

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 Tuesday, August 4, 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 7:03 pm. Those in attendance were Trustees: Jason Cox, Sims Price, Jerry McGinnis, Mike Knittel, and Bill Orsak. Trustee Margaret Foley joined the meeting at 7:07 pm. Trustee Laura Enriquez was absent. Guests John Blackburn and John Hall were in attendance. Also in attendance were Superintendent, Bob Rauch, Elementary Principal, Jami Keele, Secondary Principal, Ty Stevens, and Compliance Director, Michele Guetersloh.

2. OPEN FORUM

None.

3. PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2020 TAX RATE

The Public Hearing regarding the Proposed 2020 Tax Rate was tabled.

4. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

A. Superintendent Report

Mr. Rauch informed the Board of the hiring of a bus aide, Jennifer Fuentes. He also informed the Board that he is working on scheduling BoardBook training in August.

5. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION

A. Consent Agenda

- a. Minutes from previous meeting(s)
- b. Local Maintenance Bills
- c. Financial and Investment Report

The Board on a motion Sims Price and second by Bill Orsak voted 5-0 to approve the consent agenda.

- B. Budget Amendment(s)
None.
- C. 2016 Bond Refinance
John Blackburn discussed with the Board bond refunding options and timelines.
John Hall discussed with the Board compliance requirements regarding refunding a bond.
- D. 2020 Proposed Tax Rate
The 2020 Proposed Tax Rate was tabled.
- E. COVID-19 Back to School Plan
Mr. Rauch presented the “Back To School Plan” to the Board. The Board on a motion by Mike Knittel and second by Bill Orsak voted 6-0 to approve the amended and revised recommended “Back to School Plan.”
- F. Board Pre-Approval for Superintendent to submit Synchronous Instruction Attestation
The Board on a motion by Bill Orsak and second by Sims Price voted 6-0 to approve the Superintendent to submit the Synchronous Instruction Attestation on behalf of the District.
- G. Board Pre-Approval for Superintendent to submit Asynchronous Instruction Plan
The Board on a motion by Bill Orsak and second by Mike Knittel voted 6-0 to approve the Superintendent to submit the Asynchronous Instruction Plan on behalf of the District.
- H. COVID-19 UIL and Extra-Curricular Plans
Mr. Rauch shared the UIL and Extra-Curricular plans with the Board.
- I. 2020-2021 Property-Casualty Insurance
The Board on a motion by Mike Knittel and second by Bill Orsak voted 6-0 to approve TREA as the District’s Property Casual Insurance provider for the 2020-2021 school year.
- J. SCAD Left-Over Funds of \$16,389
The Board on a motion by Sims Price and second by Bill Orsak voted 6-0 to approve the SCAD Left-Over Funds in the amount of \$16,389.
- K. Election Order for November 3, 2020
The Board on a motion by Sims Price and a second by Mike Knittel voted 6-0 to approve the Election Order for the November 3, 2020 election.

- L. Local Policy DIA (EXHIBIT) Update
Local Policy DIA (EXHIBIT) Update was tabled.

- M. Local Policy FB (EXHIBIT) Update
Local Policy FB (EXHIBIT) Update was tabled.

- N. Local Policy FFH (EXHIBIT) Update
Local Policy FFH (EXHIBIT) Update was tabled.

- O. 2020-2021 Student Handbook
The Board on a motion by Margaret Foley and second by Sims Price voted 6-0 to approve the 2020-2021 Student Handbook.

- P. 2020-2021 Student Code of Conduct
The Board on a motion by Mike Knittel and second by Margaret Foley voted 6-0 to approve the 2020-2021 Student Code of Conduct.

- Q. 2020-2021 Athletic Code of Conduct
The Board on a motion by Margaret Foley and second by Mike Knittel voted 6-0 to approve the 2020-2021 Athletic Code of Conduct.

- R. 2020-2021 Employee Handbook
The Board on a motion by Mike Knittel and second by Margaret Foley voted 6-0 to approve the 2020-2021 Employee Handbook.

- S. 2020-2021 T-TESS Appraisal Calendar
The Board on a motion by Sims Price and second by Bill Orsak voted 6-0 to approve the 2020-2021 T-TESS Appraisal Calendar.

- T. 2020-2021 Acceptable Use Policy
The Board on a motion by Jerry McGinnis and second by Mike Knittel voted 6-0 to approve the 2020-2021 Acceptable Use Policy.

- U. District Policy Update 115
The Board on a motion by Mike Knittel and second by Margaret Foley voted 6-0 to approve District Policy Update 115.

- V. Senior Trip 2021
The Board on a motion by Mike Knittel and second by Bill Orsak voted 6-0 to approve the 2020 senior trip to Washington, D.C.

W. Next Board Meeting Date

The Board mutually agreed to schedule a Called Board meeting on Monday, August 10, 2020 at 6:00 pm and a Regular Board meeting on Wednesday, August 26, 2020 at 7:00 pm.

6. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:13 pm.

Jason Cox – President



Laura Enriquez – Secretary

