

The Salado ISD Board of Trustees met in Regular Session on Wednesday, July 18, 2007 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 6:00 pm. All board members were present except Chris Seaton. Dr. Battershell and staff were also present.
 - II. Public Forum- Robert Denman addressed the board requesting consideration of a religion course be taught in school. At the August board meeting, Dr. Battershell will brief the board on HB 128 regarding Texas schools providing elective religion classes in the schools.
 - III. Board President's Report: Board Goal Setting & Training/Discussion Sessions – Jeff Kelley proposed that the board and administration meet in a round table discussion on topics of interest each quarter prior to the regularly scheduled board meeting.
Superintendent's Report- Budget Meeting was tentatively set for August 13th. 6 pm
Parents As Full Partners
Students Encouraged to Meet Their Potential
Students Will Remain in School to Get Their Diploma
Appropriate Curriculum
Qualified and Effective Personnel: Report on Highly Qualified Status Robin Battershell and Darlene Kirk gave the HQ status report for the 2006-2007 school term. Two teachers did not meet the HQ status of as May 2007. One of these teachers has resigned and the other teacher will take the state competency exam in August. For the 2007-08 school year, one new hire does not meet the HQ requirements but is in the process. The HQ reporting cycle will change to October for the 07-08 school year. The board will receive a November report. HQ is part of the No Child Left Behind legislation.
Exemplary Performance
Safe & Disciplined Schools:
Creativity and Innovation
Technology
Check Register and Financials – Lyndal Cabaniss reviewed the financial reports and answered questions regarding check #'s 60874; 60994; 61006;; 61012: and 61024.
60874 – Reliant Energy
60994 – District Magazine (sponsors reimbursed district for some of amt)
61006- ESC professional development earning 20% discount
61012 – REIMB ADA for Spec ED programs
61024 – Flowers for graduation – split with 2 others schools.
- V. Business Items:
- A. Personnel
 1. Approval of Superintendent Working After Hours at Tarleton State University and the University of Mary Hardin Baylor per HB 189.
Dr. Battershell explained that according to new legislation, HB 189, superintendents must request approval for any outside jobs where they receive an income. Dr. Battershell has taught graduate school for UMHB

(15 years) on Wednesday evenings and for Tarleton (1 yr) on Saturdays.
Approval was requested for the 07-08 school year.

Motion was made to approve Dr. Battershell teaching only on Saturday and no week nights.

Motion: Frank Carlson

Second: Jackie Burson

Discussion: Frank Carlson gave a correlation on a similar incident where an employee was selling real estate in the summer time.

Jackie Burson did not see it interfering with her schedule.

Darrell Street and Debbie Aldridge called the question.

Vote to call the question: 6-0

Vote: (on motion) 1-5 (motion fails) Voting against were Jackie Burson, Debbie Aldridge, Jeff Kelley, Miriam Ervi, and Darrell Street.

Motion was made to approve Dr. Battershell's teaching after hours.

Motion: Darrell Street

Second: Miriam Ervi

Discussion: Miriam Ervi stated that Dr. Battershell's teaching is not interfering with her work at Salado ISD, and it is good for the profession.

Vote: 5-1 (Frank Carlson opposes)

2. Approval of High School English, Spanish and Physics Teachers

Motion was made to approve the recommendation to employ the following teachers for the 2007-08 school year: Paula Jordan, HS English; Richard Berumen, HS Spanish, and Royce Mitchel, HS Physics.

Motion: Miriam Ervi

Second: Debbie Aldridge

Vote: 6-0

B. Approval of District Legal Representation for 2007-08

Dr. Battershell gave summary of legal firms proposing for legal representation and then made the recommendation to continue with Schwartz and Eichlebaum.

Motion: Frank Carlson

Second: Darrell Street

Vote: 5-1 (Miriam Ervi opposed)

C. Approval of 2007-08 Vendor List and Operating Bid Proposals

Lyndal Cabaniss reviewed the vendor list and operating bid proposals.

Motion was made to approve the 2007-08 vendor list and operating bid proposals.

Motion: Frank Carlson

Second: Jackie Burson

Vote: 6-0

D. Approval of 2007-08 Appraisal Calendar –

Motion was made to approve the 2007-08 Appraisal Calendar as presented.

Motion: Debbie Aldridge

Second: Jackie Burson

Vote: 6-0

- E. Approve Energy for Schools Settlement of \$2,072.50 –
Miriam Ervi made the motion to approve the Energy for Schools settlement of \$2,072.5 with Frank Carlson seconding. Dr. Battershell explained that Salado ISD joined an energy pool through Energy for Schools. The supplier at the time was Strategic Energy. The supplier changed in the Spring or 2007 to Reliant Energy. Last year, the district added an electric meter for the TAE gym air conditioning. That meter was billed on the new higher Reliant rate when it should have been billed at a lower rate. The \$2,072.50 is a rebate covering the difference plus interest.
Vote: 6-0

F. Committee Reports:

1. Capital Improvements:
2. Construction: Approval of Construction Inspector
3. Policy - Set meeting for July 30th 6pm, policy meeting

Dr. Battershell reviewed various improvements to campuses. Work is nearing completion at the TAE gym. There were no quotes received for the football field dirt work. The press box delivery is scheduled for mid-August and according to Sturdi Steel it is on schedule.

2. Jeff Kelley reviewed meeting with construction inspector, Mike Taylor. He said Mr. Taylor would volunteer services as an additional set of eyes for the school board and would help find a 3rd party inspector. He will also report directly to Dr. Battershell. Because he is not covered by district insurance, Dr. Battershell will need to accompany him onto the work site. Approval of Construction Inspector was tabled. Policy committee will meet again on July 30, at 6:00 pm at the Civic Center.

VI. Consent Items

- A. Approve the minutes of the May and June board meeting ,
Miriam Ervi made the motion to approve the minutes with Jackie Burson seconding. Motion carried with a 6-0 vote.

VII. Adjourn – Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 pm by Debbie Aldridge and seconded by Jackie Burson. Vote: 6-0

Jeff Kelley, President

Miriam Ervi, Secretary