

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 Thursday, December 9, 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 regular 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, Mike Knittel, Margaret Foley, and Jerry McGinnis. Trustee Ross McCrea joined the meeting at 7:48 pm. Trustee Laura Flores as absent. Guest Paul Morris of U.S. Employee Benefits was in attendance. Also in attendance were: Superintendent, Bob Rauch, Elementary Principal, Jami Keele, Secondary Principal, Ty Stevens, Athletic Director, Trey Sisco, and Compliance Director, Michele Guetersloh.

2. **PUBLIC HEARING FOR REDISTRICTING PROPOSALS**

A public hearing regarding redistricting proposals was held.

3. **OPEN FORUM**

None.

4. **REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

A. Elementary Principal Report

Mrs. Keele provided the Board with an update on events occurring on the Elementary campus and current student word counts. She also informed the Board that students were completing middle of the year assessments.

B. Secondary Principal Report

Mr. Stevens provided the Board with an update of events occurring on the Secondary campus and provided enrollment figures. He also shared with the Board interim assessment data

C. Superintendent Report

a. May 2022 School Board Election

b. Superintendent Appraisal Process

Mr. Rauch provided the Board with information regarding the upcoming election and provided documents and protocols for the Superintendent appraisal process.

5. **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION**

A. UIL Reclassification and Realignment 2022-2024

Board President, Jason Cox, addressed parents in attendance and surveyed the room for support and opposition of a 6 Man independent football schedule. Parents in

attendance shared their support for the District to choose a UIL 11-Man football schedule. The Board on a motion by Sims Price and second by Mike Knittel voted 5-0 to approve playing in the UIL 11-man football conference.

B. Consent Agenda

- a. Minutes from previous meeting(s)
- b. Financial and Investment reports

The Board on a motion by Sims Price and second by Margaret Foley voted 5-0 to approve the Consent Agenda.

C. Budget Amendment(s)

The Board on a motion by Sims Price and second by Ross McCrea voted 6-0 to approve the proposed budget amendment.

D. Order for Redistricting of Political Boundaries

The Board on a motion by Sims Price and second by Ross McCrea voted 6-0 to approve the Order for Redistricting of Political Boundaries.

E. Consider Plans for Redistricting Alternatives

The Board on a motion by Jerry McGinnis and second by Sims Price voted 6-0 to consider redistricting to a 4 District and 3 At-Large Board.

F. HB 1444 Employee Health Insurance

The Board on a motion by Margaret Foley and second by Mike Knittel voted 6-0 to opt out of TRS Active Care health insurance coverage through the 2026-2027 school year.

G. Sterling County Appraisal District Board Appointments

The Board on a motion by Sims Price and second by Mike Knittel voted 6-0 to appoint Tommy Wright and Josh Gaines to the Sterling County Appraisal District Board.

H. Bus Purchase

The Board on a motion by Mike Knittel and second by Sims Price voted 6-0 to approve the quote from Tans Tech for the purchase of a new bus.

I. Superintendent's Recommendation for Hire of Elementary Teaching Position

The Board on a motion by Ross McCrea and second by Sims Price voted 6-0 to approve the hiring of Sharon Gotcher as an Elementary teacher under an employment contract from January 2022 through the end of the school year.

J. Next Board Meeting Date

The Board mutually agreed to schedule the next Board meeting on Monday, January 17, 2022 at 6:00 pm.

6. **ADJOURNMENT**

The Board adjourned the meeting at 8:43 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  _____