

MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES STERLING CITY ISD

A Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Sterling City ISD was held Monday, November 13, 2023 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 board meeting in the Sterling City ISD Administration Building. Board President, Ross McCrea established a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm. Those in attendance were Trustees: Ross McCrea, Sims Price, Randy Parrish, Margaret Foley, Laura Flores, and Jerry McGinnis. Trustee Mike Knittel was absent. Also in attendance were Superintendent, Travis Grubbs, Elementary Principal, Amanda Jackson, Secondary Principal, Cash Jennings, Athletic Directors, Trey Sisco and John Jackson, Business Manager, Danetta Ferguson, and Compliance Director, Michele Guetersloh.

2. **OPEN FORUM**

None

3. **REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

A. Athletic Directors' Update on Fall Sports

Mr. Sisco and Mr. Jackson provided the Board with updates on fall sporting events. Both Athletic Directors shared football, volleyball, and cross country participation numbers and records for the year.

B. Elementary Principal Report

Mrs. Jackson provided the Board with an update on campus enrollment, campus and teacher updates, and upcoming events.

C. Secondary Principal Report

Mr. Jennings reported on current enrollment figures, campus and teacher updates, and upcoming events.

D. Superintendent Report

- a. Sportsmanship and Fan Behavior
- b. Region 15 3- Year Safety Audit
- c. Insurance Update
- d. Accountability Report
- e. Team of 8 (March 6, 2023 @ ESC 15 @ 6 pm)
- f. Superintendent Appraisal Process

Mr. Grubbs held discussion with the Board regarding sportsmanship and fan behavior. He also presented to the Board the findings of the Region 15 three year safety audit. Mr. Grubbs informed the Board of the current employee insurance situation. Mr. Grubbs informed the Board of accountability and legislative updates. Mr. Grubbs announced the date and time of “Team of 8” Board training at Region 15. He also provided the Board with information regarding the Superintendent appraisal process.

4. **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION**

A. Consent Agenda

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

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

B. Budget Amendment(s)

None

C. Board Election Information 2023-2024

Mr. Grubbs provided the Board with election information for the May 2024 election.

D. Discuss Fuel Usage and the Possibility of Fuel Tanks

Mr. Grubbs shared with the Board fuel usage. The Board on a motion by Randy Parrish and second by Sims Price voted 6-0 to approve the addition of fuel tanks to the District.

E. Beginning of the Year Board Goals

Mrs. Jackson and Mr. Jennings presented to the Board beginning of the year Board goals.

F. Cafeteria Discussion

The Board held a discussion regarding the cafeteria.

G. Thermostat Update

Mr. Grubbs presented to the Board a quote for updating the District’s thermostats and a plan for energy consumption. The Board on a motion by Sims Price and second by Jerry McGinnis voted 6-0 to approve the purchase of new thermostats for the District.

H. Sterling Natural Gas Tax Statement

The Board on a motion by Randy Parrish and second by Jerry McGinnis voted 6-0 to exempt Sterling Natural Gas of taxes while in operation as the District’s natural gas provider.

I. Gifted and Talented Plan 2023-2024

The Board on a motion by Sims Price and second by Jerry McGinnis voted 6-0 to approve the Gifted and Talented Plan for the 2023-2024 school year.

J. Consider approval of delegated contractual authority to obligate the school district under Texas Education Code (TEC) §11.1511(c)(4) to the superintendent, solely for the purpose of obligating the district under TEC, §48.257 and TEC, Chapter 49, Subchapters A and D, and the rules adopted by the commissioner of education as authorized under TEC, 49.006. This included approval of the Agreement for the Purchase of Attendance Credit or the Agreement for the Purchase of Attendance Credit (Netting Chapter 48 Funding) for the 2023-2024 school year.

For the 2023-2024 school year, the Board on a motion by Margaret Foley and second by Randy Parrish voted 6-0 to delegate contractual authority to obligate the school district under Texas Education Code (TEC) §11.1511(c)(4) to the superintendent, solely for the purpose of obligating the district under TEC, §48.257 and TEC, Chapter 49, Subchapters A and D, and the rules adopted by the commissioner of education as authorized under TEC, 49.006. This included approval of the Agreement for the Purchase of Attendance Credit or the Agreement for the Purchase of Attendance Credit (Netting Chapter 48 Funding).

K. 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 551.01 (Attorney Consultation/Closed Session)

a. Discuss Personnel

The Board on a motion by Randy Parrish and second by Sims Price voted 6-0 to enter executive session at 8:28 pm. The Board reconvened regular session at 9:52 pm.

L. Next Board Meeting Date

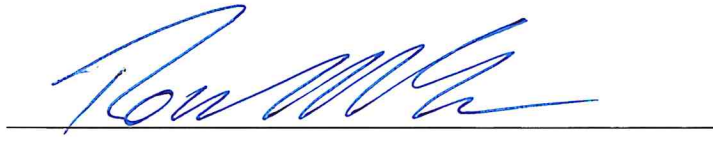
The Board mutually agreed to schedule the next Board meeting for Monday, January 29, 2023 at 7:00 pm.

5. **ADJOURNMENT**

The Board on a motion by Randy Parrish and second by Sims Price voted 6-0 to adjourn the meeting at 9:57 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

