

MINUTES
DAINGERFIELD-LONE STAR ISD BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Special Meeting
July 17, 2017

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 5:05 P.M.

PRESIDING: Neil Roney

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jerry Stoermer
Miguel Larsen

Marie Skipper

Bob Scaff
Neil Roney

PERSONNEL PRESENT:

Sandra Quarles, Superintendent; Martha Campbell, Curriculum/ Federal and State Programs Director; David O'Dell, Business Manager; Ryan Carroll, High School Principal; Sharmeca Tillis Harris, Assistant High School Principal; Vicki Lilley, Special Education Director; and Rona Elwell, Administrative Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

BUDGET WORKSHOP

Board members, along with Superintendent Quarles and Business Manager David O'Dell participated in a budget workshop.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:02 P.M.

President

Secretary

Date August 21, 2017

MINUTES
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Regular Meeting
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PRESIDING: Neil Roney

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Miguel Larsen
Jerry Stoermer

Marie Skipper

Neil Roney
Bob Scaff

SCHOOL PERSONNEL PRESENT:

Sandra Quarles, Superintendent; Martha Campbell, Curriculum/Federal and State Programs Director; Ryan Carroll, High School Principal; Sharmeca Harris, Assistant High School Principal; Amy Billingslea, Junior High School Principal; Daniel Pritchett, South Elementary Principal; Vicki Lilley, Special Education Director; David O'Dell, Business Manager; and Rona Elwell, Administrative Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

INVOCATION: Miguel Larsen

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CONSENT ITEM APPROVED

Jerry Stoermer made a motion to approve minutes of the special and regular meetings on June 19, 2017. Miguel Larsen seconded the motion with board members Bob Scaff, Jerry Stoermer, Neil Roney, Marie Skipper, and Miguel Larsen voting their approval.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Superintendent Sandra Quarles reviewed upcoming dates of interest.

Business Manager David O'Dell presented and reviewed financial reports for June, 2017.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Board members were provided a notification and information regarding an upcoming tax sale. They also received a notice of public hearing for consideration of the 2018 budget for Titus County Appraisal District.

DATE APPROVED FOR 2017-2018 BUDGET HEARING, ADOPTION OF 2017-2018 BUDGET, AND TAX RATE APPROVAL

Jerry Stoermer made a motion to approve the date of August 21, 2017 for the 2017-2018 Budget Hearing, adoption of the 2017-2018 budget, and approval of the proposed tax rate. Bob Scaff seconded the motion with board members Jerry Stoermer, Bob Scaff, Marie Skipper, Miguel Larsen, and Neil Roney voting their approval.

DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE DELEGATE TO 2017 TASB DELEGATE ASSEMBLY APPROVED

Jerry Stoermer made a motion to approve Neil Roney as Delegate and Marie Skipper as Alternate Delegate to the 2017 TASB Delegate Assembly. Bob Scaff seconded the motion with board members Jerry Stoermer, Miguel Larsen, Bob Scaff, Neil Roney, and Marie Skipper voting their approval.

MORRIS COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT 2018 ADOPTED BUDGET APPROVED

Following a review of the 2018 Morris County Appraisal District adopted budget by Chief Appraiser Summer Golden, Miguel Larsen made a motion to approve the adopted budget. Marie Skipper seconded the motion with board members Neil Roney, Jerry Stoermer, Marie Skipper, Bob Scaff, and Miguel Larsen voting in agreement.

RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE SMALL DISTRICT ADJUSTMENT PENALTY ADOPTED

Jerry Stoermer made a motion to adopt a Resolution Concerning the Small District Adjustment Penalty as presented by Administration, with one amendment, that being to include the estimated loss for Daingerfield-Lone Star ISD. Miguel Larsen seconded the motion, with board members Neil Roney, Marie Skipper, Miguel Larsen, Jerry Stoermer, and Bob Scaff voting in agreement.

RESOLUTION

Whereas: Since the mid-1970's, the State of Texas has recognized the diseconomy of scale of small/rural schools by providing a formula that adjusts for the high cost of small classes in schools with less than 1600 pupils in attendance. However, when legislation was put forward to provide help for these small schools, many in the legislature at that time felt that some of these small schools were small by choice and should, therefore, be consolidated. The idea of encouraging consolidation obtained a majority of thought and the decision was made that small school districts with less than 300 mi.² within their boundary should be encouraged to consolidate by funding them by a factor of 0.15 within the formula less than those districts above 300 mi.², and

Whereas: this factor would cause a funding discrepancy of 3% to 35% between school districts that would range in size from 200 to 1400 students within districts with less than 1600 students in attendance, and

Whereas: there are many school districts with less than 1600 students in attendance and less than 300 mi.² within their boundaries whose campuses are located within a community that is a county seat and, therefore, do not have the ability to attach themselves to another school district unwilling to consolidate or direct another school district within their county to consolidate with them, and

Whereas: students within school districts with less than 1600 students in attendance and less than 300 mi.² within their boundaries and adjacent to a similar school district with less than 1600 students in attendance above 300 mi.² within their boundaries and with the same tax rate will not be able to receive the same services as the students in adjacent districts, and

Whereas: taxpayers within school districts with less than 1600 students in attendance and less than 300 mi.² within their boundaries in order to provide their students with the same services as neighboring school districts with less than 1600 students in attendance and above 300 mi.² within their boundaries must have a higher tax rate than their neighboring school district by up to 35%, and

Whereas: the State of Texas has now created Public Charter Schools throughout the state, most of which have less than 1600 pupils in attendance and suffer no penalty for their size, and

Whereas: since this penalty against small/rural school districts has been in effect for over 40 years and has contributed to very few consolidations, in fact most of the consolidations have been due to the lack of students rather than revenue, it is time for the State of Texas to stop penalizing students and taxpayers for where they reside, and

Whereas: the estimated loss to Daingerfield-Lone Star ISD for the school year 2015-2016 was \$902,045 based on data used in the Summary of Finance calculations, and

Therefore, be it resolved that: the Trustees of Daingerfield-Lone Star Independent School District do hereby direct their Legislative representatives: Senator Bryan Hughes and Representative Cole Hefner to author, co-author, and/or support to final passage of 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 mi.² within their boundaries.

Signed:

President _____

Member _____

Vice President _____

Member _____

Secretary _____

Member _____

Date of adoption: July 17, 2017

DISMISS INTO CLOSED SESSION

TIME: 6:32 P.M.

1. *Deliberation concerning the resignation/retirement of professional personnel - Texas Gov't Code §551.074*
2. *Deliberation concerning employment of new professional personnel - Texas Gov't Code §551.074*
3. *Consultation with Attorney - Texas Gov't Code §551.071*
4. *To deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluations, reassignments, duties, discipline, or dismissal of an individual public officer or employee - Texas Gov't Code §551.074*

RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION

TIME: 6:52 P.M.

President Neil Roney stated that during closed session the board discussed the resignations of professional personnel, as well as those being hired since the last school board meeting. Superintendent Quarles stated that Janna Easley, South Elementary teacher and Katie Savage, Junior High School Life Skills teacher submitted their resignations, and that new employees hired since the last school board meeting are Marcus Latimore, High School teacher/coach; Shelley Lemons, South Elementary teacher; Jeramy White, High School Spanish teacher; and Laura Williams, High School Math teacher. Mr. Roney stated that the board also discussed the vacancy existing on the school board.

No action was taken.

FUTURE TOPICS

Mrs. Quarles reminded board members of the August 21, 2017 Budget Hearing and regular board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

TIME: 6:54 P.M.

Marie Skipper made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jerry Stoermer seconded the motion with board members present voting in agreement.

President

Secretary

Date August 21, 2017