

MINUTES OF CALLED BOARD MEETING

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES STERLING CITY ISD

A Called Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Sterling City ISD was held Thursday, August 26, 2021, 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 called board meeting in the Sterling City ISD Administration Building. Board President, Jason Cox established a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm. Those in attendance were Trustees: Jason Cox, Sims Price, Margaret Foley, and Ross McCrea. Trustees Mike Knittel, Laura Flores, and Jerry McGinnis were not in attendance. Guests Mali Hanley, Garrett Peters, and Spencer Jenkins were present. Superintendent, Bob Rauch, Business Manager, Danetta Ferguson, and Compliance Director, Michele Guetersloh were also in attendance.

2. **PUBLIC HEARING ON CREATION OF THE EDMONDSON RANCH REINVESTMENT ZONE NO. 1A**

A public hearing was held regarding the creation of the Edmondson Ranch Reinvestment Zone No. 1A.

3. **PUBLIC HEARING ON THE AGREEMENT OF EDMONDSON RANCH WIND, LLC FOR AN APPRAISED VALUE LIMITATION ON QUALIFIED PROPERTY, PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 313 OF THE TEXAS PROPERTY TAX CODE**

A public hearing was held regarding the agreement of Edmondson Ranch Wind, LLC for an appraised value limitation on qualified property, pursuant to Chapter 313 of the Texas property tax code.

4. **APPROVE RESOLUTION CREATING THE EDMONDSON RANCH REINVESTMENT ZONE NO. 1A**

The Board on a motion by Sims Price and second by Ross McCrea voted 4-0 to approve the resolution creating the Edmondson Ranch Reinvestment Zone No. 1A.

5. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE BOARD ACTION ON APPROVING FINDINGS OF FACT OF THE APPLICATION OF EDMONDSON RANCH WIND, LLC FOR AN APPRAISED VALUE LIMITATION ON QUALIFIED PROPERTY, PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 313 OF THE TEXAS PROPERTY TAX CODE**

The Board on a motion by Ross McCrea and second by Sims Price voted 4-0 to approve findings of fact of the application of Edmonson Ranch Wind, LLC for an appraised

value limitation on qualified property, pursuant to Chapter 313 of the Texas property tax code.

6. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE BOARD ACTION TO CONSIDER THE WAIVER OF JOB CREATION REQUIREMENT REQUESTED BY EDMONDSON RANCH WIND, LLC (1604)

The Board on a motion by Sims Price and second by Margaret Foley voted 4-0 to approve the waiver of job creation requirement requested by Edmondson Ranch Wind, LLC (1604).

7. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE BOARD ACTION TO ADOPT AGREEMENT FOR AN APPRAISED VALUE LIMITATION ON QUALIFIED PROPERTY, PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 313 OF THE TEXAS PROPERTY TAX CODE WITH EDMONDSON RANCH WIND, LLC (1604)

The Board on a motion by Sims Price and second by Ross McCrea voted 4-0 to adopt the agreement for an appraised value limitation on qualified property, pursuant to Chapter 313 of the Texas property tax code with Edmondson Ranch Wind, LLC (1604).

8. BUDGET WORKSHOP AND PUBLIC MEETING

Mr. Rauch and Mrs. Ferguson presented to the Board an overview of the District's revenue, expenditures, and recapture. Mr. Rauch and Mrs. Ferguson also presented to the Board a comparison of requested budget and actual expenditures for the 2020-2021 fiscal year to the requested budget for the 2021-2022 fiscal year.

9. RESCIND ELEMENTARY FURNITURE AMENDMENT FROM JULY 2021

The Board on a motion by Margaret Foley and second by Ross McCrea voted 4-0 to rescind the July 2021 amendment for Elementary furniture.

10. BUDGET AMENDMENTS

None.

11. REVIEW OF LOCAL MAINTENANCE BILLS

The Board on a motion by Sims Price and second by Ross McCrea voted 4-0 to approve local maintenance bills.

12. CONSIDER ADOPTION OF OFFICIAL ESTIMATED BUDGET, BY FUND AND FUNCTION, FOR F.Y.E. 8-31-22

The Board on a motion by Margaret Foley and second by Ross McCrea voted 4-0 to adopt the proposed official estimated budget by fund and function for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2022.

13. CONSIDER ADOPTION OF TAX RATES FOR F.Y.E. 8-31-22, BY ORDINANCE

The Board on a motion by Ross McCrea and second by Sims Price voted 4-0 to approve the proposed tax rate of \$0.9634 M&O and \$0.2398 I&S for a total of \$1.2032 total tax rate for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2022.

14. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION TO MAINTAIN A MINIMUM FUND BALANCE

The Board on a motion by Sims Price and second by Ross McCrea voted 4-0 to approve the resolution to maintain a minimum fund balance.

15. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION TO COMMIT FUNDS TO FUND BALANCE

The Board on a motion by Margaret Foley and second by Ross McCrea voted 4-0 to approve the resolution to commit funds to fund balance.

16. COVID PROTOCOLS AND GUIDELINES

Mr. Rauch provided an overview of COVID protocols and guidelines.

17. 2021-2022 STUDENT HANDBOOK AMENDMENT

The Board on a motion by Sims Price and second by Ross McCrea voted 4-0 to approve the proposed 2021-2022 Student Handbook amendment.

18. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION FOR EXTRA-CURRICULAR STATUS OF THE STERLING COUNTY 4-H ORGANIZATIONS

The Board on a motion by Sims Price and second by Ross McCrea voted 4-0 to approve the resolution for extra-curricular status of the Sterling County 4-H organizations.

19. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 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.

Jason Cox – President



Laura Flores – Secretary

