

The Salado ISD Board of Trustees met in Regular Session on Monday, December 15, 2008 at the Salado Civic Center beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Minutes

- I. Call the Meeting to Order- Jeff Kelley called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Members present were Chris Seaton, Miriam Ervi, Deborah Aldridge, Kim Bird, Rodney Bell, and Darrell Street. Mr. Wiggins, Superintendent and administrative staff were also present.
- II. Public Forum-Scott Wilkerson asked the board to consider adding soccer to the extra curricular activities making it available to the students of Salado. Currently, soccer is played at the club level and there are not enough coaches or parents for the number of kids who want to play. If the district advances to 3A, then students could compete at the UIL Varsity level. Earl Bragg- President of the Soccer Association added his support and encouraged the same consideration.
- III. Campus Spotlight
 - Second Grade Christmas Presentation- Mr. Wiggins asked second graders and the Music teacher to sing a few songs to the board. The students had previously performed a music program for parents and community.
 - Presentation of Recognized Campus Plaques-Billy Wiggins gave plaques of achieved status for a Recognized campus to Mrs. Nix, Elementary Principal, and to Mrs. Gonzalez, Intermediate Principal.
- IV. Board President Report
 - Continuing Education Announcement- Jeff Kelley announced that the board continuing education training hours would be recorded in the minutes and announced publicly at the February board meeting. Members were reminded that hours should be completed by that time.
Debby Aldridge – 8 hrs; Rodney Bell – 22.25 hrs; Kim Bird- 12 hrs; Miriam Ervi, 8 hrs; Jeff Kelley – 8 hrs; Chris Seaton- 8 hrs; Darrell Street – 7 hrs
 - Superintendent Evaluation Reminder- Evaluations should be turned in by January 12, 2009.
- V. Superintendent's Report
 - Enrollment Comparison- Mr. Wiggins reported the current enrollment at 1308, down 10 students from last month.
 - District Site Based Committee- Mr. Wiggins reported that Janet Kemp will be the district chairperson for 2008-2009. They are still trying to fill parent, community, and business vacancies; therefore, approval of the 08-09 membership will be placed on a future agenda. Mr. Wiggins briefly explained the purpose of the site base committee.
 - District Improvement Plan and Annual Report Update- Mr. Wiggins commented that he is reviewing and updating the District Improvement Plan and the Annual Report. Both will be ready for the January meeting.
 - Construction Update- Mr. Wiggins reported that he is working on the specs for the parking lot. Also, a call for bids for sod on the high school practice and off-season fields will be going out soon.
Electric winches are currently being installed in the gyms at the High School

Mr. Wiggins said he is waiting for a good rain to evaluate any leaks in the roof that may occur at the Jr. High school.

- Check Register and Financials- There were no questions asked.

VI. Business Items:

- A. Consider/Approve 2007-2008 Audit Report presented by Patillo, Brown, and Hill
Eric Weeden, auditor, presented the 2007-2008 audit report. The following was reported in general:
- No problems with conducting the audit were noted.
 - No areas were noted that needed improvement.
 - No errors were found that needed to be corrected.
 - Increase of \$871,119 in fund balance.
- Mr. Weeden confirmed for the board, that the district is one of the best he has audited and gives the district an A+. Mrs. Cabaniss and her staff were commended on an excellent job maintaining the financials for the district.
Motion was made to approve the 2007-2008 audit as presented.
Motion: Debby Aldridge
Second: Rodney Bell
Vote: 7-0
- B. Public Hearing on AEIS (Academic Excellence Indicator System)-Mr. Wiggins gave the audience an opportunity to ask questions regarding the AEIS Campus Reports. The Reports were reviewed by Mr. Wiggins and the board at the November board meeting. There were no comments from the audience.
- C. Consider/Approve Superintendent Priority Goals-
Motion was made to approve the recommended Superintendent Priority Goals.
Motion: Darrell Street
Second: Miriam Ervi
Vote: 7-0
- D. Consider/Approve Revision to 2008-2009 Calendar-
Mr. Wiggins recommended ratifying the 2008-2009 calendars which was changed to allow the early release for the JR High UIL academic meet on December 12th. The early release scheduled for January 29th is now a full day.
Motion was made to approve the Superintendent's recommendation to ratify the revision to the 2008-2009 calendars.
Discussion: Miriam Ervi asked the principals if they felt that the community and parents had received proper notification and had there been any comments from the parents regarding the early release change. Mrs. Gonzalez, Intermediate Principal commented that some suggested staggering the release times among the schools.
Vote: 7-0
- E. Consider/Approve Policy Update 84 –
The board set the next policy meeting for January 21st, 7:45 am in the Superintendent's office to review policy FNCE Local regarding telecommunications devices that are taken and charging a fee for release.

Mr. Wiggins recommended approving Update 84.
Motion was made to approve Policy Update 84 as recommended.
Motion: Deborah Aldridge
Second: Kim Bird
Vote: 7-0

F. Consider/Approve Budget Amendments

The board considered and approved budget amendments for Accelerated Reading and Math. Funds were divided among campuses by grade level for K-8.
Motion: Rodney Bell
Second: Kim Bird
Vote: 7-0

VII. Consent Items

A. Approve the Minutes of the November Board Meetings

Motion was made to approve the minutes of the November board meetings.
Motion: Deborah Aldridge
Second: Rodney Bell
Vote: 7-0

VIII. Adjourn

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 pm on a motion by Rodney Bell and seconded by Darrell Street.
Vote: 7-0

Jeff Kelley, President

Miriam Ervi, Secretary