

The meeting was called to order by Robin Battershell at 6:05 p.m. All members were present.

Dr. Battershell recognized the following

STATE Powerlifting: Payton Smetana

STATE Girl's Golf: Taylor O'Rear, Rachel Van Hoozer, Haley Kemp, Hadley Joiner, Brennan Boydston

STATE Boy's Golf: Jared Hahn, Tyler Pines, Tom Baine, Craig Little, Ryan O'Rear (Individual STATE champ)

STATE Girl's Tennis: Kaitlyn Reed

Board member training hour requirements were disseminated.

Board members were cautioned that it will be a difficult budget year. The current state finance formula has no cost of living increase built into it, the transportation allotment has not increased since 1985, and we have a new school.

Business Items

Miriam Ervi made the motion to approve the election canvass with Chris Seaton seconding. Motion carried 5-0 with Rodney Bell and Kim Bird, recently elected members, abstaining.

The oath of office was administered by Darlene Kirk to Bell and Bird.

Seaton made the motion to move into executive session @ 6:41 p.m. with Ervi seconding. Motion carried 7-0. The board returned to open session at 7:04 p.m. Darrell Street nominated Jeff Kelley for President with Debby Aldridge seconding. Motion carried 6-0 with Kelley abstaining. Ervi nominated Chris Seaton for Vice President with Bell seconding. Motion carried 6-0 with Seaton abstaining. Aldridge made the motion to approve Ervi as Secretary with Street seconding. Motion carried 6-0 with Ervi abstaining.

2008-09 Board Committees and Representatives

Capitol Improvements

Chris Seaton, Chair

Jeff Kelley

Darrell Street

Policy

Debby Aldridge, Chair

Miriam Ervi

Kim Bird

Rodney Bell

Legislative Liaison: Miriam Ervi

Mentor Program: Debby Aldridge, Kim Bird

Salado Education Foundation Representative: Miriam Ervi

Bell County Tax Appraisal District: Darrell Street

Ervi moved to move into executive session at 7:21 p.m. to discuss the naming of an interim superintendent with Seaton seconding. Motion carried 7-0. Ervi moved to move back into open session at 7:27 p.m. with Aldridge seconding. Motion carried 7-0. Seaton made the motion to approve Dr. Bob Denton as interim superintendent with Street seconding. Motion carried 7-0. Dr. Denton resides in Salado and comes in with experience as an assistant principal, principal, assistant superintendent, superintendent, and interim superintendent in 3 and 5 A districts. He has served as a Salado Mentor and on the District's Long Range Planning Academic Excellence Cmt. He will be paid Dr. Battershell's daily rate.

The Board will interview 3 executive search firms, TASB, Horn, Smith, & Wood and Arrow. Interviews will be scheduled for May 28. Horn, Smith & Wood charges \$6,500, TASB charged \$6,500, and Arrow charges \$7,500. Feedback from the staff survey regarding characteristics for the next superintendent were distributed to Board members.

Ervi made the motion to approve CBG as the third party provider for 403B plans as required by the recently enacted IRS code. Seaton seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

Kelley will draft a letter of support for the D.A.R.E. program and present this at the June Board meeting.

Seaton made the motion to approve Levi Moses as the assistance principal for SHS for 2008-09 with Aldridge seconding. Motion carried 6-0 with Bell abstaining.

Ervi made the motion to approve the following teachers for employment for 2008-09 with Bird seconding. Motion carried 7-0.

Rita Alsop, 7/8 spec. educ.

Becky Niebuhr, 7/8 reading

Mary Stahnke, 7/8 English

Seaton made the motion to approve \$9,000 for weight room flooring, \$16,000 for appliances, \$7,600 for FCCLA appliances, and \$25,000 for science lab equipment for SHS with Street seconding. Motion carried 7-0.

Ervi made the motion to dedicate the new Salado High School Library to Dr. Battershell with Aldridge seconding. Motion carried 7-0.

Street made the motion for the president and vice president to be co-signers for any new high school expenditures or change requests over \$25,000 with Ervi seconding. Motion carried 5-0 with Kelley and Seaton abstaining.

There were no budget amendments.

Ervi made the motion to approve sending a waiver request for the day lost due to the tornado to TEA with Seaton seconding. Motion carried 7-0.

Street made the motion to approve the consent agenda with Seaton seconding. Motion carried 5-0 with Bird and Bell abstaining.

Ervi made the motion to adjourn at 8:39 p.m. with Aldridge seconding. Motion carried 7-0.