

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, July 23, 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, Laura Enriquez, and Wes Glass. Trustee Bill Orsak was absent. Guest in attendance were: George Rodriguez, Christopher Green, Glenn Luhrs, Jake Lawrence, John Blackburn, and Drew Turner. Also in attendance were: Superintendent, Bob Rauch, Jami Keele, Elementary Principal, Ty Stevens, Secondary and Compliance Director, Michele Guetersloh.

**2. OPEN FORUM**

None.

**3. REPORTS**

A. Superintendent Report

- a. August Budget Meeting Schedule
- b. HB 3 Update

Mr. Rauch presented a date for consideration regarding a budget meeting to be held in August. He also provided a brief update on House Bill 3. Mr. Rauch informed the Board of Jana Barnes' resignation.

**4. 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 Sims Price and second by Mike Knittel voted 6-0 to approve the consent agenda.

B. Budget Amendment(s)

None.

C. Sterling City Golf Course Request

George Rodriguez and Christopher Green presented information regarding volunteer helpers and expenses as related to the maintenance of the Sterling City Golf Course. The Board on a motion by Mike Knittel and second by Sims Price voted 6-0 to pay a student usage fee of \$3000.00 for the 2019-2020 school year.

D. 2015 Bond Refinance

Mr. Lawrence and Mr. Blackburn presented to the Board information and strategy options for refunding the 2015 Bond. The Board on a motion by Mike Knittel and second by Sims Price voted 6-0 to hire Live Oak Public Finance, LLC as financial advisor.

E. AG Shop Improvements

Mr. Turner shared with the Board ideas for constructing a building to be used as a paint booth. The idea of constructing a dual purpose structure was discussed. The Board took no action at this time.

F. Bank Depository Contract Extension

The Board on a motion by Sims Price and second by Margaret Foley voted 5-0-1 to extend the bank depository contract with the First National Bank of Sterling City. Board member, Jason Cox, abstained from the vote.

G. 2019-2020 Financial Audit Agreement with Reed, McKee, & Co., P.C.

The Board on a motion by Mike Knittel and second by Sims Price voted 6-0 to approve the 2019-2020 financial audit agreement with Reed, McKee, and & Co., P.C.

H. 2019-2020 Student Accident Insurance Agreement

The Board on a motion by Wes Glass and second by Laura Enriquez voted 6-0 to approve the 2019-2020 Student Accident Agreement as provided by Health Specialty, Inc.

I. 2019-2020 Property Casualty-Insurance Agreement

The 2019-2020 Property Casualty-Insurance Agreement was tabled for future consideration.

J. Contracted Services for Music Instruction

The Board on a motion by Margaret Foley and second by Laura Enriquez voted 6-0 to approve contracted services for music instruction for the 2019-2020 school year.

K. Policy Update 113

The Board on a motion by Sims Price and second by Mike Knittel voted 6-0 to approve Policy Update 113.

- L. Consider approval for the 2019-2020 school year, to delegate contractual authority to obligate the School District under Texas Education Code (TEC) 11.1511(c)(4) to the Superintendent, solely for the purpose of obligating the District under TEC, Chapter 48.257 and TEC, Chapter 49, Subchapters A and D, and the rules adopted by the Commissioner of Education as authorized under TEC, 49.006. This includes the approval of the Agreement for the Purchase of Attendance Credits or the Agreement for the Purchase of Attendance Credits (Netting Chapter 48 Funding)
- The board on a motion by Wes Glass and second by Mike Knittel voted 6-0 to approve for the 2019-2020 school year, to delegate contractual authority to obligate the School District under Texas Education Code (TEC) 11.1511(c)(4) to the Superintendent, solely for the purpose of obligating the District under TEC, Chapter 48.257 and TEC, Chapter 49, Subchapters A and D, and the rules adopted by the Commissioner of Education under TEC, 49.006. This included approval of the *Agreement for the Purchase of Attendance Credit or the Agreement for the Purchase of Attendance Credit (Netting Chapter 48 Funding)*.

M. Executive Session (*Security TGC 551.076*)

The Board on a motion by Margaret Foley and second by Laura Enriquez voted 6-0 to enter executive session at 9:10 pm. The Board reconvened regular session at 9:20 pm. No action was taken by the Board.

- a. Guardian Program

N. Staff Compensation (HB 3)

The Board tabled discussions on staff compensation (HB3).

O. Pre-Kindergarten (HB 3)

The Board on a motion by Wes Glass and second by Mike Knittel voted 4-0-2 to rescind action from the prior Board meeting in which a Pre-Kindergarten program was approved. Sterling City ISD will not offer a Pre-K program for the 2019-2020 school year.

P. Executive Session (*Personnel TGC 551.074*)

The Board on a motion by Wes Glass and second by Mike Knittel voted 6-0 to enter executive session at 9:43 pm. The Board reconvened regular session at 11:17 pm. No action was taken by the Board.

Q. Consider DC (LOCAL) policy change

No action was taken by the Board.

R. Superintendent's recommendation(s) regarding employment of contract staff  
With the resignation of Jana Barnes, Mr. Rauch recommended Sara Stevens to teach the Culinary Arts program on an 11 month term contract. The Board on a motion by Mike Knittel and second by Sims Price voted 6-0 to rescind Sara Stevens' 10 month contract and approved an 11 month contract for Sara Stevens for the 2019-2020 school year.

Mr. Rauch recommended hiring Desiree Clinkscales as a classroom teacher on a 10 month, probationary contract for 2019-2020 school year. The Board on a motion by Sims Price and second by Laura Enriquez voted 6-0 to approve a 10 month, probationary contract for Desiree Clinkscales for the 2019-2020.

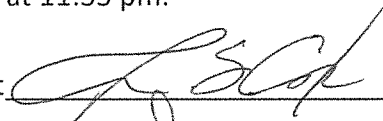
S. Next Board Meeting Date

The Board mutually agreed to schedule on a regular Board meeting on August 5, 2019 at 7:00 pm. The Board also agreed to schedule a called Board meeting on August 27, 2019 at 6:00 pm.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Board adjourned at 11:35 pm.

Jason Cox – President



Laura Enriquez – Secretary

