

**The Salado ISD Board of Trustees met in Regular Session on Monday, January 18, 2010 at the Salado Civic Center beginning at 6:00 p.m.**

**Minutes**

- I. Call the Meeting to Order- Darrell Street, President called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Members present were Kim Bird, Deborah Aldridge, Miriam Ervi, Jim Reed, Rodney Bell, and Chris Seaton. Mr. Wiggins, Supt. and staff were also present.
- II. Public Forum- Brian Sunshine addressed the board regarding the calendar for 2010-2011 asking consideration of all federal holidays. He commented that parents who work for the government would like students to have the same holidays to be at home with the family.
- III. Superintendent's Report
  - Enrollment Comparison- Mr. Wiggins commented that enrollment was currently at 1340 with a refined ADA of 1277.
  - National Mentor Recognition Month – Special Recognition of the SISD Mentors- Debby Aldridge commented that SISD now has 51 mentors with 46 paired with students. The Mentor Board members and mentors were recognized.
  - School Board Recognition Month – Mr. Wiggins recognized the board in honor of board recognition month. Each was complimented on their service and leadership for the district. Each was presented with a certificate of recognition. Campus principals honored the board as well with a dinner prior to the meeting.
  - Thomas Arnold Elementary Spotlight-Lisa Nix, campus principal gave a presentation on the Watch Dog program. Students and dads talked about what the program meant to them and accomplishments made.
  - SHS Master Design Cost Analysis- items were presented to the board in their packets and will be discussed further at the next Capital Improvements meeting.
  - TASB Grass Roots Meeting –information for additional Continuing Education hours was presented.
  - Budget Revenue Update- Mrs. Cabaniss presented information on state aid comparison with current enrollment numbers and special populations increase and/or decrease in monies budgeted. Mrs. Cabaniss used the latest version of the state's financial template. She reported the attendance rate at 96% for the first semester.

Check Register and Financials-Mr. Cabaniss reviewed the check register with the board.
- IV. Business Items:
  - A. Academic Excellence Indicator System (AEIS) Public Hearing- Mr. Wiggins commented that the School's Report Card should have been sent home to the parents and asked for questions from the audience. Being no questions asked, the board moved to the next business item.
  - B. Consider/Approve Village of Salado Resolution for Joint Election- Motion was made and seconded to approve the resolution for the joint election with the Village of Salado and the Salado Public Library on May 8, 2010.  
Motion: Jim Reed  
Second: Rodney Bell  
Vote: 7-0

C. Consider/Approve Bell County Property Request

Mr. Wiggins told the board that Bell County is preparing to improve a section of West Village Road located between Thomas Arnold Elementary and Williams Road. Bell County is requesting that SISD consider donating or discuss a reduced unit price for this portion of the right of way. The improvement to West Village Road would benefit SISD. Mr. Wiggins recommends approval of the donation of the designated property.

Motion: Rodney Bell made the motion and Miriam Ervi seconded to authorize Billy Wiggins to negotiate with Bell County for a reduced unit price or donate the property and to decide which option is best for the school district.

Discussion: The board discussed the donation of the property in comparison to selling for a reduced price. The most the district can make would be \$2000. Jim Reed asked that Mr. Wiggins have Bell County assure they will not widen the road any further with the expansion of I35 and would like it stated in the negotiations that they are not going to pave over the ditch that is being donated.

Chris Seaton and Miriam commented on the assurance of the safety of students with the adjacent softball field.

Chris Seaton asked to amend the motion to include in negotiations the assurance of safety of students and secure the softball field. Rodney agrees to amendment and Miriam Ervi seconds the amended motion.

Vote: 7-0

D. Consider/Approve District Capital Improvement Projects

Project prices for the remaining capital improvement projects were based on pre-bid pricing through the Harris County Department of Education. Mr. Wiggins told the Board that Facilities management uses Johnson Roofing. Mr. Wiggins recommended approval of the following:

Salado Jr. High covered Walkway; Facilities Management for \$16,847.50 and Salado Jr. High Gym Roof, Facilities Management, repair bid at \$10,932 or replace bid \$36,685. The board discussed the options of repairing the roof or replacing the roof. Also discussed were the options for the roof type. Mr. Wiggins would recommend either as determined by the board.

Motion: Jim Reed made the motion to accept the bid on the covered walkway and the acceptance of the bid to replace the roof and leave to the discretion of the facilities committee and Superintendent to which roof brand to use and to not upgrade it and that the removal of the ridge louvers and re-deck be added to the proposal.

Second: Chris Seaton

Vote: 7-0

E. Consider/Approve Class Size Waiver-

Mr. Wiggins told the board that the first and fourth grade classes have exceeded the 22:1 class size ratio and a class size waiver was recommended.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the class size waiver as recommended by the superintendent.

Motion: Rodney Bell

Second: Kim Bird

Vote: 7-0

F. Conduct Superintendent Appraisal

(According to Government Code Section 551.074, the Board may convene a closed session to discuss the evaluation of an employee. No action will be taken in closed session)

Motion was made and seconded to enter executive session at 7:30 pm to discuss the appraisal of the Superintendent.

Motion: Miriam Ervi

Second: Kim Bird

Vote: 7-0

The board reconvened into open session at 8:43 pm on a motion by Debby Aldridge and seconded by Rodney Bell. Vote was unanimous.

G. Consider Possible Action Regarding the Superintendent's Contract Including: Extension of the Contract Period and/or any other Modifications

(According to Government Code Section 551.074, the Board may convene a closed session to discuss the evaluation of an employee. No action will be taken in closed session)

Motion was made and seconded to extend the Superintendent's contract for one year making contract date July 1, 2010 thru June 30, 2013.

For the record, the board made an expression of support to the superintendent.

Motion: Miriam Ervi

Second: Kim Bird

Vote: 7-0

V. Consent Items

A. Approve the Minutes of the December Board Meetings

Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the December board meeting.

Motion: Jim Reed

Second: Miriam Ervi

Vote: 7-0

VI. Adjourn

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 pm.

Motion: Rodney Bell

Second: Kim Bird

Vote: 7-0

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Darrell Street, President

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Debby Aldridge, Secretary