

Minutes of Regular Meeting

The Board of Trustees Sterling City ISD

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Sterling City ISD was held Thursday, February 13, 2020, beginning 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 7:06 pm. Those in attendance were Trustees: Jason Cox, Sims Price, Bill Orsak, and Margaret Foley. Trustee Wes Glass joined the meeting at 7:30 pm, Mike Knittel joined the meeting at 7:52 pm, and Laura Enriquez joined the meeting at 8:10 pm. Guests in attendance were Steve and Rose Monreal, Annette Bolding, Tanya Braun, and several Ag Mechanics' students. Also in attendance were: Superintendent, Bob Rauch, Elementary Principal, Jami Keele, Secondary Principal, Ty Stevens, Girl's Athletic Director, Josh Jourden, Ag Teacher, Drew Turner, Business Manager, Danetta Ferguson, and Compliance Director, Michele Guetersloh.

2. OPEN FORUM

None.

3. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

A. AG Mechanics

Mr. Rauch and Mr. Turner recognized before the Board students who participated and placed in the Ag Mechanics competition at the San Angelo Stock Show. Mr. Turner reported 6 of the 11 projects placed and that the Sterling City ISD Ag Mechanics team won the Sweepstakes earning the team over \$8,000 in equipment.

B. Girls AD Report

a. Program Update

Josh Jourden, Girl's Athletic Director, provided the Board with an update and expectations for the various girl's programs. He discussed the recently released UIL realignment and its potential impact for Sterling City programs.

C. Elementary Principal Report

a. Campus Update

Mrs. Keele provided the Board with an update on current enrollment and upcoming events. She discussed after school enrichment activities that will soon be implemented. Mrs. Keele also informed the Board that Elementary teachers would be leaving for the "Get Your Teach On" Conference on Sunday. She also informed the Board that the next academic pep rally was scheduled for February 20th.

D. Secondary Principal Report

a. Campus Update

Mr. Stevens provided the Board an update on current enrollment, academics, and student achievements. Mr. Stevens informed the Board that FCS students and students enrolled in the CNA program would be volunteering at the Nursing Home. He also provided stock show results and reviewed Ag Mechanics competition results. Benchmarking will take place for grades 6th – 10th grades at the end of February. The High School Boy's playoff game will be finalized after Friday's game. The game is tentatively scheduled for Monday, February 24th at Coleman.

E. Superintendent Report

a. Team of 8 Board Training

Mr. Rauch informed the Board that Region 15 would provide Team of 8 training on February 26th at 5:30 pm in San Angelo.

b. Board Self Evaluation [February 2020]

Mr. Rauch informed the Board that Region 15 would assist in the Board's self-evaluation process on March 17, 2020 at 6:00 pm.

c. TASB SLI Board Training

San Antonio - June 17-20

Ft. Worth - June 24-27

Mr. Rauch presented to the Board dates for the TASB SLI Board training.

4. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION

A. Executive Session (*Attorney Consultation TGC 551.071*)

a. Solar Energy Contracts and Construction Projects

The Board on a motion by Wes Glass and second by Mike Knittel voted 6-0 to enter executive session at 8:09 pm. The Board reconvened regular session at 8:28 pm. No action was taken by the Board.

B. Consent Agenda

a. Minutes from previous meeting(s)

b. Financial and Investment reports

The Board on a motion by Mike Knittel and second by Bill Orsak voted 6-0 to approve the consent agenda.

C. Budget Amendment(s)

None.

D. AG Program

Mr. Rauch provided the Board with an update on the District's Ag program.

E. 2019 Property Value Study

Mr. Rauch informed the Board that the local appraised property values were invalidated by the State Comptroller's Office. The District intends to appeal the decision.

F. Order Regular School Board Election for May 2, 2020

The Board on a motion by Bill Orsak and second by Mike Knittel voted 7-0 to order a regular school board election for May 2, 2020.

G. 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)

a. Athletic Directors

b. Principals

The Board on a motion by Wes Glass and second by Bill Orsak voted 7-0 to enter executive session at 9:14 pm. The Board reconvened regular session at 11:23 pm.

H. Superintendent's Recommendation for Hire of New Staff

The Board on a motion by Mike Knittel and second by Sims Price voted 7-0 to approve the recommendation to hire Kayton Abbott on a probationary teacher contract for the 2019-2020 school year.

I. Superintendent Contract

The Board on a motion by Bill Orsak and second by Mike Knittel voted 7-0 to approve the Superintendent Contract.

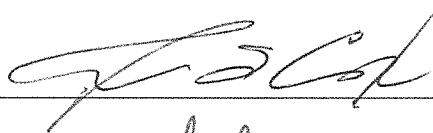
J. Next Board Meeting Date

The Board mutually agreed to schedule the next meeting for Wednesday, March 25, 2020 at 7:00 pm.

5. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 pm.

Jason Cox – President



Laura Enriquez – Secretary

