

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, May 12, 2022, 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 7:02 pm. Those in attendance were Trustees: Jason Cox, Sims Price, Ross McCrea, Jerry McGinnis, Mike Knittel, and Margaret Foley. Trustee Laura Flores joined the meeting at 7:03 pm. Guests in attendance were Cliff and Lauren Caldwell, Casey Callahan, Tommy Wright, Brian Drinkwine, and John Maldonado. Also in attendance were Superintendent, Bob Rauch, Elementary Principal, Jami Keele, Secondary Principal, Ty Stevens, and Compliance Director, Michele Guetersloh.

2. **CERTIFICATION AND OATH OF OFFICE FOR ELECTED TRUSTEES**

Sims Price and Mike Knittel were certified as elected officials and took the oath of office as newly elected Trustees.

3. **REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD**

The Board by ballot took nominations and voted 5-2 to elected Ross McCrea as Board President. The Board on a motion by Mike Knittel and second by Sims Price voted 7-0 to approve Margaret Foley as Vice President and Laura Flores as Secretary.

4. **TRUSTEE RESIGNATION**

Jason Cox submitted his written resignation to the Board.

5. **TRUSTEE SERVICE PRESENTATION**

Mr. Rauch presented a service memento to Jason Cox for serving 17 years as a member of the Sterling City ISD Board of Trustees.

6. **NEW BOARD MEMBER APPOINTMENT**

The Board on a motion by Sims Price and second by Jerry McGinnis voted 7-0 to appoint Randy Parrish as the newly appointed Board member.

7. **CERTIFICATION AND OTH OF OFFICE FOR NEWLY APPOINTED BOARD MEMBER**

Randy Parrish was certified as a newly appointed Board member and took the oath of office as an appointed Trustee.

8. OPEN FORUM

None

9. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

A. Community Partnership Fiber Proposal

Tommy Wright presented information and requested the District's partnership in contributing funds to community-wide internet service. No action was taken.

B. Elementary Principal Report

Mrs. Keele presented to the Board enrollment figures, upcoming campus events, and academic updates occurring on the Elementary campus.

C. Secondary Principal Report

Mr. Stevens provided the Board with enrollment figures and informed the Board of upcoming activities including summer school dates, student competition results, and provided an example of nicotine consequences to add to the District's drug testing policy.

D. Superintendent Resignation

Mr. Rauch submitted his resignation to the Board.

10. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION

A. Home School Participation in UIL and Extra Curricular Activities

Cliff and Lauren Caldwell presented information to the Board regarding home school participation in UIL and extra curricular activities.

B. Discussion and Possible Action to Accept the Application of Spade Wind II and Authorize the Superintendent to Extend the Deadline for Board Action Beyond 150 Days

Brian Drinkwine and John Maldonado presented information regarding the Spade Wind II project. The Board on a motion by Sims Price and second by Randy Parrish voted 7-0 to accept the application of Spade Wind II and authorized the Superintendent to extend the deadline for Board action beyond 150 days. All Board members that voted are free of conflict of interest.

C. Discussion and Possible Action to Retain Consultants to Assist the District in Processing of Application for Appraised Value Limitations on Qualified Property for Spade Wind II

The Board on a motion by Mike Knittel and second by Jerry McGinnis voted 7-0 to approve to retain Moak Casey and Kevin O'Hanlin as consultants to assist the District in processing the application for appraised value limitation on qualified property for Spade Wind II.

D. Consent Agenda

- a. Minutes from previous meeting(s)

b. Financial and Investment reports

The Board on a motion by Randy Parrish and second by Jerry McGinnis voted 7-0 to approve the Consent Agenda.

E. Budget Amendment(s)

The Board on a motion by Mike Knittel and second by Jerry McGinnis voted 7-0 to approve the budget amendment as proposed.

F. Superintendent Search Discussion

Casey Callahan of the ESC Region 15 Superintendent Search Firm discussed survey results and timelines with the Board.

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)

The Board on a motion by Mike Knittel and second by Sims Price voted 7-0 to enter executive session at 9:24 pm. The Board reconvened in regular session at 10:35 pm.

H. Superintendent's Recommendations for New Hires

The Board on a motion by Randy Parrish and second by Sims Price voted 7-0 to approve the Superintendent's recommendations for new hires.

I. Next Board Meeting Date

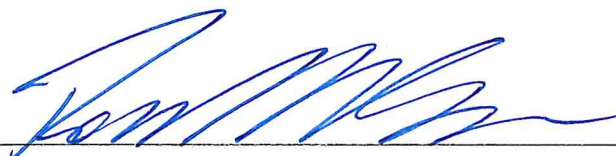
The Board mutually agreed to schedule the next Board meeting for June 20, 2022 at 7:00 pm.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The Board on a motion by Randy Parrish and second by Margaret Foley voted 7-0 to adjourn the meeting at 10:40 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

