

MINUTES
DAINGERFIELD-LONE STAR ISD BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Meeting
December 12, 2016

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:02 P.M.

PRESIDING: Neil Roney

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Neil Roney

Jim Snyder

Jerry Stoermer

Marie Skipper

Maurice Tigert

Miguel Larsen

SCHOOL PERSONNEL:

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; Martha Clifton, South Elementary Interim Principal; Mike Waldie, Athletic Director; Vicki Lilley, Special Education Director; David O'Dell, Business Manager; and Rona Elwell, Administrative Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

INVOCATION: Jim Snyder

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

STUDENTS RECOGNIZED

South Elementary Interim Principal Martha Clifton and individual coaches proudly introduced students who competed in recent elementary level University Interscholastic League events. Students were congratulated for their hard work and dedication to performing well in the competitions.

Daingerfield High School Volleyball Coach Deana J. Dunn introduced All District, All District Honorable Mention, and Academic All District volleyball players.

Athletic Director Mike Waldie introduced Daingerfield High School Football All District, All District Honorable Mention, and Academic All District players.

PUBLIC HEARING - FINANCIAL INTEGRITY RATING SYSTEM OF TEXAS (FIRST) REPORT

Business Manager David O'Dell reported on the Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST) Report. The report explains the district's performance under 15 indicators, as well as the district's resulting rating. For the 2014-2015 school year and the budgetary and actual financial data for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2015, Daingerfield-Lone Star ISD received a "Superior" rating, with a score of 100 out of 100 possible points.

CONSENT ITEMS APPROVED

Jerry Stoermer made a motion to approve consent items as listed on the agenda. Following a second by Jim Snyder, the following board members voted their approval: Neil Roney, Maurice Tigert, Jerry Stoermer, Marie Skipper, Miguel Larsen, and Jim Snyder. Consent items approved follow:

1. Minutes of regular meeting on November 14, 2016 and special training meeting on November 28, 2016
2. Future purchases greater than \$10,000
 - a. Morris County Appraisal District, 2017 1st quarter assessment of services - \$51,310.57
 - b. Region 8, Internet services - \$13,906.75
 - c. Longview School District, Special Education Instructional Services - \$41,380.00

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Superintendent Sandra Quarles reported on upcoming dates of interest.

Curriculum/Federal and State Programs Director Martha Campbell reviewed the 2015-2016 Texas Academic Performance Report (TAPR) with board members.

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

INFORMATION ITEM

Neil Roney reported hours of continuing education accumulated by each board member from January 1, 2016 through December 12, 2016.

Neil Roney	12.00 hours
Jerry Stoermer	22.00 hours
Marie Skipper	3.00 hours
Maurice Tigert	6.00 hours
Miguel Larsen	12.50 hours
Mike Alcorn	2.25 hours
Jim Snyder	9.00 hours

Mr. Roney stated that those meeting or exceeding the requirements stated in policy are Neil Roney, Jerry Stoermer, and Jim Snyder. Maurice Tigert and Marie Skipper both met the requirements for Tier 2 (Team Building), but were deficient in Tier 3 (Board Development). Miguel Larsen met the requirements for Tier 3 (Board Development), but was deficient in Tier 2 (Team Building). Mike Alcorn was deficient in both Tier 2 and Tier 3 requirements.

RESOLUTION CALLING ON THE TEXAS LEGISLATURE TO REMOVE THE UNFAIR PENALTY FOR SMALL SCHOOLS WITH LESS THAN 300 SQUARE MILES ADOPTED

Jerry Stoermer made a motion to adopt a Resolution calling on the Texas Legislature to remove the unfair penalty for small schools with less than 300 square miles. Marie Skipper seconded the motion, with board members Neil Roney, Marie Skipper, Jerry Stoermer, Maurice Tigert, Miguel Larsen, and Jim Snyder voting their approval.

RESOLUTION

Calling on the Texas Legislature to remove the unfair penalty for small schools with less than 300 square miles

WHEREAS, the Texas Legislature has recognized the higher costs associated with the diseconomy of scale impacting small districts for more than 40 years (Section 42.103 of the Texas Education Code);

WHEREAS, Section 42.103(c) codifies a lesser formula for small districts with less than 300 square miles by decreasing the formula multiplier by 37.5%, which was arbitrary from the beginning and was never based on any study, other research or calculation;

WHEREAS, all Texas schools with less than 300 square miles are held to the same standards and requirements as schools with more than 300 square miles and should receive the same formula adjustment to educate their students;

WHEREAS, a diseconomy of scale is not related to the number of square miles in a district, but rather, is the recognition of the additional cost of delivering an education for a small number of students;

WHEREAS, over 460 Texas districts are negatively affected and receive significantly less funding for the same increased burden of providing a quality education in a small school;

WHEREAS, students in districts subject to the penalty are deprived of educational opportunities the state system makes available to similar districts not subject to the penalty;

WHEREAS, parents and other taxpayers in penalized districts are forced to pay higher average tax rates, while receiving substantially less funding for their children;

WHEREAS, the "300 square mile" differentiation was an arbitrary, off-the-cuff number offered in answer to a question during a hearing in 1975 and was not the result of any study, or even any forethought;

WHEREAS, the arbitrary "300 square mile" differentiation has no cost basis, and there is no reason to continue using two different funding formulas for Texas' small schools;

WHEREAS, simply repealing the secondary, non-cost-based formula funding would allow these districts to be funded based on a state-recognized cost instead of an arbitrary and punitive amount;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: the Trustees of Daingerfield-Lone Star Independent School District do hereby direct their Legislative representatives: Senator Brian Hughes and Representative Cole Hefner to author, co-author, and/or support to final passage, legislation that will correct this more than 40 year old penalty against small/rural school districts with less than 1600 students in attendance and less than 300 square miles within their boundaries.

Signed:

Date: December 12, 2016

*Based on FY16 Near Final TEA data and Equity Center funding model

DISMISS INTO CLOSED SESSION

Time: 6:50 P.M.

Authorized by Texas Government Code, Section 551.074

1. Deliberation concerning the resignation/retirement of professional personnel
2. Deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of individual public officer or employee

OPEN MEETING RECONVENED

Time: 7:43 P.M.

Neil Roney stated that during executive session, board members discussed the resignation request of a professional employee.

Jerry Stoermer made a motion to approve the resignation/retirement request of Director of Bands Spike Buie. Marie Skipper seconded the motion with board members Miguel Larsen, Jerry Stoermer, Maurice Tigert, Neil Roney, Jim Snyder, and Marie Skipper voting their approval.

FUTURE TOPICS

Superintendent Quarles reminded board members that the January board meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 17, 2017 and that a dinner honoring board members and their spouses will be held just prior to the meeting at West Elementary cafeteria.

ADJOURNMENT

Time: 7:45 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 January 17, 2017