

Minutes of Regular Meeting

December 11, 2023

Kaufman ISD Board of Trustees

These minutes are a record of the actions taken by the Kaufman ISD Board of Trustees in the meeting held on the above date.

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Kaufman ISD was held on Monday, December 11, 2023, beginning at 5:00 PM in the Kathy Covington Administration Building, 1000 South Houston Street, Kaufman, Texas 75142.

CALL TO ORDER: Establish a quorum

President Drew Peterson called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM. Lindsey Abell was absent.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 5:00 PM. Under the authority of the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Section 551.074-Personnel Matters; TGC-Section 551.072 Real Property Deliberations; TGC-Section 551.076-Safety and Security.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

The Board reconvened in open session at 6:00 PM.

PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE UNITED STATES AND TEXAS FLAGS

Board Member Casey Townsend lead the Board in the Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance to the US and Texas Flags.

DISTRICT CELEBRATIONS

Alicia Thurston, Principal at Lucille Nash Elementary, presented highlights from Fine Arts at Nash. Hadley Ervin, 4th grader at Nash, won first place in the Trinity River Authority Art contest. A group of first and second grade students came to share a scene from their upcoming music program, Crazy Christmas.

Amy Keith recognized School Board Students of the Month from each campus.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Dyan Becker Watson spoke to the Board about student and Student Code of Conduct.
- Sharon Thompson spoke to the Board about student and Student Code of Conduct.
- Jennifer Davidson spoke to the Board about the Disciplinary System.

PRESENTATIONS

- Joe Nicks introduced our High School Band Director Gerardo Loya who spoke about Pride, Respect, Integrity, Dedication and Excellence. Mr. Loya also spoke about the success and looking ahead to perform at Carnegie Hall, a once in a lifetime opportunity.

PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing was held to discuss results of the Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST) Report. Grant Miller, Chief Financial Officer, reported that Kaufman ISD received a “passed” status and a “Superior Achievement” rating. This marks the 21st consecutive year that KISD has received the highest possible FIRST status and rating. Mr. Miller stated, “The school’s FIRST accountability rating ensures that Texas school districts are accountable not only for student learning, but also for achieving these results cost effectively and efficiently.”

PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing was held to discuss the ESSER III Use of Funds Plan. Mr. Nicks outlined the updates for the Budget Grant cycle.

ACTION ITEMS

Consideration and possible approval of a construction bid for work related to the district’s property on State Highway 243.

- President Drew Peterson read the suggested motion that the Kaufman ISD Board of Trustees approve the construction bid for work related to the district’s property on State Highway 243, as presented.
 - Casey Townsend moved to postpone the motion until the next Board meeting January 16, 2023, and Elizabeth O’Donnell seconded the motion.
 - The motion to postpone passed with a vote of 6-0.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

- Mr. Nicks gave a brief update on curriculum & instructional highlights.
- Dr. Roberts gave an update on maintenance & operations. The maintenance department continues to work throughout the district completing tasks for the schools.
- Dr. Roberts presented the HB 59 Documentation.
- Dr. Roberts presented the SAFE Grant.
- Dr. Roberts presented the GKG (Local) Policy Addition, First Read.
- Dr. Roberts presented the update 122 Board Policy First Read.
- Dr. Roberts presented the resignation, retirements and new personnel.
- Dr. Roberts presented the EIC Local Update-First Read.
- Mr. Miller presented the financial reports.
- Dr. Garcia presented the weekly student enrollment.
- Dr. Garcia presented the 2024 School Board Calendar, First Read.

CONSENT AGENDA

- President Drew Peterson, read the suggested motion that the Kaufman ISD Board of Trustees approve the consent agenda, as presented.
 - Byron Gregg moved and Casey Townsend seconded the motion.
 - There was no further discussion, and the motion passed with a vote of 6-0.

ADJOURN

There being no other business, President Drew Peterson adjourned the meeting at 7:29 PM.

Approve: _____

Attest: _____