

**RAINS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**  
**Tuesday, August 12, 2014**

Members Present: Philip D. Alexander, President  
Trey Hill, Vice President  
Paul Foley, Secretary  
Bill Gleason, Assistant Secretary  
Robert Burns, Member  
Heath Sisk, Member  
Denita Young, Member

Members Absent:

Others Present: John Rouse, Superintendent  
Sandra Parker, Executive Assistant to Superintendent/Board  
Jeff Fisher, Assistant Superintendent of Finance  
Jennifer Johnson, Director of Curriculum/Instruction

**OPENING – CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & INVOCATION**

Philip Alexander called the meeting to order at 6:\_\_\_\_\_ p.m., stating that a quorum was present, that this meeting had been duly called, and that notice of the meeting had been posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Chapter 551. \_\_\_\_\_ led the Pledges of Allegiance and \_\_\_\_\_ gave the invocation.

**II. OPEN FORUM**

There were no participants for Open Forum.

**III. WILDCAT ROAR**

There were no presentations for this meeting.

**IV. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION**

**A. Consent Agenda**

- 1. Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)**  
Regular Meeting: July 8, 2014  
Special Meetings: July 29, 2014
- 2. Financial Reports/Bills**
- 3. Quarterly Investment Report**
- 4. Permanent School Fund**
- 5. Transfer Student Requests**
- 6. Property Value Study Appeals Services Contract**
- 7. Texas School Safety Audit**
- 8. TASB Board Policy Update 100 – Affecting Local Policies (See Attached List)**
  - CKE—Security personnel\*
  - CPC—Records management
  - CRD—Health and life insurance
  - DCB—Term contracts
  - DCC—Continuing contracts \*
  - DCD—At-will employment
  - DCE—Other types of employment contracts
  - FDA—Interdistrict transfers
  - FL—Student records
  - GKB—Advertising and fund raising in schools

\*May not be applicable to all districts

\_\_\_\_\_ made the motion, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, to approve the consent agenda, as presented, with the exception of Trey Hill, who abstained from voting on payments to the Rains County Leader.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

**IV. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION**  
**B. Business and Finance**  
**1. WAG Report**

No action was taken on this item.

\_\_\_\_\_ made a motion, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, to \_\_\_\_\_.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

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**B. Business and Finance**  
**2. Proposed 2014-2015 Budget and Tax Rate**

\_\_\_\_\_ made a motion, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, to set the following proposed budget and tax rates:

2014-2015 Proposed Budget:

- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Maintenance & Operation
- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Interest & Sinking

Tax rate on \$100 valuation for the District for the tax year 2014-2015 at a total tax rate of: **\$ 1.245** to be assessed and collected by the duly specified assessor and collector as follows:

**\$ 1.040** for the purpose of Maintenance & Operation, and

**\$ .205** for the purpose of payment of Interest & Sinking Fund, Principal & Interest on debts.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

**IV. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION**  
**C. Curriculum and Instruction**  
**1. Waiver for the Texas Assessment Management System (TAMS)**

\_\_\_\_\_ made a motion, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, to approve a waiver for the Texas Assessment Management System (TAMS), as presented.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

A recess was taken at \_\_\_\_\_ p.m. and the meeting continued in open session at \_\_\_\_\_ p.m.

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**D. Superintendent Reports**  
**1. Buildings/Grounds and Construction/Remodeling Projects**

John Rouse gave an update on the buildings and grounds. He reported that

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**D. Superintendent Reports**  
**2. TASA/TASB Delegate and Alternate Selection and Convention Plans**

\_\_\_\_\_ made a motion, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, to nominate \_\_\_\_\_ as the 2014 TASA/TASB Delegate.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

\_\_\_\_\_ made a motion, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, to nominate \_\_\_\_\_ as the 2014 TASA/TASB Alternate Delegate.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Board members were asked to notify the office as to their plans for the TASA/TASB Convention.

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**D. Superintendent Reports**

**3. Personnel Handbook**

\_\_\_\_\_ made a motion, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, to approve the 2014-2015 Personnel Handbook, as presented.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

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**E. 2013-2014 Spring Athletic Report**

A final athletic report was presented for the spring of 2013-2014. No action was required.

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**F. Resolution: TASB Board Policy EIE(LOCAL) – ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT – RETENTION AND PROMOTION**

\_\_\_\_\_ made the motion, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ to approve Board Policy EIE(LOCAL) changes as recommended by TASB.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

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**G. Graduation Date**

\_\_\_\_\_ made the motion, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ to approve the June 6, 2014 graduation date, as presented.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

**V. PERSONNEL ITEMS**

**A. Personnel Changes/Update**

The Board reviewed the following personnel changes:

**VI. CLOSED SESSION**

**A. Personnel, Texas Government Code § 551.074**

No closed session was needed and no action was taken on this item.

**VI. CLOSED SESSION**

**B. Real Property, Texas Government Code § 551.072**

No closed session was needed and no action was taken on this item.

**VII. BOARD CORRESPONDENCE**

Miscellaneous correspondence was distributed to Board members.

The meeting was adjourned at \_\_\_\_\_ p.m.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Board President: Philip D. Alexander

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Board Secretary: Paul Foley