

MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES STERLING CITY ISD

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Sterling City ISD was held Wednesday, August 10, 2022 at 7:00 PM in the Board Room of the Sterling City ISD Administration Building.

1. **CALL TO ORDER - ESTABLISH A QUORUM**

The Sterling City Independent School District Board of Trustees met in a regular meeting in the Sterling City ISD Administration Building. Board President, Ross McCrea established a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm. Those in attendance were Trustees: Ross McCrea, Sims Price, Randy Parrish, Jerry McGinnis, Mike Knittel, and Margaret Foley. Trustee Laura Flores was absent. Guest in attendance was Bobby Fryar. Also in attendance were Superintendent, Travis Grubbs, Athletic Directors, Trey Sisco and John Jackson, Elementary Principal, Amanda Jackson, Business Manager, Danetta Ferguson, and Compliance Director, Michele Guetersloh.

2. **OPEN FORUM**

None

3. **PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2022 TAX RATE**

Mr. Grubbs shared the proposed tax rate for M&O at \$0.9147 and I&S at \$0.2398.

4. **REPORTS AND PRESENTATION**

A. Elementary Principal Report

a. Campus Update

Mrs. Jackson shared with the Board preliminary enrollment figures of 146 students for the Elementary campus and topics staff members had received training on thus far including STAAR 2.0 and Mental Health. She also informed the Board that plans were underway for HEB camp and the possibility of including the 6th grade class for this year.

B. Secondary Principal Report

a. Campus Update

Mr. Fryar introduced himself to the Board as a possible candidate for hire.

C. Superintendent Report

Mr. Grubbs provided an overview of meeting the staff and stated how impressed he was with District personnel.

5. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION

A. Consent Agenda

- A. Minutes from previous meeting(s)
- B. Financial and Investment Reports

The Board on motion by Randy Parrish and second by Sims Price voted 6-0 to approve the consent agenda.

B. Budget Amendments

None

C. 2022 Proposed Tax Rates

The Board on a motion by Sims Price and second by Jerry McGinnis voted 6-0 to approved the proposed M&O tax rate of \$0.9147 and the I&S tax rate of \$0.2398 for the 2022-2023 school year.

D. Possible Athletic and Academic Stipend Increases

The Board on a motion Randy Parrish and second by Margaret Foley voted 6-0 to approve a 70% increase in designated stipends with the condition that the Assistant Football Coaches stipend would be in the amount of \$4000 and an addition of \$6,000 for Athletic Director stipends.

E. School Board Safety Training

Mr. Grubbs and Mrs. Guetersloh shared the new training requirements for school board members regarding safety training.

F. Dyslexia Policy 2022-2023

The Board on a motion by Margaret Foley and second by Sims Price voted 6-0 to approve the 2022-2023 Dyslexia Policy.

G. Policy Update 119

The Board on a motion by Sims Price and second by Margaret Foley voted 6-0 approve the Policy Update 119.

H. T-TESS Appraisal Calendar

The Board on a motion by Randy Parrish and second by Mike Knittel voted 6-0 to approve the 2022-2023 T-TESS Appraisal calendar.

I. 2022-2023 Student Handbook

The Board on a motion by Randy Parrish and second by Sims Price voted 6-0 to approve the 2022-2023 Student Handbook which includes the Student Dress Code.

J. TASB Risk Management IPA

The Board on a motion by Mike Knittel and second by Randy Parrish voted 6-0 to approve the Interlocal Participation Agreement for TASB Risk Management.

- K. 2022-2023 Cafeteria Meal Prices
The Board on a motion by Mike Knittel and second by Sims Price voted 6-0 to approve the recommended cafeteria meal prices for the 2022-2023 school year.
- L. 2022-2023 Employee Handbook
The Board on a motion by Sims Price and second by Jerry McGinnis voted 6-0 to approve the 2022-2023 Employee Handbook.
- M. 2022-2023 Property-Casualty Insurance Choices
The Board on a motion by Mike Knittel and second by Margaret Foley voted 6-0 to approve Public Educators Association of Texas (PEAT) as the District's Property-Casualty Insurance for the 2022-2023 school year.
- N. 2022-2023 SHAC Committee Information and Wellness Plan
The Board on a motion by Mike Knittel and second by Sims Price voted 6-0 to approve the proposed SHAC members and the Wellness Plan for the 2022-2023 school year.
- O. Agreement for the Purchase of Attendance Credit
The Board on a motion by Randy Parrish and second by Margaret Foley voted 6-0 to approve the agreement for the purchase of attendance credit.
- P. 2022-2023 Acceptable Use Policy
The Board on a motion by Sims Price and second by Mike Knittel voted 6-0 to approve the proposed 2022-2023 Acceptable Use Policy.
- Q. Senior Trip 2022-2023
The Board on a motion by Mike Knittel and second by Sims Price voted 6-0 to approve the 2022-2023 Senior trip.
- R. Meeting in closed session pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code Section 551.074 (Personnel Matters/Closed Session) to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee, and/or Section 551.071 (Attorney Consultation/Closed Session) and Section 551.076 (Security)
The Board on a motion by Mike Knittel and second by Randy Parrish voted 6-0 to enter Executive Session at 8:21 pm. The Board reconvened Regular Session at 9:35 pm. The Board on a motion by Randy Parrish and second by Mike Knittel voted 6-0 to approve recommendations for the Guardian Program. The Board on a motion by Randy Parrish and second by Mike Knittel voted 6-0 to approve Guardian resolutions as proposed. The Board on a motion by Sims Price and second by Randy Parrish voted 6-0 to accept their resignations of Lora Hanning and Sara Stevens. The Board on a motion by Sims Price and second by Randy Parrish voted

6-0 to give Mr. Grubbs authority to hire employees after the 10 day posting period for the FCS and High School Principal positions.

S. Next Board Meeting Date

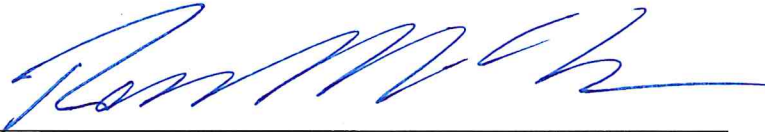
The Board mutually agreed to schedule a called meeting for Monday, August 29, 2022 at 7:00 pm.

6. **ADJOURNMENT**

The Board on a motion by Randy Parrish and second by Sims Price voted 6-0 to adjourn the meeting at 9:38 pm.

Note: During the course of the meeting, should a discussion of any item on the agenda be held in executive or closed session, the Board may convene in such executive or closed session by law, "Texas Government Code, Chapter 551". All final actions, decisions, or votes shall be made in open session.

Ross McCrea – President



Laura Flores – Secretary

