

Regular Board Meeting
MINUTES
02/24/2025
6:00 p.m.

Present: Aslone Foy (6:03), Jim Longbotham, Stephen Bradley, Jason Milstead, Angela Crane (6:04), Bridgett Jackson-Tatum.

Others: Dr. Shirley Richardson, Teresa Battrick, Deana Rand, Cindy Ensminger, Melissa Smith, Evan Ditmore, Keith Parker, Lora Sims, Brooke Dodd, Alex Montoya, Ann Mary Gibbs, Macey Smajstrla, Kristen Curry, Tyrell Hobbs.

Jim Longbotham called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Jason Milstead gave the Invocation.

Stephen Bradley led the Pledges to the Flags.

Bridgett Jackson-Tatum read the District Mission Statement.

There were no public comments.

Teacher of the Month was recognized by each campus for January. Ann Mary Gibbs, Groesbeck High School; Macey Smajstrla, Groesbeck Middle School; Brooke Dodd, Engle-Washington Intermediate School; and Stephanie Heslep, H. O. Whitehurst.

Cindy Ensminger presented the 2023-24 Texas Academic Performance Report (TAPR). The TAPR pulls together a wide range of information on the performance of students in each school and district in Texas every year. Performance is shown disaggregated by student groups, including ethnicity and socioeconomic status. The reports also provide extensive information on school and district staff, programs, and student demographics.

Public Hearing was opened at 6:22 p.m. There being no questions or comments, the public hearing was closed at 6:22 p.m.

Motion by Jason Milstead, seconded by Jim Longbotham to approve Move to approve the certification of unopposed candidates and the order of cancellation of election. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Sindra McLean, seconded by Stephen Bradley to approve Move to approve the changes to Policy EIA(LOCAL) and Policy EIC(LOCAL) as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Jason Milstead, seconded by Sindra McLean to approve Move to approve the first reading of (LOCAL) policies offered by TASB Policy Service for Update 124. Motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda: Stephen Bradley asked about Bella's Buddies and funding. Kristen Curry is not asking the school for any funds. They will apply for a grant and do fundraisers. Kristen Curry, Kelly Copeland, and David Robertson will have to be certified handlers. In the future could do CTE program where kids train the dog, this would be a long time out. Would need board policy. Part of the \$20,000 is liability insurance, covers first three years against cancer, birth defect. Discussed playground equipment and cost. Playground equipment is 50-50 grant and \$250,000 is a lot. Motion by Stephen Bradley, second by Jason Milstead, to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

- A. Minutes of Previous Board Meeting
- B. Budget Report and Amendments
- C. Hired Employee with Teacher Incentive Allotment
- D. Bella's Buddies at H. O. Whitehurst
- E. Chiller Pump
- F. Cisco Meraki 3.0 EA Annual Billing Renewal
- G. Membership and Participation in the Region 10 ESC Multi-Region Purchasing Cooperative, SY25-26
- H. Donation(s)

Entered Executive Session: 6:43 p.m.

Reconvened: 7:41 p.m.

Motion by Jim Longbotham, seconded by Stephen Bradley to approve administrator's contract as recommended. Motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent Comments: Dr. Shirley Richardson presented links to board training and student enrollment.

Board President Comments and Reports: Aslone Foy stated that the next Regular Board Meeting is March 17 and a Special Board Meeting will be on March 4.

Motion by Angela Crane, second by Bridgett Jackson-Tatum, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjourned: 7:50 p.m.

Aslone Foy, Board President

Bridgett Jackson-Tatum, Secretary

March 17, 2025
Date Approved