

The Salado ISD Board of Trustees met in Regular Session on Monday, December 17, 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 pm. Members present were Deborah Aldridge, Miriam Ervi, Frank Carlson, Darrell Street, Chris Seaton, and Jackie Burson. Dr. Battershell and staff were also present.
- II. Public Forum – Bud Wood addressed the board about the contingency fund process and change orders. Asked who approves the change orders and when did the board approve this authority. Mr. Wood also questioned the open meetings act and possible violation regarding the construction meetings. Mr. Kelley told Mr. Wood that some of the questions he asked would be answered later in the meeting.
- III. Board President’s Report: Congratulations on Winning Respect! Per HB 2563:
Announcement of Board Training Hours – Mr. Kelley told of his conversation with another coach at the Salado -Tatum game commenting that our students were respectful. Mr. Kelley announced that all members, except for Jackie Burson and Darrell Street, had completed or exceeded required training hours. Jackie and Darrell will complete there training by February. Tape was played for the board from students who stated how extra curricular activities have helped them in school and support of one another.
- IV. Superintendent’s Report
 - Growth and Planning: Overview of Expectations in a CMAR Contract – Concerned over meetings at construction site and procedures in approving change orders. Board discussion resulted in possibly putting on the next agenda, an item that would ask for approval to give the superintendent authority to approve expending contingency or not. Darrell Street made this in a formal request for the Jan. meeting. Dr. Battershell continued to review the procedures for the various contingency budgets built into the GMP- guaranteed maximum price.
 - Quality Faculty and Training
 - Clearly Defined Goals for student expectations for post graduation success:
 - Innovation
 - Safe Schools

Check Register and Financials – correction was noted that the missing pages from check register were due to a clerical copying error.
- V. Business Items
 - A. Public Hearing for Goods in Transit
The board held a public hearing for Goods in transit. There were no comments.
 - B. Public Hearing for 2006-07 AEIS Report (On District website www.saladoisd.org) – Robin Battershell reviewed the 06-07 AEIS Report with the public.
The district scored higher than the State averages in 33 out of 36 areas. In the 3 areas where the district did not exceed the State average, Salado ISD scored 91% in 4th grade writing which was still below the state average, tied the state average in one area, and scored lower in one area.
 - C. Pre-Audit Report Letter and Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance from Patillo, Brown & Hill Presentation – Robin Battershell reviewed the pre-audit letter received from auditors. Fund balance is \$2,835,320. One finding was noted in finding an invoice paid twice. However, this was in the 2007-08 school year.
 - D. Discussion on Single Member Voting Districts – Tom Gidley, community member, would like to see this considered to get a more unified blending of the district. Dr. Battershell reviewed the legalities and consultation with the school attorney. Frank Carlson asked to place this item for approval on the January meeting agenda.

- E. Approval of 2008-09 Grade Level Configurations –
Elementary, grades PK -2; Intermediate, grades 3-6; jr. high school, grades 7-8: Salado High School, grades 9-12
Motion was made to approve the superintendent’s recommendation for grade level configurations.
Motion: Frank Carlson
Second: Jackie Burson
Vote: 7-0
- F. Personnel: Approval of Salado High School Counselor-
SHS Campus Site Base along with Principal Kay Matthews recommended hiring Juli Bergstrom as the SHS Counselor.
Motion was made to approve Juli Bergstrom as the High School Counselor.
Motion: Debbie Aldridge
Second: Jackie Burson
Vote 7-0
- G. Approve 2007-08 District Site Based Committee Members
Motion was made by Jackie Burson and seconded by Deborah Aldridge to approve the 07-8 district site base committee members.
Vote: 7-0
- H. Approve 2007-08 District Improvement Plan –
Motion was made by Deborah Aldridge and seconded by Jackie Burson to approve the 2007-2008 District Improvement Plan.
Vote: 7-0
- I. Approve 2007-08 District Recruitment and Retention Plan –
Motion was made to approve the 2007-2008 District Recruitment and Retention Plan.
Motion: Jackie Burson
Second: Deborah Aldridge
Vote: 7-0
- J. Committee Reports
- a. Construction – Update on project and inspections – The construction committee
 - b. Policy:
 - i. Resolution for Approving Taxation for Goods in Transit –Approval
Motion was made to approve resolution to continue to tax goods in transit.
Motion: Miriam Ervi
Second: Frank Carlson
Vote: 7-0
 - c. Capital Improvements
 - i. Drainage – Approval of Greenway proposal for Football Field , North End drainage improvement
Motion was made to approve two drainage projects for a total of \$6,613.04 through Greenway, Inc.
Motion: Frank Carlson
Second: Darrell Street
Vote: 7-0
 - ii. Fencing
 - iii. Paving
 - iv. Ag barn

VI. Consent Items

A. Approve the minutes of the November board meeting –

Motion was made to approve the minutes of the November board meeting.

Motion: Miriam Ervi

Second: Jackie Burson

Vote: 7-0

VII. Adjourn – Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 pm by Jackie Burson and seconded by Chris Seaton. Motion carried 7-0.

Jeff Kelley, President

Miriam Ervi, Secretary