

**The Salado ISD Board of Trustees met in Regular Session on Monday, April 16, 2007 at the Salado Civic Center beginning at 6:00 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

- I. Call the Meeting to Order-Jeff Kelly called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm. All members were present except for Lyn Renfro. Dr. Battershell and staff were also present.
- II. Public Forum - none
- III. Board President's Report: Building Site Visitations – Jeff Kelley said that the Construction Committee will meet at the new high school job site the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 am beginning on May 2, 2007.
- IV. Superintendent's Report – Dr Battershell reported to the board on various school related items.
  - Parents As Full Partners
  - Students Encouraged to Meet Their Potential: FFA/4H Grand Champions - Stephanie Lastovica was honored for her reserve grand champion steer in the Bell Cty Livestock show.
  - Other champions at UIL Academic and Sporting Events advancing to Regional and/or State Competitions were also recognized.
  - Students Will Remain in School to Get Their Diploma: Presentation by Joe Palmer, Terry Seaton, and Kim Boaz, Salado Intermediate School
  - Mr. Palmer and teachers from SIS presented to the board how they are using the benchmark data to improve student achievement. Terry Seaton and Kim Boaz explained in detail how they use this as a teaching tool. Fran Smetana and Amanda Silket presented to the board how they use the benchmarking process in math and special education. Both programs are successful.
  - Appropriate Curriculum
  - Qualified and Effective Personnel
  - Exemplary Performance
  - Safe & Disciplined Schools
  - Creativity and Innovation
  - Technology
  - Check Register, Finance Update – Frank Carlson questioned check number 600013 and 60014. These were issued for meals for the Tennis Tournament, hospitality room. This was a reimbursable expense. May 15-23 is the window for scheduling the meeting to canvass the election votes. Only two members are required to be present to canvass election votes.
- V. Business Items:
  - A. Personnel
    1. Approval of Increasing from a Part-Time Curriculum Director to Full-Time – Dr. Battershell gave supporting information for her recommendation to make Janet Kemp a full time curriculum director and hiring teacher to support her part-time teaching assignment. Motion to approve Janet Kemp as a full time curriculum director for 2007-2008.
      - Motion: Miriam Ervi
      - Second: Chris Seaton
      - Vote: 6-0
    2. 2007-2008 Personnel Recommendations – Tom Bremmer was accidentally left off the 2007-08 HS Teacher Recommendation list at the last meeting. Motion was made to approve Tom Bremer, band director, for a one-year contract for 2007-08.
      - Motion: Frank Carlson
      - Second: Jackie Burson
      - Vote: 6-0

Motion was made to approve a 5th section of fifth grade for the 2007-08 school year. Chris Seaton seconded.

Discussion: Dr. Battershell said that Salado ISD currently has 5 sections of 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade. Projections indicate that there would not be a need for 5 sections of 3<sup>rd</sup> grade for 07-08; however, several grade levels are very close to the 22:1 ratio for the 07-08 projections. The motion included retaining the additional elementary position and using this if one of the elementary grade levels exceeds the 22:1 ration next year. Retaining this position in the budget would prevent having to do a budget amendment next year.

Motion carried 5-1 with Frank Carlson stating he was not voting against the position, only approving it at this time. Frank Carlson asked for an updated weighted ADA for the next board meeting.

B. Committee Reports:

1. Policy

- a. Set next meeting - Miriam Ervi asked to set a date to begin working on the Supt's appraisal document and job description. The Policy Committee will reconvene in June.

2. Capital Improvements

Approval of Purchase of two 71-passenger Buses & School Van – Motion was made to approve purchasing two 71-passenger buses for a total of \$141,350 and approve a 7-passenger mini-van for \$13, 298 out of fund balance.

Motion: Jackie Burson

Second: Chris Seaton

Discussion: Frank Carlson stated his concerns with a shortfall in ADA and what monies will be spent out of fund balance.

Miriam called the question. Jackie Burson seconded.

Vote was unanimous.

Vote on motion: 6-0

Jackie Burson stated he would like to see a minimum of two buses and van in budget from this point on.

- a. Proposition B Expenditures -

Thomas Arnold Elementary Gym –

Chris Seaton made the motion to approve \$22,550 out of Proposition B bond money to complete the TAE gym renovations, with the exception of split face veneer. Since the district is waiting on an estimate on a split face veneer, this price is excluded from the motion

Second: Jackie Burson

Vote: 6-0

Football Field Press Box –

Motion was made to approve \$58,225 for a new 8' x 36' Sturdisteel press box to address current safety concerns on the home and visitor side press boxes.

Motion: Chris Seaton

Second: Miriam Ervi

Discussion: An elevator is not required. The press box cost is \$54,775 and will have three rooms and a filming deck. The demolition estimate is \$2,650 and the electrical estimate is \$800.

Vote: 6-0

VI. Consent Items

- A. Approve the minutes of the March board meetings –

Miriam Ervi made the motion to approve the minutes for the March board meeting.

Second: Debbie Aldridge

Vote: 6-0

- VII. Adjourn – Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 pm.

Motion: Jackie Burson

Second: Chris Seaton

Vote: 6-0

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Jeff Kelley, President

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Miriam Ervi, Secretary