

BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, February 13, 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 7:01 pm. Those in attendance were Trustees: Jason Cox, Margaret Foley, Laura Enriquez, Bill Orsak, and Heath Hughes. Wes Glass joined the meeting at 7:39 pm. Trustee Mike Knittel was absent. Also in attendance were: Superintendent, Bob Rauch and Compliance Director, Michele Guetersloh. Guests in attendance were: John O’Hair of Nextera Energy, Brandon Westlake of Cummings Westlake LLC, Dan Casey of Moak, Casey and Associates, Woodrow Menn of Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collings & Mott, LLP, Ronnie Krejci, Sterling County Appraisal District Chief Appraiser, Tommy Wright, Sterling County Tax Appraisal Board of Trustees, and Carol Spindler, Cafeteria Director.

2. OPEN FORUM

None.

3. REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS

A. Superintendent Report

a. Team of 8 Board Training [ESC 15 on February 25, 2019 at 5:30 pm]

Mr. Rauch discussed with the Board required “Team of 8 Board Training.” Due to conflicts, the Board requested Mr. Rauch to reschedule the training.

4. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION

A. Discussion and possible action to accept the Application of Bluebell Solar II, LLC for an Appraisal Value Limitation on Qualified Property; authorize the Superintendent to review the Application for completeness and submit to the Comptroller; and authorize the Superintendent to enter into any agreement to extend the deadline for Board action beyond 150 days subject to Board ratification.

The Board on a motion by Margaret Foley and second by Heath Hughes voted 4-0-1 (Trustee Bill Orsak abstained from voting due to conflict of interest) to accept the Application of Bluebell Solar II, LLC for an Appraisal Value Limitation on Qualified Property; authorize the Superintendent to review the Application for completeness and submit to the Comptroller; and authorize the Superintendent to enter into any agreement to extend the deadline for Board action beyond 150 days subject to Board ratification.

- B. Discussion and possible action to retain consultants to assist the District in processing of Application for Appraised Value Limitation on Qualified Property from Bluebell Solar II, LLC. The Board on a motion by Laura Enriquez and second by Heath Hughes voted 5-0 to retain consultants to assist the District in processing of Application for Appraised Value Limitation on Qualified Property from Bluebell Solar II, LLC.
- C. 2018 Property Value Study
Woodrow Menn and Ronnie Krejci informed the Board that local certified values were deemed invalid by the state. Mr. Menn will file an appeal. Tommy Wright provided the Board with an overview of information discussed at a recent County Appraisal District meeting. Mr. Rauch provided the Board with a financial overview of how discrepancies between local and state values affects the District.
- D. Walker Quality Services
Carol Spindler provided the Board with an update on services provided by Walker Quality Services. Ms. Spindler requested to proceed without Walker Quality Services beginning next year. Mr. Rauch explained that the current contract would renew on March 5, 2019. The Board directed Mr. Rauch not to renew the contract with Walker Quality Services.
- E. Consent Agenda
- a. Minutes from previous meeting(s)
 - b. Financial report
- The Board on motion by Heath Hughes and second by Bill Orsak voted 6-0 to approve the consent agenda.
- F. Budget Amendment(s)
None.
- G. Order Regular School Board Election for May 4, 2019
The Board on a motion by Bill Orsak and second by Heath Hughes voted 6-0 to order a regular school board election for May 4, 2019.
- H. District Policy Update 112
The Board on a motion by Margaret Foley and second by Wes Glass voted 6-0 to adopt District Policy Update 112.
- I. Executive Session (Personnel TGC 551.074)
The Board on a motion by Bill Orsak and second by Heath Hughes voted 6-0 to enter executive session at 8:47 pm. The Board resumed regular session at 9:16 pm.

J. Superintendent's Recommendation for Hire of New Staff

The Board on a motion by Wes Glass and second by Bill Orsak voted 6-0 to hire Tye Keith as a coach/teacher for the 2019-2020 school year.

K. Elementary Principal Position

The Board on a motion by Bill Orsak and second by Heath Hughes voted 6-0 to hire an Elementary Principal for the 2019-2020 school year.

L. 2019-2020 Salaries & Stipends

The Board reviewed current salary schedules and requested Mr. Rauch to research average regional salaries. The Board will revisit salary schedules at a future board meeting.

M. Superintendent Contract

The Board on a motion by Margaret Foley and second by Bill Orsak voted 6-0 to approve the Superintendent Contract as presented.

N. Next Board Meeting Date

The board mutually agreed to schedule the next board meeting for March 4, 2019 at 7:00 pm.

5. ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned at 10:07 pm.

Jason Cox – President



Mike Knittel – Secretary

