

Minutes

The Salado ISD Board of Trustees met in Regular Session on Monday, September 21, 2009 at the Salado Civic Center beginning at 6:00 p.m.

- I. Call the Meeting to Order- The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Darrell Street, Board President.
Members present were Kim Bird, Deborah Aldridge, Jim Reed, Chris Seaton, Rodney Bell, and Miriam Ervi.
Billy Wiggins, Supt. and administrative staff were also present.
- II. Public Forum- No one participated in the public forum.
- III. Superintendent's Report
 - Campus Spotlight – The elementary 2nd grade music class presented their Patriotic music program. The class is directed by Glynis Akins.
 - Enrollment Comparison-Mr. Wiggins gave the 2007/2008/2009 enrollment comparison as of September 15. 2007 – 1226 students; 2008 – 1310 students; and, 2009- 1352 students.
 - Mentor Program Update- Bev Jones, Mentor Board Member and prior mentor reported gave an overview of the Mentor Program. Members have been working with students for 4 years. The program began with 20 students and now has 47 to date. The board is expanding the program to implement tutorial sessions.
 - Recognition of Employee Retirement- Mr. Wiggins and board members recognized Tommy Barkley for his 12 years of service to the district. Mr. Barkley is retiring at the end of September.
 - Transportation Update-Mr. Wiggins and Tommy Barkley informed the board of the bus rotation cycle. The oldest bus, a 1987 model, needs to be sold and there is a buyer. Mr. Barkley recommends that when new buses are bought, old ones should be sold as there is limited space at the bus barn for all the buses now.
 - Goal Planning Meeting-. The board set Oct 12th, 6 pm for the goal setting workshop. Mr. Wiggins will report on the District Improvement Plan at the November 16th board meeting.
 - PBMAS (Performance Based Monitoring Analysis System of Texas) Results-Mr. Wiggins reviewed the PBMAS report and improvements that need to be met. SISD will have corrective actions for the bilingual/ESL indicators.
 - Conflict of Interest Forms – Mr. Wiggins asked the board to review and complete the required conflict of interest form updating if changes needed to be made from last year. Jim Reed, new board member was given one to complete.
 - Transfer Student Update-Mr. Wiggins updated transfers numbers and did comparison from prior years. Current transfer total is 102 students with 49 returning students, 33 students new to the district, and 20 students who are children of employees. Mr. Wiggins commented that several of those new to the district are actively seeking housing in the district.
 - Check Register and Financials-Some clarifications were noted; but no changes were made to the financial reports.
- IV. Business Items:
 - A. Public Discussion of the First Rating (Financial Integrity Rating of Texas)-
Mr. Wiggins reviewed the FIRST Rating noting that a Superior Achievement Rating was received.
 - B. Consider/Approve the Bell County CO-OP for Exceptional Children Shared Service Arrangement Agreement-Mr. Wiggins commented the agreement is the same as last year with the exception that Bartlett ISD has withdrawn from the Coop.
Motion was made to approve the 2009-2010 Bell County Coop Shared Service Arrangement Agreement as presented.
Motion: Miriam Ervi
Second: Jim Reed
Vote: 7-0
 - C. Consider/Approve Policy Committee Recommendations
 1. Policy FFA (Local)- Wellness and Health Services
The Student Health Advisory Committee (SHAC) was organized a few years ago and developed the Local Plan for the Wellness and Health Services; however, it was never placed into policy. The policy committee met and reviewed the plan and kept the same information and goals and recommended to add to policy as required.

Motion was made to place the local plan for the Wellness and Health Services into board policy.

Motion: Miriam Ervi

Second: Kim Bird

Vote: 7-0

2. Policy DEC (Local) - Leaves and Absences, The draft with the recommended changes are a result of current policy and previous board decisions. The Policy committee reviewed these. The section on Reimbursement of Leave upon Separation was previously approved by the board in June, 2004, but was never formally entered into board policy.

Motion was made to approve Policy DEC (Local) with recommended changes and to

include the reimbursement of leave upon separation previously approved to be placed into board policy.

Motion: Miriam Ervi

Second: Rodney Bell

Discussion: Jim Reed noted that any leave earned from stimulus or grant monies paid cannot be contributed to sick leave pool

Vote: 7-0

- D. Consider/Approve Bell County Agricultural Extension Office Adjunct Staff Member Request- On recommendation from the Superintendent, motion was made to approve the Bell County Extension Adjunct Faculty Agreement and Resolution regarding extracurricular status for 4H events.

Motion: Jim Reed

Second: Chris Seaton

Vote: 7-0

- E. Consider/Approve Law Firm Retainer Contract- Mr. Wiggins reviewed the two proposals received for the SISD Law Firm retainer agreement. The two submitting proposals were Schwartz & Eichelbaum firm and the Walsh, Anderson, Brown, Aldridge, and Gallegos firm.

After review, Mr. Wiggins recommends approving the retainer agreement received

from Walsh, Anderson, Brown, Aldridge, &

Gallegos. The retainer fee is \$1000 annually and the district receives unlimited

telephone consultation with other services

provided at a reduced hourly rate. Mr. Wiggins has used Walsh Anderson and has a trusting relationship with the firm.

Motion was made to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the retainer agreement for legal services with Walsh, Anderson, Brown, Aldridge, and Gallegos.

Motion: Rodney Bell

Second: Jim Reed

Vote: 7-0

- F. Consider/Approve Purchase of Special Education Bus-

Motion was made to approve the Superintendent's recommendation to purchase a Special Needs bus through IDEA stimulus funds and to include on the same Purchase Order for the additional two route buses for a savings of \$800.00.

Motion: Kim Bird

Second: Miriam Ervi

Vote: 7-0

- G. Consider/Approve Resolution for the Tax Appraisal Board of Directors-

Mr. Wiggins commented that he had visited with Jackie McLaughlin who would like to continue her service on the board and represent Salado for another two year term.

Motion was made to approve the resolution appointing Jackie McLaughlin as representative for a two year term to the Tax Appraisal District Board of Directors.

Motion: Kim Bird

Second: Rodney Bell

Vote: 7-0

- H. Consider/Approve Employment of Additional Teachers

Principals are still conducting interviews and do not have a recommendation at this time.

- I. Budget Amendments- (See attached)

Mr. Wiggins presented the budget amendments for increases to revenue and

expenditures for Athletic Booster Donations,

Federal Title IV, and Title 1 programs and Federal Title1 ARRA/Stimulus Funds.

Motion was made to approve the budget amendments as presented.

Motion: Rodney Bell

Second: Kim Bird

Vote: 7-0

V. Consent Items

A. Approve the Minutes of the August and September Board Meetings

Motion was made to approve the minutes of the August and September board meetings.

Motion: Deborah Aldridge

Second: Miriam Ervi

Discussion: Regarding the August 24th minutes, Jim Reed commented that he had made a motion but was omitted as a member present for the board meeting. Chris Seaton was listed twice. Mr.

Reed was in attendance and correction to the minutes has been noted.

Vote: 7-0

VI. Adjourn

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 pm.

Motion: Miriam Ervi

Second: Kim Bird

Vote: 7-0

Darrell Street, President

Deborah Aldridge, Secretary