

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

December 15th, 2014

7:00 P.M.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Robert Davidson, Joel Alvarez, Ray O'Brien, Jim McHam , Corey Ayers, and Floyd Taylor.

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: Gary Harrell, Interim Superintendent and Jimmy Ericson, Business Manager, Chris Mendez, High School Principal and Scott Lucas, Elementary Principal.

VISITORS: Robert Cameron, with BGR, Carrie Casarez, Kevin Coen, Carrie Young, and Kirk Clark visited.

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER and quorum was established. Opening prayer was said and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. APPROVE CONSENT ITEMS
 - a. Minutes from previous meetings
 - b. Bills payable
 - c. Financial Reports

MOTION, by Jim McHam, SECONDED by Floyd Taylor, to approve consent items.
6 - FOR, 0 - AGAINST

3. OPEN FORUM

No one spoke in open forum.

4. PRINCIPALS'/SITE BASE COMMITTEE REPORT

Mrs. Casarez reported to the Board on the Site Base Committee. Mr. Mendez and Mr. Lucas reported on the their campus activities.

5. MATH DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Representatives from the math departments were unable to attend.

6. MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Mr. Ericson reported to the Board on the maintenance department. President Davidson asked if a full time person would be hired to replace John Ellison. Mr. Ericson indicated that that would be a possibility, in the near future.

7. DISCUSS/APPROVE HIGH SCHOOL EXEMPTION POLICY

Mr. Mendez, high school principal, presented to the board a proposed change to the current test exemption policy. This proposed change was approved and recommended by the Site Base Committee. Under the proposed change, students may earn one exemption in the fall semester for passing an End of Course STAAR tests during the primary administration of the previous spring. This policy does not apply to retakes. A student may not take an exemption in a class in which he/she is failing or in any class in which the student has an unexcused absence. Freshmen and Sophomores may not exempt the same test in the spring semester (using the UIL exemption) as the STARR exemption in the fall.

MOTION, by, Ray O'Brien, SECONDED by Joel Alvarez, to approve the High School exemption policy. 6 - FOR, 0 - AGAINST

8. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

a. Review Bond initiatives/projects: Robert Cameron with BGR, spoke about bond projects.

MOTION, by, Ray O'Brien, SECONDED by Jim McHam, to develop plans and start the bidding process to repair windows in the pool.

6 - FOR, 0 - AGAINST

MOTION, by, Jim McHam, SECONDED by Joel Alvarez, to finish and improve the new Ag barn.

6 - FOR, 0 - AGAINST

b. Enrollment/ADA/WADA/Revenue Report: Mr. Harrell presented this report.

c. Review Board Survey-Team Survey

d. Review Superintendent Search Process

MOTION, by, Corey Ayers, SECONDED by Ray O'Brien, to enter into closed session, at 10:22pm. 6 - FOR, 0 - AGAINST

MOTION, by, Corey Ayers, SECONDED by Ray O'Brien, to end the closed session at 11:11pm. 6 - FOR, 0 - AGAINST

MOTION, by, Corey Ayers, SECONDED by Ray O'Brien, to hire a Superintendent search firm. 4 - FOR, 2- AGAINST (Floyd Taylor and Jim McHam).

9. DISCUSS/APPROVE A SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH FIRM

The Board discussed and approved the hiring of Ronnie Kincaid to facilitate a Superintendent search.

MOTION, by, Ray O'Brien, SECONDED by Joel Alvarez, to approve hiring Ronnie Kincaid. 4 - FOR, 2 - AGAINST (Floyd Taylor and Jim McHam)

ADJOURN MEETING

MOTION, by Corey Ayers, SECONDED by Floyd Taylor to adjourn.

6 - FOR, 0 - AGAINST

APPROVED: _____

Board President

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