

MINUTES
DAINGERFIELD-LONE STAR ISD BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Meeting
January 17, 2017

In recognition of School Board Appreciation Month, beginning at 5:00 P.M. a dinner was held at the West Elementary Cafeteria to honor board members for their dedicated leadership to public education and the children and staff of our school district.

REGULAR MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:00 P.M.

PRESIDING: Neil Roney

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Maurice Tigert
Neil Roney

Jerry Stoermer
Jim Snyder

Marie Skipper
Miguel Larsen

SCHOOL PERSONNEL PRESENT

Sandra Quarles, Superintendent; Martha Campbell, Curriculum/Federal Programs Director; Ryan Carroll, High School Principal; Sharmeca Harris, Assistant High School Principal; Linda Rhymes, Junior High School Principal; Lesia Lewis, West Elementary Principal; Martha Clifton, Interim South Elementary Principal; Vicki Lilley, Special Education Director; David O'Dell, Business Manager; and Rona Elwell, Administrative Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

INVOCATION: Maurice Tigert

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

DAINGERFIELD HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE SPEAKS

2014 Daingerfield High School graduate, Sam Fowler spoke to school board members about his life and educational pursuits following high school. Sam is now enrolled at Texas A & M University with a major in biomedical engineering and has been offered the opportunity to participate in an internship during the spring semester in the country of Wales. Sam was quick to acknowledge DLSISD teachers, as well as volunteers for preparing him for success both in school, and with life experiences.

RECOGNITIONS

High School student volunteers who participated in the 2016 Health Fair were recognized and presented certificates.

Junior High School teacher and UIL Coordinator/Coach, Pam Scheu introduced students who competed in recent University Interscholastic League events. The students were congratulated by board members for their hard work and dedication to performing well in the competitions.

2015-2016 AUDIT REPORT

Chris Arnold of Arnold, Walker, and Arnold Company, P.C. reported on their recent financial audit of the 2015-2016 school year. Mr. Arnold reported that all was found to be good order.

CONSENT ITEMS APPROVED

Jerry Stoermer made a motion to approve minutes of the regular meeting on December 12, 2016. Following a second by Jim Snyder, Mr. Stoermer amended the motion to include the approval of disbursements over \$10,000 as follows:

- a. Titus County Appraisal District for December Quarterly assessment of service, \$13,318.36
- b. BOK Financial for February interest payment on 2012 Bond, \$89,271.25
- c. Bank of NY Mellon for February interest payment on 2010 Bond, \$54,200.00
- d. Arnold, Walker, Arnold & Co., PC for 2015-2016 audit performed, \$24,900.00
- e. Deep East Texas Self Insurance Fund for 2016-2017 workers compensation premium, \$49,900.00

Jim Snyder seconded the amendment to the motion. The following board members voted their approval: Maurice Tigert, Jerry Stoermer, Marie Skipper, Miguel Larsen, Neil Roney and Jim Snyder.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Superintendent Sandra Quarles reviewed dates of interest within the district. She also presented the Daingerfield Junior High School 2015-2016 Reward Schools Case Study Report and concluded with her report on the State of the District.

Business Manager David O'Dell reviewed the December, 2016 financial reports.

DISCUSSION ITEM

The board discussed correspondence from the Titus County Appraisal District regarding a surplus budget amount being encumbered for the purpose of litigation involving the Luminant Generation Plant.

2015-2016 FINANCIAL AUDIT APPROVED

Jerry Stoermer made a motion to approve the 2015-2016 financial audit as presented by Chris Arnold of Arnold, Walker, and Arnold Company, P.C. Marie Skipper seconded the motion with board members Neil Roney, Miguel Larsen, Jerry Stoermer, Marie Skipper, Maurice Tigert, and Jim Snyder voting in agreement.

TRUSTEE ELECTIONS ORDERED

Jerry Stoermer made a motion to order a Trustee Election to be held on May 6, 2017 for the purpose of electing trustees for District 1 and District 2 and a Special Election to be held on May 6, 2017 for the purpose of electing a trustee to fulfill the unexpired term of the District 4 trustee. Jim Snyder seconded the motion with board members Miguel Larsen, Neil Roney, Jerry Stoermer, Jim Snyder, Marie Skipper and Maurice Tigert voting their approval.

ORDER OF ELECTION FOR DAINGERFIELD-LONE STAR ISD TRUSTEE ELECTION

An election is hereby ordered to be held on May 6, 2017 for the purpose of:

Electing candidates to the Daingerfield-Lone Star ISD Board of Trustees in
District 1 and District 2

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at J. D. Parrish Administration Building, 200 Tiger Drive, Daingerfield, Texas between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. beginning on April 24, 2017 and ending on May 2, 2017.

Applications for ballots by mail shall be mailed to:

Rona Elwell, Early Voting Election Clerk
200 Tiger Drive
Daingerfield, Texas 75638

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on April 25, 2017.

Issued this the 17th day of January, 2017.

Neil Roney, Presiding Officer

Jerry Stoermer, Board Member

Marie Skipper, Board Member

Miguel Larsen, Board Member

Jim Snyder, Board Member

Maurice Tigert, Board Member

NOTICE OF SCHOOL TRUSTEE ELECTION (AVISO DE ELECCION PARA MIEMBRO DE JUNTA DE EDUCACIÓN)

To the Registered Voters of Daingerfield-Lone Star Independent School District, Texas:
(A los votantes registrados del distrito Daingerfield-Lone Star escolar, Texas:)

Notice is hereby given that the polling place listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on May 6, 2017, for voting in a general election to elect a trustee for District 1 and District 2.

(Notifíquese, por las presente, que las casilla electorales sitados abajo se abrirán desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 6 de Mayo de 2017 para votar en las Elección para elegir miembro de Junta Educación.)

LOCATION(S) OF POLLING PLACE(S)

(DIRECCION(ES) DE LAS CASILLAS ELECTORALES)

**J. D. Parrish Administration Building
200 Tiger Drive
Daingerfield, Texas**

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(La votación en adelantada en persona se llevará a cabo de lunes a viernes en)
J. D. Parrish Administration Building, 200 Tiger Drive, Daingerfield, Texas
(location) (sitio)

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Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:

(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán en ausencia por correo deberán enviarse a:)

Rona Elwell e-mail address: rmcfarland@dlsisd.org

(Name of Early Voting Clerk)

(Nombre del Secretario(a) de la Votación Adelantada)

200 Tiger Drive
(Address) (Dirección)

Daingerfield, Texas 75638
(City) (Ciudad) (Zip Code) (Zona Postal)

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(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán en ausencia por correo deberán recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el: 25 de abril de 2017)

Issued this 17th day of January, 2017

Signed: Neil Roney, President

ORDER OF SPECIAL ELECTION FOR DAINGERFIELD-LONE STAR ISD TRUSTEE ELECTION

A special election is hereby ordered to be held on May 6, 2017 for the purpose of:

Electing a candidate to the Daingerfield-Lone Star ISD Board of Trustees to fulfill the unexpired term of the District 4 trustee.

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Miguel Larsen, Board Member

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**ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION, PUBLIC HEARING, AND APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE –
DESIGNATION AS DISTRICT OF INNOVATION**

Miguel Larsen made a motion to adopt a Resolution to initiate the process of designation as a District of Innovation as defined by HB 1842, to conduct a PUBLIC HEARING to receive stakeholder input and consider whether Daingerfield-Lone Star ISD should develop a local innovation plan for designation as a district of innovation, and to appoint the formation of a committee to develop the required local innovation plan. Jerry Stoermer seconded the motion with board members Neil Roney, Marie Skipper, Jerry Stoermer, Miguel Larsen, Jim Snyder, and Maurice Tigert voting their approval.

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT A DISTRICT OF INNOVATION

WHEREAS, Education Code 12A.001 provides that a district is eligible for designation as a district of innovation if the district’s most recent performance rating under Section 39.054 reflects at least acceptable performance, and that consideration of designation as a district of innovation may be initiated by a resolution adopted by the board of trustees of the district; and

WHEREAS, the Daingerfield-Lone Star Independent School District’s most recent performance rating under Education Code 39.054 reflects at least acceptable performance;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Daingerfield-Lone Star Independent School District, by adoption of this resolution, initiates the process under Education Code Chapter 12A to become a District of Innovation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that after this resolution is signed by the Board, a public hearing shall be held to consider whether the District should develop a local innovation plan for the designation of the District as a district of innovation and that after the public hearing, the Board of Trustees of Daingerfield-Lone Star Independent School District shall appoint a committee to develop a local innovation plan or decline to pursue designation as a district of innovation.

Adopted this 17th day of January, 2017, by the Board of Trustees.

Signed: Neil Roney, Board President
Attest: Marie Skipper, Board Secretary

**RESOLUTION ADOPTED CONCERNING THE A - F ACCOUNTABILITY RATING SYSTEM FOR TEXAS
PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

Jerry Stoermer made a motion to adopt a Resolution Concerning the A - F Accountability Rating System for Texas Public Schools. Jim Snyder seconded the motion with board members Neil Roney, Jerry Stoermer, Marie Skipper, Maurice Tigert, Miguel Larsen, and Jim Snyder voting their approval.

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
DAINGERFIELD-LONE STAR INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
Resolution**

Concerning the A-F Accountability Rating System for Texas Public Schools

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WHEREAS, the Texas Legislature has enacted legislation that requires the Commissioner of Education to implement a public school rating system that would assign A through F grades to schools and districts beginning with the 2017-2018 school year; and

WHEREAS, at least 16 states have implemented a similar rating system utilizing A through F grades for schools and districts and, to date, there is no definitive research that suggests these ratings have improved student or school performance; and

WHEREAS, in a recent statewide survey conducted by the State Board of Education, an overwhelming majority of Texans do not want high-stakes, standardized tests scores to serve as the primary basis for a public school rating system; and

WHEREAS, the majority (55%) of the A through F grades are based on the State of Texas Assessment of Academic Readiness (STAAR), a high-stakes, standardized test that does not accurately measure student learning; and

WHEREAS, the STAAR provides little meaningful information to guide student learning, inform teachers or report academic progress to parents; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner’s proposed rating system utilizing A through F grades for schools and districts includes five domains and numerous unrelated indicators to determine a single grade, leaving the public

with an invalid, disconnected reflection of school quality; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner's proposed rating system utilizing A through F grades for schools, and districts creates a false impression about students, ignores the unique strengths of each school, and unfairly reduces each student's worth to the school's assigned grade; and

WHEREAS, we believe in the tenets set out in *Creating a New Vision for Public Education in Texas* (TASA, 2008) and our goal is to transform education in DAINGERFIELD-LONE STAR ISD in accordance with these tenets; and

WHEREAS, we embrace meaningful accountability that informs students, parents, and teachers about the learning needs of each student and each school; and

WHEREAS, we believe our state's future prosperity relies on a high-quality education system that prepares students for college and careers, and without such a system Texas' economic competitiveness and ability to attract new business will falter; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the DAINGERFIELD-LONE STAR ISD Board of Trustees calls on the Texas Legislature to repeal the rating system utilizing A through F grades for schools and districts and develop a community-based accountability system that empowers school districts to design their own internal systems of assessment and accountability that, while meeting general state standards, allows districts to innovate and customize curriculum and instruction to meet the needs and interests of each student and their communities; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this new system should reduce the use of high-stakes, standardized tests, encompass multiple assessments, reflect greater validity, and more accurately reflect what students know and can do in terms of the rigorous standards.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this 17th day of January, 2017

By: Neil Roney, President
By: Marie Skipper, Secretary
By: Miguel Larsen, Board Member
By: Jim Snyder, Board Member

By: Jerry Stoermer, Vice President
By: Maurice Tigert, Board Member

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED ALLOWING FOR DELETION OF AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE AND AMENDING AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVES AT BBVA COMPASS

Jerry Stoermer made a motion to adopt a Resolution Allowing for Deletion of Authorized Representative and a Resolution Amending the Authorized Representatives at BBVA - Compass, allowing for the removal of former Business Manager Lisa White and listing Business Manager David O'Dell as the primary contact, with Superintendent Sandra Quarles as a contact. Marie Skipper seconded the motion with board members Neil Roney, Marie Skipper, Jerry Stoermer, Maurice Tigert, Miguel Larsen, and Jim Snyder voting their approval.

AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE DELETION FORM

BBVA Compass
3480 McCann Road
Longview, Texas 75605

WHEREAS, Daingerfield-Lone Star Independent School District (Participant), Tax Payer ID 75-6001243, Account Number 6722987142 is a local government of the State of Texas and is empowered to delegate to a public funds investment officer the authority to invest funds.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE FOLLOWING DELETION BE MADE EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2017

As Authorized Representative(s):

Lisa White

That this Resolution and its authorization shall continue in full force and effect until amended or revoked by the Participant, and until BBVA Compass receives a copy of any such amendment or revocation. This Resolution is hereby introduced and adopted by the Participant at its regular meeting held on the 17th of January, 2017.

DAINGERFIELD-LONE STAR INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Signed: Neil Roney, President

Attest: Marie Skipper, Secretary

RESOLUTION AMENDING AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVES

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3480 McCann Road
Longview, Texas 75605

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WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Participant to invest local funds in investments that provide for

the preservation and safety of principal, liquidity, and yield consistent with the Public Funds Investment Act.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved as follows:

A. That the individuals whose signatures appear in this Resolution, are Authorized Representatives of the Participant and are each hereby authorized to transmit funds for investment in BBVA Compass and are each further authorized to withdraw funds from time to time, to issue letters of instruction, and to take all other actions deemed necessary or appropriate for the investment of local funds.

B. That an Authorized Representative of the Participant may be deleted by a written instrument signed by two remaining Authorized Representatives provided that the deleted Authorized Representative (1) is assigned job duties that no longer require access to the Participant's account or (2) is no longer employed by the Participant; and

C. That the Participant may by Amending Resolution signed by the Participant add an Authorized Representative provided the additional Authorized Representative is an officer, employee, or agent of the Participant;

List the Authorized Representative(s) of the Participant.

1. David O'Dell
Business Manager
(903) 645-2239/fax (903) 645-2137
dodell@dlsisd.org

2. Sandra Quarles
Superintendent
(903) 645-2239/fax (903) 645-2137
squarles@dlsisd.org

List the name of the Authorized Representative listed above that will have primary responsibility for performing transactions and receiving confirmations and monthly statements under the Participation Agreement.

David O'Dell, Business Manager

D. That this Resolution and its authorization shall continue in full force and effect until amended or revoked by the Participant, and until BBVA Compass receives a copy of any such amendment or revocation. This Resolution is hereby introduced and adopted by the Participant at its regular meeting held on the 17th of January, 2017.

DAINGERFIELD-LONE STAR INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Signed: Neil Roney, President

Attest: Marie Skipper, Secretary

PURCHASE OF MAINTENANCE/TRANSPORTATION TRUCK APPROVED

Jerry Stoermer made a motion to approve the purchase of a 2011 Dodge Ram 2500 HD truck to be used by the Maintenance and Transportation department. Marie Skipper seconded the motion with board members Neil Roney, Jerry Stoermer, Marie Skipper, Miguel Larsen, Maurice Tigert, and Jim Snyder voting their approval.

DISMISS INTO CLOSED SESSION

Began: 7:20 P.M.

Authorized by Texas Government Code, Section 551.074

1. Annual Superintendent's appraisal
2. Consider extension of Superintendent's contract/salary
3. Deliberation concerning the resignation/retirement of professional personnel
4. Deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of individual public officer or employee

OPEN MEETING RECONVENED

Time: 9:52 P.M.

Neil Roney stated that during executive session, board members deliberated the resignation of a professional employee. They also performed the annual appraisal and discussed the contract extension of Superintendent Sandra Quarles.

ACTION FROM CLOSED SESSION

Jerry Stoermer made a motion to accept the resignation request of Dwanna Cummings, Junior High School Special Education teacher. Jim Snyder seconded the motion with board members Neil Roney, Jerry Stoermer, Marie Skipper, Maurice Tigert, Miguel Larsen, and Jim Snyder voting their approval.

Jerry Stoermer made a motion to approve the two year extension of Superintendent Sandra Quarles' contract. Marie Skipper seconded the motion with board members Miguel Larsen, Neil Roney, Jerry Stoermer, Maurice Tigert, Jim Snyder, and Marie Skipper voting their approval.

FUTURE TOPICS

Superintendent Quarles stated that the next regular meeting will be held on February 20, 2017. She reminded board members that she and Martha Campbell would be attending the TASA Midwinter Conference in Austin, Texas.

ADJOURNMENT

Time: 9:55 P.M.

Marie Skipper made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jim Snyder seconded the motion, with board members present voting in agreement.

President

Secretary

Date February 23, 2017