

The Salado ISD Board of Trustees met in Regular Session on Monday, January 15, 2007 at the Salado Civic Center beginning at 6:00 p.m. The Board convened at 5:30 p.m. to discuss the Superintendent's Appraisal with the Superintendent. A reception was held at 6:00 p.m. to commemorate School Board Appreciation Month.

MINUTES

- I. Call the Meeting to Order- Jeff Kelley called the meeting to order at 5:30 Motion was made and seconded to enter executive session with a majority vote.
Motion: Debby Aldridge
Second: Chris Seaton
Vote: 6-0 (with Jackie Burson being absent at time of motion taken)
Discussion was regarding agenda item c. Superintendent's appraisal. The board reconvened into open session at 5:55 pm on a motion by Debby Aldridge and seconded by Lynn Renfro. Vote was unanimous.
Jeff Kelley called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 pm. All members were present including Dr. Battershell and staff.

- II. Public Forum- A statement was made by Jeff Kelley explaining that he had made the decision to reduce the individual time allowed for public comments from 5 minutes to 3 minutes. However, board action was not taken to make this change in policy. Current policy says 5 minutes; therefore, 5 minutes would be allowed.
Bud Wood addressed the board regarding the November meeting with architect on the new school classroom option. He made the suggestion to the board that they follow master plan and not add rooms at end of lab. He also asked when the next meeting would be held and if the public would have the opportunity to ask questions.

- III. Board President's Report-.
National Mentor Month- Jeff Kelley made mention on the progress of the mentor and students. He has heard favorable comments about the program and encouraged community members to get involved and become a mentor
Volunteerism
Board President's Coffee- There will be a board president's coffee February 6,th beginning 7:30 am at Uncommons ground for any former board member and current board members to discuss plans of new high school and other interest items.
Campus Tour-The Superintendent will conduct campus tours afterwards beginning at 9:00 am.

- IV. Superintendent's Report
Parents As Full Partners
Students Encouraged to Meet Their Potential: Recognition of Football Players Making All-State
Students Will Remain in School to Get Their Diploma
Appropriate Curriculum
Qualified and Effective Personnel
Exemplary Performance
Safe & Disciplined Schools
Creativity and Innovation
Technology
Check Register, Finance Update
The Superintendent postponed some items until the February meeting because of current weather conditions.
Board Appreciation month- a short recognition and reception was held in honor of the district's board of trustees.
Dr. Battershell reported that the district would be pursuing an award for Excellence in Education

sponsored by HEB. Salado ISD was nominated by a community member.

V. Business Items:

- A. Approval of 2005-06 Auditor's Report-Danny Wright reviewed the 2005-06 fiscal year. The District's unrestricted net assets at the close of 2005-06 school year were \$2,340,499 as compared to \$1,889,458 at the close of 2004-05. This is an increase of \$351,041. The District is in sound financial condition.
Motion was made to approve the audit for 2005-06.
Motion: Miriam Ervi
Second: Jackie Burson
Vote: 7-0
- B. Discussion of Arbitrage- Danny Wright discussed arbitrage with the superintendent and board. In his opinion, the district should not owe any substantial amount for previous bonds because the money was fully expended; however SISD will owe some money on the current bond since very little of the funds has been expended so far.
SW Securities – Lyndal Cabaniss reported that Ed Moore, Southwest Securities gave her three other contacts and she has asked for proposal from each of them. A follow up report will be done at the February meeting.
- C. Superintendent's Appraisal
- D. Superintendent's Contract- Motion was made to extend the superintendent's contract for one year.
Motion: Jackie Burson
Second: Frank Carlson
Discussion: Jeff Kelley expressed his reasons for a two-year contract stating that he feels she needs and has earned a two-year contract. This allows her to do her job effectively with the support of the board. Frank Carlson expressed his concerns that if a superintendent is dismissed on a multiple year contract, then the district is faced with a buy out
Lynn Renfro called for the vote.
Motion to vote was unanimous.
Vote on one-year contract: 2-5 (Voting against were Ervi, Seaton, Aldridge, Renfro, and Kelley)
Motion was made to extend a two-year contract to Dr. Battershell.
Second: Chris Seaton
Discussion: Jackie Burson commented that Dr. Battershell has done an excellent job; however, he prefers one-year contracts.
Vote: 5-2 (Voting against, Frank Carlson, Jackie Burson)
- E. Resolution to Call Joint Election in May 2007-
Motion was made to approve a Resolution for a Joint Election with the Library and the Village in May, 2007.
Motion: Frank Carlson
Second: Jackie Burson
Vote: 7-0
- F. Committee Reports:
Policy
- a. Approval of Update 79 – tabled due to inclement weather
 - b. Approval of Banning of Warbirds- a motion was made to add to policy stating, "The promotion of any other mascot or nickname other than the 'Eagle' in school and school sponsored events are prohibited. The use of

taxpayers funds for the purchase of the year books, letter jackets, tee shirts, sports equipment and etc. without the official school logo is prohibited.”

Motion: Frank Carlson

Second: Jackie Burson

Discussion: Jeff Kelley gave his concerns and asked Robin to reiterate what was discussed at the policy meeting. She commented that she had spoken to administrators and vendors that the only logo to be used was the official eagle. She had also asked TASB legal if there was any reason to restate this in policy and their opinion was it was not necessary.

Debbie Aldridge called for question

Jackie Burson seconded.

Vote: 7-0

Vote on motion: 2-5 (Voting against were Aldridge, Renfro, Seaton, Ervi, and Kelley) Motion failed.

VI. Consent Items

A. Approve the minutes of the December board meetings

Motion to approve consent items was made by Jackie Burson and seconded by Chris Seaton.

Vote: 7-0

VII. Adjourn

Motion was made to adjourn by Debbie Aldridge and seconded by Jackie Burson.

Vote: 7-0

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.

Jeff Kelley, President

Miriam Ervi, Secretary