

MINUTES
DAINGERFIELD-LONE STAR ISD BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
February 23, 2017

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

PRESIDING: Neil Roney

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Maurice Tigert
Jim Snyder

Miguel Larsen
Marie Skipper

Jerry Stoermer
Neil Roney

SCHOOL PERSONNEL PRESENT:

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

CALL TO ORDER

INVOCATION: Jerry Stoermer

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CONSENT ITEMS APPROVED

Jerry Stoermer made a motion to approve minutes of the regular meeting on January 17, 2017 and disbursements over \$10,000 as follows:

- a. Titus County Appraisal District, March quarterly assessment of services - \$13,318.35
- b. Vertitiv Corporation, paper purchase - \$20,126.40

Following a second by Jim Snyder, board members Miguel Larsen, Marie Skipper, Neil Roney, Maurice Tigert, Jerry Stoermer and Jim Snyder voted their approval.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Superintendent Sandra Quarles read cards of thanks for expressions of sympathy from Marie Skipper, Shirley Miller, and Rita Singleton. She also presented a list of upcoming dates of interest within the district.

Business Manager David O'Dell presented financial reports for January, 2017. Marie Skipper made a motion to approve the reports, with Jerry Stoermer seconding the motion. Board members Neil Roney, Jerry Stoermer, Marie Skipper, Miguel Larsen, Maurice Tigert, and Jim Snyder voted their approval.

NOTICE OF TAX SALE PRESENTED AS INFORMATION

Information provided by Morris County Appraisal District regarding an upcoming tax sale was presented to board members.

RETENTION OF TITUS COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT BUDGET SURPLUS FROM 2016 TO BE ENCUMBERED FOR THE PURPOSE OF LITIGATION ON THE LUMINANT GENERATION PLANT APPROVED

Jerry Stoermer made a motion to approve the retention of Titus County Appraisal District budget surplus funds from 2016 to be encumbered for the purpose of litigation on the Luminant Generation Plant. Miguel Larsen seconded the motion with board members Neil Roney, Marie Skipper, Jerry Stoermer, Miguel Larsen, Maurice Tigert, and Jim Snyder voting in agreement.

2017 TRUSTEE ELECTION JUDGE, DEPUTY ELECTION JUDGE, EARLY VOTING CLERK, DEPUTY EARLY VOTING CLERK, AND EARLY VOTING BALLOT BOARD JUDGE APPROVED

Jerry Stoermer made a motion to approve the election judge, deputy judge, early voting clerk, deputy early voting clerk, and the early voting ballot board judge for the 2017 trustee election as follows:

Election Judge, J. D. Parrish Administration Building - Linda White
Deputy Election Judge, J. D. Parrish Administration Building - Becky Edwards
Early Voting Clerk - Rona Elwell
Deputy Early Voting Clerk - Wendy Loupee
Early Voting Ballot Board Judge - John White

Jim Snyder seconded the motion with board members Neil Roney, Jerry Stoermer, Marie Skipper, Maurice Tigert, Miguel Larsen, and Jim Snyder voting in agreement.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED SUPPORTING HOUSE BILL 1333

Miguel Larsen made a motion to adopt a resolution supporting House Bill 1333. Marie Skipper seconded the motion with board members Neil Roney, Jerry Stoermer, Marie Skipper, Maurice Tigert, Jim Snyder, and Miguel Larsen voting their approval.

Board of Trustees

**DAINGERFIELD-LONE STAR INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
RESOLUTION CONCERNING MOVING THE FOCUS IN PUBLIC EDUCATION AWAY FROM
STANDARDIZED TESTING AND BACK TO THE CLASSROOM BY SUPPORTING HOUSE BILL 1333**

State of Texas
County of Morris

WHEREAS, there is agreement across the state on the over reliance on standardized, high stakes testing as the assessment of learning that really matters in the state; and

WHEREAS, including STAAR scores in teacher evaluations will be counter-productive by causing low teacher morale, additional teacher stress, and increased teacher shortages; and

WHEREAS, the STAAR scores are very heavily weighted in the A-F ratings which have themselves caused a grass roots movement to cry out across the state for a reform in the state accountability system; and

WHEREAS, the number of tests play a role in undermining any chance that educators have to transform a traditional system of schooling into a broad range of learning experiences that better prepares our students to live successfully and be competitive on a global stage; 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 and to attract new business will falter; and

WHEREAS, the real work of designing more engaging student learning experiences requires changes in the culture and structure of the systems in which teachers and students work; and

WHEREAS, what occurs in our classrooms every day should be student-centered and result in students learning at a deep and meaningful level, as opposed to the superficial level of learning that results from the current over-emphasis on that which can be easily tested by standardized tests; and

WHEREAS, our vision is for all students to be engaged in more meaningful learning activities that cultivate their unique individual talents, to provide for student choice in work that is designed to respect how they learn best, and to embrace the concept that students can be both consumers and creators of knowledge; and

WHEREAS, only by developing new capacities and conditions in districts and schools, and the communities in which they are embedded, will we ensure that all learning spaces foster and celebrate innovation, creativity, problem solving, collaboration, communication and critical thinking; and

WHEREAS, these are the very skills that business leaders desire in a rising workforce and the very attitudes that are essential to the survival of our democracy; and

WHEREAS, imposing relentless test preparation is doing little more than stealing the love of learning from our students and assuring that we fall short of our goals; and

WHEREAS, we do not oppose accountability in public schools and we point with pride to the performance of our students, but believe that the system of the past will not prepare our students to lead in the future and neither will the standardized tests that so dominate their instructional time and block our ability to make progress toward a world-class education system of student-centered schools and future-ready students; therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Daingerfield-Lone Star ISD Board of Trustees calls on the Texas Legislature to re-examine the public school accountability system in Texas and to better select test providers which reflect greater validity and reliability of tests development using more cost efficient sampling techniques, reduce the number of tests, remove STAAR scores from teacher evaluations, and reduce the weight of STAAR scores in A-F ratings by developing a system that more accurately reflects what students know and can do in terms of the rigorous standards essential to their success, enhances the role of teachers as designers, and nurtures the sense of inquiry and love of learning in all students.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS 23rd day of February, 2017.

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

By: Miguel Larsen, Board Member
By: Maurice Tigert, Board Member
By: Jerry Stoermer, Vice-President

DISMISS INTO CLOSED SESSION

TIME: 6:12 P.M.

1. Deliberation and possible action concerning extension of individual administrator contracts - *Texas Government Code, Section 551.074*
2. Deliberation concerning letters of resignation/retirement of professional personnel - *Texas Government Code, Section 551.074*
3. Deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of individual public officers or employees - *Texas Government Code, Section 551.074*

OPEN MEETING RECONVENED

TIME: 6:38 P.M.

President Neil Roney stated that during Closed Session, board members discussed the extension of administrator contracts.

ACTION FROM CLOSED SESSION

Jerry Stoermer made a motion to approve the extension of administrator contracts as recommended by Administration - those recommendations being Martha Campbell, Ryan Carroll, Linda Rhymes, Lesia Lewis, Sharmeca Tillis, Mike Waldie, Vicki Lilley and David O'Dell. Miguel Larsen seconded the motion. Board members Miguel Larsen, Marie Skipper, Maurice Tigert, Neil Roney, Jim Snyder and Jerry Stoermer voted their approval.

FUTURE TOPICS

Mrs. Quarles reminded board members that the next regular meeting would be held on March 20, 2017.

ADJOURNMENT

TIME: 6:40 P.M.

Jim Snyder made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Marie Skipper seconded the motion. Board members present voted in agreement.

President

Secretary

Date _____ March 20, 2017