

Salado Independent School District  
Special Meeting Minutes  
6:30 p.m. Monday, August 29, 2011  
Civic Center, 601 North Main Street, Salado TX 76571

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A Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Salado Independent School District was held August 29, 2011, beginning at 6:30 PM in the Civic Center, 601 North Main Street, Salado, TX 76571.

- I. Call to Order and Establish Quorum- Kim Bird, President called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Members present were Jim Reed, Chris Seaton, Rodney Bell, Miriam Ervi, Donny Sequin, and Darrell Street. Dr. Novotny and staff were also present.
  
- II. Consider and take possible action regarding 2010-2011 Amended Budget-  
Motion was made and seconded to adopt the 2010-2011 amended budget as presented. (See attached)  
Motion: Darrell Street  
Second: Miriam Ervi  
Vote: 7-0
  
- III. Public Hearing to Discuss 2011-2012 Proposed Budget-  
Brian Sunshine addressed concerns with instructional costs and salaries with the ADA decreasing. He commented that low paid teachers compared to other area schools would not allow the district to be competitive and was fearful the district would continue to lose their edge. He asked the board to consider compensating the teachers well to keep them in Salado. Dr. Novotny addressed comments by stating the board had chosen to pay step increases to teachers and increased the amount paid toward insurance. He also commented with the decrease in state funds and formulas used to reimburse transportation costs not being changed for a long time, the district would have to carefully watch the budget and expenditures.
  
- IV. Consider and take possible action regarding 2011-2012 Budget  
Motion was made and seconded to approve the 2011-2012 budget as presented. (See attachment)  
Motion: Miriam Ervi  
Second: Jim Reed  
Discussion: Budget is less than last year in expenditures and revenue.  
Jim Reed commented that next year the decisions will even be harder with a projected growth of 0% and as the district continues to grow, the state is not going to fund that growth. Kim Bird also recognizes and thanks the administration for the tough decisions made in developing this year's budget.  
Vote: 7-0
  
- V. Public Hearing Regarding 2011-2012 Proposed Tax Rate-  
Kim Bird opened the public hearing and asked the audience for comments. There were no comments.
  
- VI. Consider and take possible action regarding 2011-2012 Tax Rate-  
Rodney Bell made the following motion and Darrell Street seconded:  
On this date, we the Board of Trustees of the Salado Independent School District, hereby levy or set the tax rate on \$100 valuation for the District for the tax year 2011-2012 at a total tax rate of \$1.3000, to be assessed and collected by the duly specified assessor and collector as follows:  
\$1.0400 for the purpose of maintenance and operation, and  
\$0.2600 for the purpose of payment of principal and interest on debts  
Such taxes are to be assessed and collected by the tax official designated by the District.  
Vote: 7-0

A signed copy of the written ordinance is attached to these minutes.

- VII. Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2011  
Dr. Novotny told the board that they could refinance the 1997 and 2001 bonds and possibly save the district a total net savings of 79,250.  
Dr. Novotny will review questions asked of the board and if the board is supportive he will move forward and bring a recommendation to the board at the next meeting.
- VIII. Resolution regarding extracurricular status of 4-H organization-  
Motion was made and seconded to approve the resolution regarding Extracurricular status of the 4-H organization.  
Motion: Miriam Ervi  
Second: Chris Seaton  
Vote: 7-0
- IX. Adjunct Faculty Agreement with Bell County Extension Agent(s)-  
Motion was made and seconded to approve the Adjunct Staff Agreement.  
Motion: Jim Reed  
Second: Rodney Bell  
Vote: 7-0
- X. Selection of TASB Delegate and TASB Alternate Delegate  
Jim Reed volunteered to be the TASB Delegate and Miriam Ervi will be the alternate.  
Motion was made to appoint Jim Reed and Miriam Ervi as TASB delegates.  
Motion: Darrell Street  
Second: Rodney Bell  
Vote: 7-0
- XI. Student Handbooks  
Campus Principals each reviewed changes to their student handbooks for the 2011/12 school year.  
No action was taken.
- XII. Discussion regarding Senate Bill 100  
Dr. Novotny explained changes to elections and law under Senate Bill 100.  
Consensus of the board is to keep the elections in May depending on costs.
- XIII. Adjourn  
Motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 pm.  
Motion: Rodney Bell  
Second: Miriam Ervi  
Vote: 7-0