

**The Salado ISD Board of Trustees met in Regular Session on Monday,
May 18, 2009 at the Salado Civic Center beginning at 5:00 p.m.**

Minutes

- I. Call the Meeting to Order-Billy Wiggins, Superintendent, called the meeting to order at 5:05 pm. Members present were Chris Seaton, Miriam Ervi, Deborah Aldridge, Kim Bird, Darrell Street, and Rodney Bell.
- II. Administration of the Oath of Office for New Board Members- Darlene Kirk, administrative assistant and Notary, administered the oath to the recently elected trustees, Miriam Ervi, incumbent, and Jim Reed. Election of Board Officers-Motion to enter executive session at 5:08 pm was made by Rodney Bell and seconded by Chris Seaton. Vote was unanimous. Members reconvened into open session at 5:52 pm.

Nominations for President:

Miriam Ervi nominated Darrell Street; Rodney Bell seconded.

No other nominations were made.

Vote for Darrell Street to be named President of the board was 6-1 (Darrell Street abstained).

Nominations for Vice President:

Miriam Ervi nominated Kim Bird and Jim Reed seconded.

Nominations ceased.

Vote for Kim Bird for Vice President was 6-1 (Kim Bird abstained)

Nominations for Secretary:

Rodney Bell nominated Debby Aldridge and Chris Seaton seconded.

Nominations ceased.

Vote for Debby Aldridge as Secretary was 6-1 (Debby Aldridge abstained)

- III. Special Recognition of Board Member Service- Darrell Street recognized Jeff Kelley for his service to the board for the past six years. The board recessed at 5:55 pm for a brief reception in honor of Jeff Kelley. The board reconvened into open session at 6:05 pm.
- IV. Public Forum- Victoria Berumen addressed the board regarding HS disciplinary issues. Mrs. Cherie Cain and Mrs. Heather Howse, Ft. Hood School Liaisons, introduced themselves and commented on their role offering support to the schools, teachers and students.
- V. Superintendent's Report
 - Enrollment Comparison- Mr. Wiggins commented on the current district enrollment now at 1291 which is 59 more students at this time last year. Preliminary TAKS results were given to board members. Mr. Wiggins said he would share the final report when received.
 - New Board Member Orientation- Billy Wiggins will schedule a meeting with Darrell Street and Jim Reed for the new board member orientation.
 - Policy Update 85- The TASB Vantage Points were given to the board for their review of Policy Update 85. Policy committee will need to meet and review

- DEC local regarding leaves and absences. Action will be taken at the June board meeting.
- TASB Salary Schedule Update- The TASB teacher salary review was shared with the board. There is an \$800 teacher increase on the table at the legislature.
 - Chapter 41 Notification Update-Mr. Wiggins shared the letter received from TEA regarding possible Chapter 41 notification.
 - C-Scope Administrative Training-Janet Kemp commented on training on May 5 and 6th. The team met with administrators and core vertical team leaders. Positive comments were made by all that attended the meeting.
 - Stimulus Funds Update- Mr. Wiggins commented that this is changing daily and he will provide updates as he gets them.
 - Legislative Update-With 14 days left in the legislative meetings, Mr. Wiggins is watching HB 3646 and SB 982. He will keep the board informed of outcome.
 - RFQ for Audit Firm- Mr. Wiggins explained that our audit firm, Patillo, Brown, and Hill will no longer perform our annual audit due to the resignation of the auditor who conducts the school audits. The district will request RFQ's for an audit firm and place the item on a future agenda.
 - District Contribution for Group Health Insurance- Mr. Wiggins commented on the cost of health insurance increasing from the current \$226 to \$278. The district will need to consider increasing the amount paid for an employee or having the employee pay the difference. The cost to the district for the increase would be approximately \$17,000.
 - Check Register and Financials- Mrs. Cabaniss explained the voided and reissued checks due to a printer error. Also, Check #066467 was explained for the purchase of the HS sewing room cabinets.

VII. Business Items:

- A. Board Committee Sign Up- Assignments to the two board committees were made. Capitol Improvements: Chris Seaton will chair with members being Darrell Street, Rodney Bell and Jim Reed. Miriam Ervi will chair the Policy Committee with Debby Aldridge, Rodney Bell, and Kim Bird as members.
- B. Consider/Approve the TAE/SIS PTO Playground Plan-Billy Wiggins reviewed conversations with the playground committee since the last meeting. He explained that the committee wants the board to understand that these plans are just the beginning of an ongoing project and as money is available, additional equipment will be installed. Costs for the additional fencing will be researched and placed on a future agenda. The committee asks for approval to start the project. Motion was made to approve the plan, as recommended by the Superintendent, to allow the start of the project.
Motion: Kim Bird
Second: Rodney Bell
Vote: 5-0
- C. Consider/Approve Multiple Assignment Contracts for Teacher/Coaches- Mr. Wiggins commented on a recent survey he conducted regarding the use of multiple assignment contracts for teachers/coaches. Out of 15 school districts, 13 districts use multiple assignment contracts. The district will not change existing contracts but would assign a multiple assignment contract from this point forward.

Motion was made, as recommended by the Supt., to offer multiple assignment contracts to new employees hired as a teacher/coach.

Motion: Jim Reed

Second: Rodney Bell

Vote: 5-0

- D. Consider/Approve Bank Depository Contract- This item was considered first in the meeting so that Chris Seaton and Miriam Ervi could participate in the discussion. Each had to leave early to attend the FFA Banquet.

Mrs. Cabaniss reviewed the bids received for the Bank Depository Contract. Three bids were received from First State Bank, Horizon Bank, and Compass Bank. A comparison of the bids was reviewed and discussed. A summary of the criteria as outlined by TEA was also reviewed.

The district does have the option to select or reject all bids and go back out for proposals.

Rodney Bell expressed concern of using Letter of Credit for collateralization.

Prefer collateralization agreement and contract language change requiring pledged securities instead of Letter of Credit.

Rodney Bell made the motion to reject all bids and go back out for proposal to give the District the opportunity to negotiate for the best value and services. Also, RFP should stipulate that pledged securities be used for collateralization. Jim Reed seconded.

Discussion: Darrell Street cannot support the motion because he feels the bid from Horizon is a solid proposal and he would support the bid.

Vote: 6-1

The board asked that the minutes reflect the reason to reject the bids and request proposals was to allow the district to negotiate the best proposal for the district. Chris Seaton would like to see an estimate of what it would cost the district to make a change from the current depository to a new one.

- E. Consider/Approve New Teacher Contracts for 2009-2010

Mr. Wiggins recommends the following, based on the Campus Site Base recommendations, to employ Ed Domangue for high school Math and Gilbert Salgado for Special Education Life Skills.

Motion was made to employ teachers for 2009-10 at the high school as recommended.

Motion: Debby Aldridge

Second: Kim Bird

Vote: 5-0

- F. Budget Amendments- Mrs. Cabaniss reviewed the budget amendments. Amendments included revenue and expenditures for Athletic Boosters donations; new HS donations and construction expenditures; revenue and expenditures for the DATE grant; and Revenue and expenditures for Federal program funds. Net change in fund balance is \$-77,111.

Motion was made to approve budget amendments as presented. (See Attached)

Motion: Kim Bird

Second: Rodney Bell

Vote: 5-0

VIII. Consent Items

A. Approve the Minutes of the April and May Board Meetings-

Motion was made to approve the minutes for the April and May board meetings as presented.

Motion: Rodney Bell

Second: Debby Aldridge

Vote: 4-1 (Jim Reed abstains because he was not a sitting board member at the time of the meetings)

IX. Adjourn

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 pm.

Motion: Kim Bird

Second: Debby Aldridge

Vote: 5-0

Darrell Street, President

Debby Aldridge, Secretary