

BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Monday, August 5, 2019

STERLING CITY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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 7:02 pm. Those in attendance were Trustees: Jason Cox, Mike Knittel, Sims Price, Margaret Foley, Bill Orsak, and Wes Glass. Trustee Laura Enriquez joined the meeting at 7:03 pm. Guests in attendance were: Tommy Wright, Ruthe Foster, Davina Faulkner, Lanae McClure, Claudia Silva, Myrna Coll, Michelle Rawles, Diana Orozco, Maria Orozco, Ana Padron, Glenn Luhrs, and John Blackburn. Also in attendance were: Superintendent, Bob Rauch, Jami Keele, Elementary Principal, Ty Stevens, Secondary, Danetta Ferguson, Business Manager, and Compliance Director, Michele Guetersloh.

2. OPEN FORUM

None.

3. PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2019 TAX RATES

A. Live Oak Financial

John Blackburn presented to the Board strategies to reduce debt services and options for a proposed 2019 tax rate.

4. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

A. Superintendent Report

a. 2019-2020 Budget Review

b. Board Training - Legislative Update

ESC 15 on Sept. 11th at 6PM

Mr. Rauch updated the Board on the budget process and plans to present the budget at the August 27th meeting. He also informed the Board of the date and time of the scheduled legislative update training provided by ESC 15. The Board was also informed of Mayra Zapata's resignation.

5. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION

A. Consent Agenda

a. Minutes from previous meeting(s)

b. Local Maintenance Bills

c. Financial Report

The Board on a motion by Mike Knittel and second by Sims Price voted 7-0 to approve the consent agenda.

B. Budget Amendment(s)
None.

C. 2015 Bond Refinance
Discussion regarding the 2015 Bond Refinance was tabled.

D. Discussion and possible Board action to Adopt 2019 Tax Rates
The Board on a motion by Sims Price and second by Bill Orsak voted 7-0 to adopt a proposed I & S tax rate of \$.2398 and a proposed M & O tax rate of \$.97.

E. Consider DC(LOCAL) policy change
The Board on motion by Wes Glass and second by Margaret Foley voted 7-0 to approve the policy change of DC (LOCAL).

F. 2019-2020 Property-Casualty Insurance
The Board on a motion by Mike Knittel and second by Sims Price voted 7-0 to approve TASB as the District's 2019-2020 Property-Casual Insurance provider.

G. 2019-2020 Student Handbook
The Board on a motion by Bill Orsak and second by Wes Glass voted 7-0 to approve the 2019-2020 Student Handbook.

H. 2019-2020 Student Code of Conduct
The Board on a motion by Bill Orsak and second by Sims Price voted 7-0 to approve the 2019-2020 Student Code of Conduct.

I. 2019-2020 Athletic Code of Conduct
The Board on a motion by Sims Price and second by Bill Orsak voted 7-0 to approve the 2019-2020 Athletic Code of Conduct.

J. 2019-2020 Employee Handbook
The Board on a motion by Bill Orsak and second by Wes Glass voted 7-0 to approve the 2019-2020 Employee Handbook.

K. 2019-2020 T-TESS Appraisal Calendar
The Board on a motion by Sims Price and second by Mike Knittel voted 7-0 to approve the 2019-2020 T-TESS Appraisal Calendar.

L. 2019-2020 Acceptable Use Policy
The Board on a motion by Sims Price and second by Bill Orsak voted 7-0 to approve the 2019-2020 Acceptable Use Policy.

M. Senior Trip 2020
The Board on a motion by Wes Glass and second by Sims Price voted 7-0 to

approve the 2020 Senior Trip to Washington, D.C.

N. Pre-Kindergarten

The Board on a motion by Mike Knittel and second by Bill Orsak voted 4-3 to approve a Pre-Kindergarten program for the 2019-2020 school year.

O. Executive Session (*Personnel TGC 551.074*)

P. Superintendent's recommendation(s) regarding employment of contract staff

Mr. Rauch informed the Board he hired Barbi Cox as a classroom teacher on a 10 month probationary contract for the 2019-2020 school year.

Q. Next Board Meeting Date

The Board mutually agreed to schedule a called meeting on Tuesday, August 27, 2019.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The Board on a motion by Bill Orsak and second by Sims Price voted 7-0 to adjourn at 10:09 pm.

Jason Cox – President



Laura Enriquez – Secretary

