

Minutes of Regular Meeting

June 25, 2018

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Santa Fe ISD was held Monday, June 25, 2018, beginning at 7:00 PM in the Cowan Education Center Board Room, 4133 Warpath, Santa Fe, TX 77510.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Norman called the meeting to order at 4:08 pm, in training room #1.

II. MEMBERS PRESENT/ABSENT

Present were: Eric Davenport, John Snider, Wayne Logan, John Rothermel, Sheryl Skufca, Patrick Kelly and Rusty Norman. Dr. Wall was in attendance.

Others Present:

Lee Townsend, Patti Hanssard, Marianne Junco, Bob Atkins, Rachel Blundell, Kurt Kovacevich, Cre8 Architects-George Watanabe and Jerry Bevel, John Wayne Ferguson-Galveston Daily News, Michelle Ley-Student

III. BUDGET WORKSHOP

A. The Board reviewed the Public Hearing information along with the 18-19 Budget and Proposed Tax Rate

B. Cre8 Architects presented options for renovations to the H.S.

IV. PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE FOR 2018-2019

The meeting was called to order at 5:45 pm in the Board room. The meeting was conducted by Board President, Rusty Norman and CFO, Lee Townsend.

A. No one asked to speak at the hearing.

B. The hearing adjourned at 5:56 pm and the Board went into Executive Session.

V. EXECUTIVE SESSION, CHAPTER 551

The Board went into closed session at 5:56 pm in the executive conference room. Personnel was the topic of discussion. The Board adjourned closed session and reconvened in open session at 7:00 pm.

VI. RECONVENE: INVOCATION AND PLEDGES

Mr. Rothermel gave the invocation and all recited the pledges.

VII. SCHOOL OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Bob Atkins, Rachel Blundell, Cherie Bowers, Walter Braun, Patti Hanssard, Marianne Junco, Ryan Kopp, Kurt Kovacevich, Destini Martin, Kathy Oliver, Julie Pittman, Michelle Pourchot, Kim Ross, Sara Ryan and Lee Townsend

Others Present:

Jamie Medina, Karee Carter, Stacy David, Melanie Johnson, Steve Johnson, Fritz & Gay Barnett, Pat McCrary, Gail McLeod, Shannan Claussen, Annette Holder, Jason Fuller, Haley Tucker, Andrea Tucks, Mark Bratcher, Kendra Hammond, Cindy Smith, Tammy and William Chastain, Madison Walton, Dorothy Crider, Neal Stanton Steve Krause, Laura L. Donna Hayes, Kenzie Conway, Robyn Watkins, Stacy Hoff, Amiee Hoff, Kylie Gonzales, Gabriel Forkas, Shardale Villareal, Walter and Chris Bozeman, Rosie Yanas, Dawn King, Mercedes Stone

VIII. ACTION FROM CLOSED SESSION, CHAPTER 551

A. Mr. Logan made a motion to employ Harold Payne as Assistant Principal Intern for 210 days for the 2018-2019 school year and Carol Allen, Adam Beeman, Thomas Bennett, Keith Burton, William Byczek, Wendy Frazier, Cynthia Gaido, Miguel Jimenez, Courtney Klingler, Travis Moebes, Ashley Moore-Albrecht, Rona Pless,

Tami Pollock, Alejandra Saavedra, Gabriella Sanchez, Kara Sauser, Jeffrey Sciba, Haley Stilwell, Laura Thompson and Amy Woolford as a teacher for 187 days for the 2018-2019 school year. Mr. Snider seconded and all voted in favor.

- B. Mr. Logan made a motion to renew and approve the contracts and related actions of all Professional Administrative Staff listed on Exhibit A as presented in Executive session. I further move that all appropriate employees be notified of the Board's actions. Mr. Davenport seconded and all voted in favor.

IX. RECOGNITIONS

The Board recognizes students and staff each month at the regularly scheduled Board meeting. The following were recognized at the June meeting.

- A. **RJW** recognized their Tribe Students of the Year for demonstrating their Tribe traits all year long. Those students present at tonight's meeting were: Gianna Achille, Presely Barrett, Brady Bean, Madeline Blaylock, Haley Bozeman, Charlie Bradley, Slade Click, Reagan Cockerham, Kinleigh Cook, Kade Cruse, Drake Davidson, Maddaks Dunham, Rivers Feldpausch, Ayden Garcia, Kennedy Gass, Vega Gonzalez, Madison Hill, Laura Juarez, Hunter Keown, Avery Kim, Riley Mayeux, Aidan Morales, Zoey Quiroz, Malin Riggs, Landon Risinger, Callie Robinson, Annabella Rogers, J.J. Saylor, Kade Stone, Kinley Thomas, Heidi Torres, Timothy Trejo, Madelyn Utton, Cooper Woitena and Eva Zepeda
- B. **YUM Nutrition Department** at SFISD was recognized for their 2018 Gold Ribbon Award. 120 food service establishments were recognized in the month of April by the Galveston County Health District as winners. Congratulations to RJ Wollam, Kubacak Elementary, SF Jr. High, SF High School and Elizabeth Yaws Cowan Café as recipients. Thank you to Director, Cherie Bowers and her amazing team!
- C. **Employees of the Month** for May were: Magan Arnold, RJW; Charla Judice, Kubacak Elem.; Hector Vargas, Jr. High; Kayleen Gates, H.S.; Lori Nutter, Transportation; Joel Sumrall, M & O; Martha Andino, Custodial Dept.; Blanca Medrano, Nutrition Services; and Kurt Kovacevich; Admin.

X. PUBLIC FORUM

- A. Several community members voiced their concerns for safety and security in the aftermath of the tragedy at SFHS on May 18, 2018. Those speaking were Karee Carter, Melanie Johnson, Mark Bratcher, Steve Krause, Kendra Hammond, Donna Hayes, Dawn King, Rosie Yanas and Mercedes Stone. Their concerns were the need for metal detectors, enforcing rules for all students, more security training for teachers and administrators, bullying concerns, implement the parents on patrol at all campuses.

XI. INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. The Board reviewed monthly reports on personnel, child nutrition, tax collection, technology, transportation, finance, bond, police department, grants and campuses. Bob Atkins updated the Board on summer projects and bond work.
- B. Mrs. Junco updated the Board on the Quarterly Investment Report for the 3rd Quarter.
- C. Mrs. Townsend updated the Board on the Extracurricular Mileage Trip Rates for 2018-2019. Current trip rates will remain the same at \$2.50 per mile for regular buses and special needs trips. The district will implement a usage fee for the district white fleet at a cost of \$.50 per mile. This new fee will go toward the replacement cost of future vehicles and will be effective for non UIL events.
- D. Ms. Hanssard proposed per a District Facility Committee recommendation, and according to policy CW(LOCAL) that the new elementary school be named William F. Barnett Elementary.

- E. Ms. Hanssard proposed per a District Facility Committee recommendation, and according to policy CW(LOCAL) that the Maintenance and Operations building be named W.A. Nelson Maintenance & Operations Building.
- F. Chief Walter Braun updated the Board on the first SF Strong Safety and Security Committee meeting held on June 19, 2018. He highlighted the representatives that were on the committee. The meeting is moderated by the Galveston County Emergency Management personnel. The three priorities that are being addressed by the committee are Life Safety, Incident Stabilization and Property Preservation. The committee was given a brief orientation on plans that are already in place and what has been done from May 18 to June 19th. This meeting was focused on hardening of our campuses, policy changes and support services.

XII. CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Davenport made a motion to approve the following consent agenda items as presented. Mr. Snider seconded and all voted in favor.

- A. Minutes of June 5, 2018
- B. Accounts Payable \$1,401,663.52
- C. Budget Amendment #10
- D. Marimon Copier Services Renewal
- E. Worker's Compensation with Deep East Texas

XIII. REGULAR AGENDA

- A. Mrs. Skufca made a motion to adopt the 2018-2019 General Fund budget, Debt Service budget, and Nutrition Service budget by function as presented in the Budget Summary. Mr. Logan seconded and all voted in favor.
- B. Mr. Snider made a motion to approve the resolution to adopt the 2018 Tax Rate of \$1.402300, which consist of a Maintenance and Operations Rate of \$1.04 and an Interest and Sinking/Debt Rate of \$.362300. The property tax rate will remain the same as 2016 by the adoption of a tax rate of 1.402300, which is effectively a 2.2 percent increase in the tax rate. Mr. Kelly seconded and all voted in favor.
- C. Mr. Kelly made a motion to approve the renewal services for Skyward and all Skyward modules for the 2018-2019 school year, not to exceed the amount of \$61,952.00. Mr. Snider seconded and all voted in favor.
- D. Mr. Snider made a motion to approve the Cooperative Procurement Membership Agreement between the District and Region 7, at a cost of \$2,700.00. Mr. Kelly seconded and all voted in favor.
- E. Mr. Logan made a motion to approve NCS and Meridian Group to install card readers, gates and fencing at Kubacak Elementary, for a cost not to exceed \$14,045.00. Mrs. Skufca seconded and all voted in favor.
- F. Mr. Kelly made a motion to approve the purchase of a new 78 passenger diesel powered school bus from Thomas Bus Gulf Coast, not to exceed \$103,700.00. Mr. Snider seconded and all voted in favor.
- G. Mr. Snider made a motion to approve the purchase of (2) used 84 passenger diesel powered school buses from American Bus Sales, not to exceed \$176,830. Mr. Kelly seconded and all voted in favor.
- H. Mr. Logan made a motion to approve the District and Campus Community and Student Engagement Ratings as presented by DEIC. Mr. Snider seconded and all voted in favor.
- I. Mr. Kelly made a motion to approve the School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) Annual Report 17-18 school year. Mr. Snider seconded and all voted in favor.

- J. Mr. Snider made a motion to approve the Resolution for compensation of employees during the SFHS tragedy in ensuring the safety of all students and staff in reopening of schools within the district. Mr. Kelly seconded and all voted in favor.
- K. Mr. Davenport made a motion to approve the submission of a TEA Low Attendance Day Expedited Waiver for Santa Fe ISD based on low ADA on May 30th (68.46%) and May 31st (64.17%) due to safety concerns resulting from the catastrophic shooting event that occurred at Santa Fe High School on May 18, 2018. Mr. Rothermel seconded and all voted in favor.
- L. Mr. Davenport made a motion to approve SFISD's submission of a TEA Missed Day Waiver request for the following:
 - Santa Fe High School: 5/18, 21-25, 29-31/2018
 - Roy J. Wollam, Dan J. Kubacak, & Santa Fe Junior High: 5/21-25/2018
 due to the campus closures resulting from the catastrophic shooting event that occurred at Santa Fe High School on May 18, 2018. Mr. Logan seconded and all voted in favor.
- M. Mr. Logan made a motion to approve the one time purchase of (3) police vehicles from Caldwell-Rockdale Country Ford for a cost not to exceed \$92,823.00 and the one time purchase and install of emergency equipment from Texas Select Upfitters, for a cost not to exceed \$14,910 with a total cost not to exceed \$107,733.00. Mr. Rothermel seconded and all voted in favor.
- N. Mr. Snider made a motion to approve the one time purchase of police radios from Motorola Solutions at an amount not to exceed \$39,640.44. Mr. Kelly seconded and all voted in favor.
- O. Mr. Kelly made a motion to approve the one time purchase of the listed equipment (1- Kawasaki Mule, (4) Body Cameras, (3) Service Weapons, (6 sets) of Uniforms/Body Armor (13) Tasers with accessories, and (5) Taser Pulse) for a total amount not to exceed \$41,645.90. Mr. Snider seconded and all voted in favor.

XIV. BOARD COMMUNICATION

Ms. Hanssard

- Provided the Board with a list of upcoming events in the community to support Santa Fe Strong. The district is working on the summary notes from the SF Strong Safety Committee meeting that was held today. They will be on the website tomorrow for everyone to review. Encouraged everyone to go on-line and take the safety survey. Welcomed Mr. Harold Payne as the new Assistant Principal Intern at R.J. Wollam Elementary.

Mrs. Townsend

- Wished everyone a great week and a happy and safe 4th of July holiday.

Mr. Snider

- Thanked everyone for attending the meeting. Thanked Dr. Wall and administration for all their hard work during such a trying time for the school district.

Mr. Kelly

- Thanked everyone for attending. Grateful for our police department and the great job they did during a difficult time. Thanked administration for all they do.

Mr. Logan

- Thanked everyone for attending. Wished everyone a great and safe 4th of July holiday.

Mrs. Skufca

- Appreciated the community for their interest in the school district. Safety has always been an on-going conversation among the Board members. We hear you and we will do our very best to implement improvements as soon as possible.

Mr. Rothermel

- Thanked everyone for their attendance. Feels deeply upset by what happened and will do everything possible to keep our students safe.

Mr. Davenport

- Stated with the help of the community we will become stronger. Commented that the Board is not taking time off from this situation. They are always available to make decisions. Thanked all that spoke during the public forum for their courage and for expressing their thoughts. Thanked the safety committee members and virtual members for taking the time to be a part of the group. Thanked Dr. Wall, Chief Braun, Campus Leadership, Transportation, First Responders and our Lord and Savior.

Mr. Norman

- Thanked everyone for their attendance and those who spoke. We share in your frustration in the timeliness of things and what we need to do differently. Stated that the safety committee has been advised that we would like this to be on-going commitment.

Dr. Wall

- Stated that this is truly a time for us all to come together and be united and SF Strong to work together to do everything we can possible do for each other, for our students, for our staff, for our safety and for our health and well-being. Thanked everyone that has contributed and stressed how we have to work together in order to do good things for our kids. Thanked everyone for their attendance.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Rothermel made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:44 pm. Mrs. Skufca seconded and all voted in favor.

We affirm that these minutes are official, complete and correct.

J. R. Norman
President

Sheryl L. Skufca
Secretary

Date Minutes Approved: July 30, 2018