

Minutes of the
Regular Meeting of the
Region 8 ESC Board of Directors
Thursday, February 23, 2023
Region 8 ESC Board Room
4845 US-271
Pittsburg, TX 75686
8:30 AM

List of members:

Dennis Townsend, Chair
James Morton, Vice Chair
Mickey Allen, Secretary
Willie Williams
Sandra Billodeau
Margaret Davis
Mike Jansen

List of staff:

David Fitts, Executive Director
Jason McCullough, Deputy Executive Director, Leadership and Operations
Richele Langley, Deputy Executive Director, Academic Services
Blenda McNatt, Chief Financial Officer
Karla Coker, Director, Information Services
Leonard Beles, Director, State & Federal Programs
Brent Baker, Director, Technology
Henry Vallejo, Accountant
Tina Penny, Executive Assistant

MEMBERS PRESENT:

MEMBERS ABSENT:

ESC STAFF PRESENT:

1. Call to Order

- A. Roll Call
- B. Establishment of a Quorum
- C. Vision, Mission, Beliefs and Motto

2. Minutes

- A. Consider the minutes of the regular meeting of the Region 8 ESC Board of Directors of Friday, January 26, 2023.

3. Administrative Reports

A. Chief Financial Officer & Operations Report- Michele Leach

1. *Information Services Report - Wayne Snyder*
2. *Technology Report - Brent Baker*

B. Leadership and Instructional Services Report - Heather McGregor

1. *Curriculum & Instruction Report - Jana Andrews*
2. *Strategic Initiatives & Campus Leadership Support Report - Denise Davis*
3. *Special Services Report - Stacie Whitaker*
4. *State and Federal Programs Report - Leonard Beles*

- C. **TIPS Cooperative Report - Charlie Martin**
- D. **Executive Director Report - Dr. David Fitts**

4. Public Forum

5. Matters Requiring Board Approval

- A. Consider the Financial Reports for January 2023.
- B. Consider the Budget Amendments for January 2023.
- C. Consider canceling the Region 8 ESC Board Election for the spring of 2023. At this time, **James Morton** is unopposed as a candidate for the position of Place 2, Representing Lamar and Delta Counties. **Mickey Allen** is unopposed as a candidate for the position of Place 5, representing Red River County. The unopposed candidates will be sworn in on May 26, 2023.
- D. Consider Board to approve and ratify all TIPS memberships and interlocal agreements received by TIPS, signed by the Executive Director as previously delegated by the Board, and listed in the board agenda. If any received agreements are not listed due to human error, the board approves them, subject to future review and termination by action of the board.
- E. Consider possible cancellation of TIPS awarded agreement(s).

6. CLOSED SESSION:

Adjournment to closed session pursuant to Texas Government Code Sections 551.071, 551.072, 551.074, and 551.082, the Open Meetings Act, for the following purposes: (Time _____)

- 1. *Section 551.074 - For the purpose of considering the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of a public officer or employee or to hear complaints or charges against a public officer or employee.*
 - a. *Approval of personnel recommendations for employment of professional personnel*
 - b. *Employment of professional personnel (Information)*
 - c. *Employee resignations and retirements (Information)*
- 2. *Section 551.072 - For the purpose of discussing the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property*
- 3. *Section 551.071 - To meet with the District's attorney to discuss matters in which the duty of the attorney to the District under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with the Open Meetings Act, including the grievance/complaint hearing.*
 - a. *Any item listed on the agenda*
 - b. *Discuss pending, threatened, or potential litigation, including school finance litigation*

7. RECONVENE FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR ACTION RELATIVE TO ITEMS COVERED DURING EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURNMENT: (Time _____)

8. Personnel

- A. **Discuss and consider the remuneration of staff and employment/resignation/retirement of the following staff:**
 - Employment –**
 - Resignation –**
 - Retirement -**

9. Adjourn

On a motion by _____, and a second by _____, the meeting adjourned.
Motion carried. Ayes _____; Nays _____

Dennis Townsend, Chair
Region 8 Board of Directors

Mickey Allen, Secretary
Region 8 Board of Directors