

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

April 10th, 2017

6:00 P.M.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Corey Ayers, Joel Alvarez, Rowdy Sanders, Jim McHam, Ryan Crutcher and Matt Patterson.

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: Dr. Cassidy McBrayer, Superintendent, Scott Lucas and Chris Mendez, High School Principal.

VISITORS: Wes Jackson, Shanelle Wilson, Fred Stormer, Neal Brown, Bruce Heflin, Linda Stockman, Lacy Timmons, Carrie Young, Robin Whitehead, Audra Davis, Emily Terry, Tandy Siemens, Susan Luna, Belinda Rose, Carla James, Cindy Chapman, Teresa DeSautell, Pat Henry, Nell Martin and Landon Kerby, visited.

1. QUORUM ESTABLISHED AND MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Opening prayer was said and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2. OPEN FORUM No one spoke in open forum.

3. PRESENTATION: ELEMENTARY GRADES 3 - 5, SECONDARY ELA, SECONDARY MATH

Elementary and secondary teacher presented to the Board on their respective subjects.

4. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mr. Lucas and Mr. Mendez reported to the Board on their campuses.

5. PRESENTATION: WILDCAT RANCH WIND FARM/UNDERWOOD LAW FIRM

Representatives from Wildcat Ranch Wind Farm and the Underwood Law firm presented to the Board proposed plans for a wind farm south west of Whiteface, in the WCISD school district.

ACTION ITEMS

6. CONSIDER/APPROVE AMENDING BOARD POLICY CCG (LOCAL) CONCERNING TAX LIMITATION AGREEMENTS

The Board discussed and approved to amend Board policy CCG (local) which will outline the process for a Chapter 313 application and agreement. It specifically

establishes an \$80,000 nonrefundable application fee for an entity to apply for tax limitation.

MOTION, by, Matt Patterson, SECONDED by, Joel Alvarez, to amend District Policy CCG(Local) in substantially the form presented to add provisions relating to the Texas Economic Development Act and authorize the superintendents to take all action necessary to incorporate this policy into the District's policy manual."

6 - FOR, 0 - AGAINST, 0 - ABSTAIN

7. CONSIDER/APPROVE HIRING THE UNDERWOOD LAW FIRM AS SPECIAL COUNSEL TO PROVIDE LEGAL SERVICES TO THE DISTRICT CONCERNING AGREEMENTS FOR LIMITATION ON ASSESSED VALUE

The Board reviewed and approved the appointment to retain the Underwood Law Firm for representation throughout the Chapter 313 application and agreement process. The firm will assess a fee of \$60,000 for representation.

MOTION, by, Ryan Crutcher, SECONDED by, Rowdy Sanders, that the District hire the Underwood Law Firm as special legal counsel to provide legal services relating to the consideration of applicants for appraised value limitation on qualified property and to negotiate and draft a resulting agreement for limitation on appraised value for the district, and authorize the board president to sign the engagement letter with the Underwood Law Firm to secure such services."

6 - FOR, 0 - AGAINST, 0 - ABSTAIN

8. CONSIDER/APPROVE ACCEPTING FOR CONSIDERATION AN APPLICATION FOR AN AGREEMENT FOR LIMITATION ON APPRAISED VALUE OF PROPERTY UNDER THE TEXAS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACT, TEXAS TAX CODE, CHAPTER 313

The Board reviewed and accepted for consideration, an application for tax limitation from Wildcat Ranch for the proposed wind project. The Chapter 313 agreement will allow the wind company to have tax limitation on maintenance and operating taxes for the district. They would pay M&O taxes on \$10-20M rather than \$180 for the first 10 years of the project. The agreement does not allow for limitation on the I & S tax value (bond). They will pay full taxes on that value. This could allow us to significantly reduce our I & S tax rate. The company will pay \$50,000 annually during the time of the agreement. There is also a hold harmless provision that protects the district from any lost revenue as a result of the agreement. That means that if there is any reduction in our overall revenue because the 313 agreement is in place, the company is required to pay us the difference.

MOTION, by, Rowdy Sanders, SECONDED by, Ryan Crutcher, to (1) accept for consideration Wildcat Ranch Wind Project, LLC's Application for a Limited Assessed Valuation Agreement for Qualified Property under the Texas Economic

Development Act, Texas Tax Code, Chapter 313, and (2) authorize the Superintendent to acknowledge receipt of such Application and Application Fee and to begin working with the Underwood Law Firm as appropriate to process the Application for the Board's consideration subject to receipt of application fee."

6 - FOR, 0 - AGAINST, 0 - ABSTAIN

9. CONSIDER/APPROVE DISTRICT OF INNOVATION PLAN

The Board reviewed and approved the District of Innovation Plan.

MOTION, by, Rowdy Sanders, SECONDED by, Ryan Crutcher, to approve the District of Innovation Plan.

6 - FOR, 0 - AGAINST, 0 - ABSTAIN

10. CONSIDER/APPROVE AMENDING BOARD POLICY DC(LOCAL)

The Board reviewed and approved amending the Board Policy DC (local) concerning authority to hire contracted personnel. This amendment would allow the board to determine specific positions that might be time sensitive and allow the Superintendent to offer contact to that individual without board approval.

MOTION, by, Rowdy Sanders, SECONDED by, Ryan Crutcher, to amend Board policy DC (local) to state "The board retains final authority for employment of contracted personnel except as delegate to the Superintendent by Board action." The board also delegates to the superintendent final authority to hire a secondary math teacher and an assistant girls basketball coach for the 2017-18 school year.

6 - FOR, 0 - AGAINST, 0 - ABSTAIN

11. CONSIDER/APPROVE TASB POLICY UPDATE 107

The Board reviewed and approved the TASB Board Policy update 107 as presented.

MOTION, by, Joel Alvarez, SECONDED by, Jim McHam, to approve Update 107 to the Board Policy.

6 - FOR, 0 - AGAINST 0 - ABSTAIN

12. CONSIDER/APPROVE BOARD RESOLUTION EXTENDING DEPOSITORY CONTRACT WITH CITY BANK

The Board reviewed and approved extending the depository contract with City Bank through the 18-19 school year.

MOTION, by, Jim McHam, SECONDED by, Joel Alvarez, to approve the extension of contract with City Bank.

6 - FOR, 0 - AGAINST, 0 - ABSTAIN

13. APPROVE CONSENT ITEMS

13.1 Minutes of previous meetings - March 16th

13.2 Bills paid for previous month - March

13.3 Financial Reports

MOTION, by, Matt Patterson, SECONDED by, Jim McHam, to approve consent items. 6 - FOR, 0 - AGAINST, 0 - ABSTAIN

CLOSED SESSION

Consider the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment of duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee or to hear complaints of charges against a public officer or employee, unless such officer or employee requests a public hearing. (Tex. Gov't Code 551.074)

Consider the deployment, or specific occasions for implementation, of security personnel or devices (Tex. Gov't Code 551.076)

The Board went into closed session at 9:30 p.m.

The Board came out of closed session at 11:28 p.m.

ACTION RELATED TO CLOSED SESSION

14. CONSIDER/APPROVE CONTRACTS FOR TEACHERS, LIBRARIAN, NURSE, COUNSELOR

The Board discussed and approve the Teacher, Nurse and Librarian contracts as presented by Dr. McBrayer for the 17-18 school year.

MOTION, by, Matt Patterson, SECONDED by, Ryan Crutcher, to approve contracts. 6 - FOR, 0 - AGAINST, 0 - ABSTAIN

15. CONSIDER/APPROVE RESOLUTIONS AUTHORIZING THOSE EMPLOYEES RECOMMENDED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT TO BE ARMED AT SCHOOL IN ACCORDANCE WITH POLICY AND THE DISTRICT'S MULTI-HAZARD EMERGENCY PLAN

MOTION, by, Joel Alvarez, SECONDED by, Rowdy Sanders, to approve resolution. 6 - FOR, 0 - AGAINST, 0 - ABSTAIN

16. ADJOURN

Motion by, Rowdy Sanders, and seconded by, Ryan Crutcher to adjourn.
6 - FOR, 0 - AGAINST, 0 - ABSTAIN

APPROVED: _____
Board President

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