

BOARD OF EDUCATION

CALLED MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, August 27, 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 called meeting in the Sterling City ISD Administration Building. Board President, Jason Cox, established that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm. Those in attendance were Trustees: Jason Cox, Margaret Foley, Mike Knittel, Bill Orsak, Wes Glass, and Sims Price. Trustee Laura Enriquez joined the meeting at 6:05 pm. Guests in attendance were John Blackburn, John Hall, Mali Hanley, Brandon Westlake, and John O'Hair. Also in attendance were Superintendent, Bob Rauch, Jami Keele, Elementary Principal, Danetta Ferguson, Business Manager, and Michele Guetersloh, Compliance Director.

2. PUBLIC HEARING ON THE APPLICATION OF BLUEBELL SOLAR II, LLC (COMPTROLLER APPLICATION NO: 1345) FOR APPRAISED VALUE LIMITATIONS ON QUALIFIED PROPERTY, PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 313 OF THE TEXAS PROPERTY TAX CODE

John O'Hair of Nextera Energy Resources and Mali Hanley of O'Hanlon, Demerath, & Castillo presented information to the Board regarding the application of Bluebell Solar II, LLC for appraised value limitations on qualified property, pursuant to Chapter 313 of the Texas property code.

3. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION EXTENDING TIME FOR THE APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL OF PENDING APPLICATION BLUEBELL SOLAR II, LLC TEXAS COMPTROLLER FILE NO. 1345, FOR AGREEMENT FOR LIMITATION ON APPRAISED VALUE OF PROPERTY FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS TAXES

The Board President, Jason Cox, polled the Board for conflicts of interest. The Board on a motion by Mike Knittel and second by Sims Price voted 6-0-1 to approve the Resolution extending time for the approval of pending application Bluebell Solar II, LLC, Texas Comptroller File (No. 1345). Bill Orsak abstained from voting due to a conflict of interest.

4. CONSIDER AND ADOPT FINDINGS UNDER THE TEXAS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACT ON THE APPLICATION OF BLUEBELL SOLAR II, LLC, COMPTROLLER APPLICATION NO: 1345 FOR AN APPRAISED VALUE LIMITATION ON QUALIFIED PROPERTY FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS TAXES

The Board on a motion by Wes Glass and second by Laura Enriquez voted 6-0-1 to adopt Findings under the Texas Economic Development Act, as proposed by the District's Consultants and

Counsel, on the Application of Bluebell Solar, II, LLC, Comptroller Application No: 1345, for an Appraisal Value Limitation on Qualified Property for School District Maintenance and Operations Taxes. Bill Orsak abstained from voting due to a conflict of interest.

5. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO CONSIDER THE WAIVER OF JOB CREATION REQUIREMENT REQUESTED BY BLUEBELL SOLAR II, LLC

The Board on a motion by Sims Price and second by Margaret Foley voted 6-0-1 to approve the waiver of job creation requirement requested by Bluebell Solar, II, LLC. Bill Orsak abstained from voting due to a conflict of interest.

6. CONSIDER AND APPROVE AGREEMENT WITH BLUEBELL SOLAR II, LLC, COMPTROLLER APPLICATION NO: 1345, FOR AN APPRAISED VALUE LIMITATION ON QUALIFIED PROPERTY FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS TAXES

The Board on a motion by Laura Enriquez and second by Mike Knittel voted 6-0-1 to approve Application No: 1345 and the Agreement with Bluebell Solar II, LLC, Comptroller Application No: 1345, for an Appraised Value Limitation on Qualified Property for School District Maintenance and Operations Taxes. Bill Orsak abstained from voting due to a conflict of interest.

7. BUDGET WORKSHOP AND PUBLIC MEETING

Mr. Rauch presented to the Board a five year 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 2018-2019 fiscal year to the requested budget for the 2019-2020 fiscal year.

8. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF AN ORDER BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE STERLING CITY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF ITS UNLIMITED TAX REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2019"; LEVYING A CONTINUING DIRECT ANNUAL AD VALOREM TAX FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE BONDS; DELEGATING THE AUTHORITY TO CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND DISTRICT STAFF TO EXECUTE CERTAIN DOCUMENTS RELATING TO THE SALE OF THE BONDS; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF ANY NECESSARY ENGAGEMENT AGREEMENTS WITH THE DISTRICT'S FINANCIAL ADVISORS AND/OR BOND COUNSEL; AND AUTHORIZING OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH

The Board on a motion by Margaret Foley and second by Mike Knittel voted 7-0 to adopt an order authorizing the issuance of "Sterling City Independent School District unlimited tax refunding bonds, Series 2019" pursuant to a delegated sale.

9. BUDGET AMENDMENTS

The Board on a motion by Sims Price and second by Bill Orsak voted 7-0 to approve proposed budget amendments.

10. REVIEW OF LOCAL MAINTENANCE BILLS

The Board on a motion by Mike Knittel and second by Bill Orsak voted 7-0 to approve local maintenance bills.

11. CONSIDER ADOPTION OF OFFICIAL ESTIMATED BUDGET, BY FUND AND FUNCTION, FOR F.Y.E. 8-31-20

The Board on a motion by Mike Knittel and second by Bill Orsak voted 7-0 to adopt the proposed official estimated budget by fund and function for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2020.

12. CONSIDER ADOPTION OF TAX RATES FOR F.Y.E. 8-31-20, BY ORDINANCE

The Board on a motion by Sims Price and second by Bill Orsak voted 7-0 to approve, by ordinance, \$0.97 M&O and \$0.2398 I&S tax rates for a total tax rate of \$1.2098.

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

The Board on a motion by Bill Orsak and second by Mike Knittel voted 7-0 to approve the resolution to maintain a minimum fund balance.

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

The Board on a motion by Sims Price and second by Bill Orsak voted 7-0 to approve the resolution to commit funds to fund balance.

15. EXECUTIVE SESSION (*REAL PROPERTY TGC 551.072*)

A. Property west of Elementary playground

The Board on a motion by Mike Knittel and second by Bill Orsak voted to enter executive session at 8:34 pm. The Board reconvened regular session at 8:42 pm.

The Board on a motion by Wes Glass and second by Bill Orsak voted 7-0 to approve Mr. Rauch authority to negotiate and execute the purchase of the property west of the Elementary playground.

16. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS PROCEDURES MANUAL

The Board on a motion by Mike Knittel and second by Bill Orsak voted 7-0 to approve the Administrative Business Procedures manual for the 2019-2020 school year.

17. RESOLUTION REGARDING SPECIAL EDUCATION SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE SMALL SCHOOLS COOPERATIVE SPECIAL EDUCATION SHARED SERVICES ARRANGEMENT

The Board on a motion by Mike Knittel and second by Bill Orsak voted 7-0 to approve the resolution regarding special education shared service agreement with the Smalls Schools Cooperative.

18. 2019-2020 G/T PLAN

The Board on a motion by Bill Orsak and second by Sims Price voted 7-0 to approve the 2019-2020 G/T Plan.

19. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION FOR EXTRA-CURRICULAR STATUS OF THE STERLING COUNTY 4-H ORGANIZATION

The Board on a motion by Wes Glass and second by Sims Price voted 7-0 to approve the resolution for extra-curricular status of the Sterling County 4-H organization.

20. BOARD TRAINING DATES

A. Legislative Update - Sept. 11th ESC 15 at 6:00 pm

B. Team of 8 (part 2) - Sept. 23rd SCISD at 6:00 pm

Mr. Rauch informed the Board of upcoming Legislative and Team of 8 trainings.

21. ADJOURNMENT

The Board on a motion by Wes Glass and second by Bill Orsak voted 7-0 to adjourn the meeting at 8:59 pm.

Jason Cox – President



Laura Enriquez – Secretary

