to approve the Application for Expedited and General State Waivers:

-General Teacher Appraisal Requirements, including the student growth requirement and the student growth requirement in the Texas Principal Evaluation and Support System (T-Pess).

-Missed School Days (4 days and 1 virtual day)

All members voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

XIII. Approval of School Calendar 2021-2022

The motion was made by Mrs. Vanden Berge and seconded by Mrs. Evans to approve Calendar "B" 2021-2022 as presented. A copy of the calendar is attached hereto and shall become an official part of these minutes.

All members voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

XIV. Approval of District Innovation Plan

Ms. Kathy Hampton presented information and amendments to the District Innovation Plan.

The motion was made by Mr. Hill and seconded by Dr. Barberee to approve the District Innovation Plan as presented.

The following members voted in favor of the motion: Dr. Calahan, Mr. Hill, Mrs. Evans, Dr. Barberee and Mrs. Vanden Berge.

The following member abstained: Mrs. Stewart

The motion passed.

XV. Second Reading and Approval of TASB Update 116

The motion was made by Dr. Barberee and seconded by Mrs. Vanden Berge to approve TASB Update 116.

All members voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

XVI. Heard Superintendent's Report

- Depository Contract
- Extra-Curricular Code of Conduct
- Furniture
- Initial Strategic Planning
- HB 3 Teacher Incentive Allotment
- Custodial Services

XVII. Closed Session

President Calahan announced to those present that the Board would adjourn into Closed Session pursuant to the provisions of Section 551.071 through and/or 551.086 (Approximately: 7:24 pm)

XVIII. Open Session

The Board reconvened to Open Session (Approximately: 8:04 pm).

XIX. Personnel

The motion was made by Mrs. Evans and seconded by Dr. Barberee to approve the following employment as recommended by the Administration.

Employment:

Courtney Cox – Special Ed Resource Inclusion Teacher – Henderson Jr. High  
Effective: February 3, 2021

All members voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

XX. Adjourn

No further business appearing before the board, the meeting adjourned.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary

CORRECT: \_\_\_\_\_  
President