

The Salado ISD Board of Trustees met in Regular Session on Monday, January 28, 2008 at the Salado Civic Center beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Minutes

- I. Call the Meeting to Order – Jeff Kelley, President called the meeting to order at 6 pm. Members present were Debby Aldridge, Miriam Ervi, Jackie Burson, Chris Seaton, Darrell Street, and Frank Carlson. Dr. Battershell, Supt. and staff were also present.
- II. Public Forum – Alan Mantanona addressed the board on a recent media broadcast regarding sexual offenders and parental rights allowed on school premises. Bud Wood stated he had reviewed the minutes of the construction meetings and concludes that the board was in violation of the open meetings act. Another concern of his is that the policy committee had 4 board members and questioned it being a quorum. He asked if agendas had been posted for the committee meetings. He challenged the board to correct this or he would refer to Rick Miller. Mr. Wood also asked if the board was aware that the district could be receiving less money in 2008-09. Another question raised was if the school district was paying funds to support a group that is submitting a law suite against Texas wanting to rescind the compression rate.
Dr. Battershell responded to Mr. Woods questions. She agreed that the district made an error in not posting the correct agenda for the construction meetings. However, she noted that mostly committee meetings do not have a quorum. Mr. Kelley responded that he wanted all board members to be present at the construction meetings and the agendas should have been more specific. The error had been corrected.
Policy committee meeting agendas are posted and are very specific items that are posted and minutes are taken.
Regarding the compression rate, Dr. Battershell stated that the district does not anticipate more money, but she does not expect it to be reduced.
In answer to the law suite, the district is not funding the law suit.
- III. Board President's Report: Robert's Rules – importance of board members and streamlining committees. Jeff Kelley gave a brief summary of Robert's Rules for conducting meetings and was going to give every member a chance to speak to an item. Reviewing the Robert's Rules of Order, he hopes the meetings will be conducted more efficiently.
- IV. Superintendent's Report
 - Growth and Planning: Dr. Battershell and the school board formally recognized the Varsity Volleyball and State Cross Country teams for exceptional play.
 - Quality Faculty and Training –Clearly Defined Goals for student expectations for post graduation success.
 - Innovation: Dr. Battershell, Bob Roemer, and school board members recognized the Salado Mentors.
 - Safe Schools: The board received the 06-07 parent survey results, updates on SB 9 (fingerprinting mandates), the DATE grant and TAE and SIS Security scanners.Principals and Dr. Battershell recognized the board members in honor of School Board Appreciation Month.
Check Register and Financials – Financial reports were reviewed and there were no questions.

V. Business Items

- A. Board Approval of the 2006-07 Audit Report as presented by Patillo, Brown & Hill Presentation – Eric Weeden, auditor for Patillo, Brown, and Hill presented the school district annual audit. SISD has \$3,062,309 in the general operating fund balance. One finding was cited for annually accreting capital appreciation bonds. The district will implement procedures to ensure future capital appreciation bonds are properly accreted on an annual basis.

Motion was made to approve the annual audit for 2006-2007.

Motion: Frank Carlson

Second: Darrell Street

Vote: 7-0

The board took a short break and then reconvened into open session.

- B. Superintendent's Appraisal – At 9:15 pm, Frank Carlson made the motion to enter executive session to review the superintendent's appraisal and contract.

Second: Jackie Burson

Vote: 7-0

The board reconvened into open session on a motion made by Chris Seaton and seconded by Debby Aldridge at 9:55 pm. Vote was 7-0.

- C. Superintendent's Contract Renewal- No action was taken on the contract because Dr. Battershell began the first year of a two year contract in July 2007. Board members made positive comments in support of her continued employment at SISD.
- D. Discussion and Approval of Single Member Voting Districts – Frank Carlson made the motion to approve single member voting districts. Darrell Street seconded for discussion. After each member gave their reasons for or against the idea of single member voting districts vote was taken. Motion failed 1-6 with Frank Carlson voting for.
- E. Discussion and Approval of Local Procedures Concerning Sex Offenders – Rochelle Huber addressed the fact that her husband is a registered sex offender and pointed out four glaring errors in the media report and comments made by Alan Mantanona. Dr. Battershell reviewed her conversations with legal attorney, TASB, other school districts, and the district administrators. She brought forth a local SOP for approval. Motion: Frank Carlson made the motion to approve the Superintendent's recommendations for local procedures concerning sex offenders with 3 changes he recommended: 1) Prohibit any sex offender from coming onto campus except custodial parent(s). 2) Sex offenders would not be allowed to have lunch with their children. They would go off of campus to eat. 3) Sex offenders would be required to give 24 hours notice before coming onto campus and would be assigned a one-on-one escort throughout their visit. Second: Jackie Burson Discussion: After discussion, the motion was amended by Carlson to approve the Superintendent's recommendation plus the 3 additions and to send all to the Policy Committee and attorney for further review and recommendation. Motion was seconded by Darrell Street. Motion failed 1-5 with Chris Seaton abstaining. Darrell Street moved to adopt the 7 points recommended by the Superintendent with the

stipulation that this issue be revisited by the Policy Committee and legal and put back on the agenda.

Discussion: Frank Carlson asks for clarification that the recommendations he brought forward would not be approved until sent through legal.

Vote: 7-0

F. Discussion and Approval of Local Procedures Involving Criminal Background Checks on Campuses – Jeff Kelly added that he would like to see surrounding districts and day cares notified if an issue came up with a background check.

Frank Carlson made the motion to approve the Superintendent's recommendation on procedures for individuals failing the scanner check on campuses with the addition of notifying surrounding districts and day care centers if there is an issue pending legal review.

Second: Darrell Street

Vote: 7-0

The board took a short break at 7:50 pm and reconvened at 8:00 pm.

G. Approval of 2008-09 Staffing Changes Due to New High School-

Dr. Battershell reviewed staff changes for the upcoming year due to transition into new high school and campus grade level changes.

Frank Carlson made the motion to adopt the staffing changes as recommended with the exception of Item #1 regarding the addition of a librarian and the decrease from 3 library aides to two. Also, the approval of a HS registrar was added.

Second: Darrell Street

Vote: 7-0

H. Approve 2008/09 Pre Advanced Placement and Advanced Placement Classes – Debby Aldridge made the motion to approve the pre-AP and AP classes for the 2008-09 school year as presented.

Second: Jackie Burson

Vote: 7-0

I. Approval of Optional Flex Year Program (OFYP) -

Jackie Burson made the motion to accept the Optional Flexible Year Program for the 2008-09 school term.

Second: Chris Seaton

Discussion: Frank Carlson questioned the idea of taking students out of school who achieve success and publicly displaying students who did not. He believes it becomes a self-esteem issue. Regarding honors classes, feels we are cheating students out of the opportunity to be in class. He commented that students should be in school

Vote: 6-1 (Frank Carlson opposed)

J. Approval of 22:1 Class Size Waiver for 1st Grade –

Frank Carlson made the motion to approve the class size waiver for 1st grade for both the fall and spring semester.

Second: Jackie Burson

Vote: 7-0

K. Resolution Approving Process for the Expenditure of Contingency for New High School

Darrell Street brought forth a resolution to approve procedures for the expenditure of new high school contingency funds. (See Resolution attached)

Motion was made to approve procedures for the expenditure of new high school contingency funds as presented.

Second: Debby Aldridge

Discussion: Frank Carlson asked that the resolution be amended that any payment over \$25000 should be an entire board decision. Special board meeting to be called and the board discusses and decides.

Vote: 5-1-1 (Jeff Kelley abstains; Frank Carlson opposed)

L. Approval of Resolution for Joint Election –

Motion was made to approve the resolution for a joint election with the library and Village of Salado.

Motion: Frank Carlson

Second: Jackie Burson

Vote: 7-0

M. Approval of Charter School Waiver-

Motion was made to approve an Austin charter school application.

Motion: Debbie Aldridge

Second: Jack Burson

Vote: 7-0

N. Committee Reports

a. Construction – meeting on job site, 7:30 am on Wednesday 1/30

b. Policy – no report

c. Capital Improvements – no report

VI. Consent Items

A. Approve the minutes of the December and January board meetings and Construction Committee/Board meetings –

Motion was made to approve the consent items.

Motion: Darrell Street

Second: Debbie Aldridge

Discussion: It was noted that the construction committee minutes needed to be reviewed by all members as some of the members were not present at all meetings.

Motion was amended to approve the consent items with the exception of the construction committee minutes giving the board time to review and correct.

Frank Carlson seconded the amendment.

Vote: 7-0

VII. Adjourn- Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 pm.

Motion: Jackie Burson

Second: Chris Seaton

Vote: 7-0

Jeff Kelley, President

Miriam Ervi, Secretary