

## **Minutes of Special Meeting July 16, 2018**

### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Norman called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm in Board room.

### **II. MEMBERS PRESENT/ABSENT**

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

Others Present:

Patti Hanssard, Bob Atkins, Lee Townsend, Jackie Shuman, Walter Braun, Kurt Kovacevich, Kim Ross, Cre8 Architects, Marianne Junco, Sara Ryan, Kathy Oliver, Cherie Bowers, Michelle Skiles, Sandra Zeringue, Richard Davis, David Silva, Susan Bunde, Nancy Porter, Steven and Angie Evans and Tamra Sweeny.

### **III. Board went into closed session at 5:02 pm.**

### **IV. Board returned from closed session at 5:50 pm.**

### **V. Action from Closed Session**

- A. Mr. Snider made a motion to employ Raymundo Garza as a teacher for 187 days, and Amy Fritch as a nurse for 187 days for the 2018-2019 school year. Mr. Davenport seconded and all voted in favor.

### **VI. Action Items**

- A. Mr. Snider made a motion to approve the donation for the installation and use of walk-through/hand held metal detectors along with the labor setup and training for SFISD schools. Mr. Rothermel seconded and the motion passed with 4 ayes and 2 nays. Mr. Rothermel asked how the metal detectors would affect the arrival time and the length of time it would take for the students to get in? Chief Braun replied that Aldine ISD reported 40 to 45 minutes for their students to get in. Mr. Davenport asked Chief Braun if we have a full plan in place for using metal detectors? Chief replied no, not until we have Garrett come in and perform an assessment of our facilities. Mr. Kelly asked if Aldine ISD has their monitors working all day? Chief replied no, they reported that they are not monitored all day. Mr. Kelly asked Chief if he had a cost of manning the detectors? Chief replied, that he had a ballpark figure just for personnel would be \$239,000 - \$695,640. Mr. Rothermel asked if there were any other areas of concern. Chief responded social media monitoring, increase in security personnel at every campus and building modifications.
- B. Mr. Snider made a motion to approve the recommendation by the Santa Fe Strong Safety Committee regarding no change to the student dress code for the 2018-2019 school year. Mr. Rothermel seconded and all voted in favor. Mr. Rothermel asked if we are training our staff and principals on dress code? Dr. Shuman replied that all staff would be trained on and the enforcement of the dress code. Mr. Davenport asked that Dr. Shuman bring this back to the July 30<sup>th</sup> Board meeting after discussing the current policy with Dr. Wall and the leadership team and clarify any clarification points. Mrs. Skufca stated that the motion the way it is worded, does not address clear backpacks one way or the other. Dr. Shuman said that the committee did not address the backpacks in their recommendation. Mr. Rothermel asked if we would be addressing backpacks at a later date? Dr. Wall stated that our staff is currently working with vendors to perhaps donate clear backpacks, but it is not confirmed at this time.
- C. Mr. Kelly made a motion to approve the resolution declaring intention to reimburse project expenditures. Mr. Davenport seconded and all voted in favor.

## VII. BOARD COMMUNICATION

Ms. Hanssard

- On-line registration will open on August 1<sup>st</sup> for the 2018-2019 school year. Back-to-school information was sent to the Galveston Daily News for their back to school edition. The information was also sent to every parent and the staff.

Mrs. Townsend

- Wished everyone a great week.

Mr. Snider

- Thanked everyone for attending the meeting and wished them a great evening.

Mr. Kelly

- Stated he had researched and listened to the opinions of the committee on the use of metal detectors but felt he could not vote in favor of them, but will support the decision. Thanked everyone for attending.

Dr. Shuman

- Thanked the SF Strong Safety and Security Committee for their time and effort in trying to represent our community. The recommendations brought forth tonight are examples of your work.

Mr. Rothermel

- Thanked everyone for attending and have a safe journey home.

Mr. Davenport

- Thanked everyone. Although he voted a different way than some of his colleagues on the Board, he is still 100% supportive of the Board, Dr. Wall, her staff and the community. Stated that like Mr. Kelly, he researched the information on metal detectors and eventually had to make a decision and his decision came from his heart. Hoped to see everyone at more Board meetings in the future.

Dr. Wall

- Thanked Mr. Davenport for his testament to the care and concern that each of these Board members have for our kids, our District and all of you is evident in the work they have put in to trying to make the best decisions possible. These are not easy times but we are all working hard to move our district forward. Let us all continue to work together for our kids and for our schools so they can thrive. We thank you for your continued participation and support.

Mr. Norman

- Thanked the members of the safety and security committee. Tonight, we saw the first set of recommendations from the committee as they continue to work on hardening of schools. There are more things to be looked at for long term. We truly need your engagement.

## VIII. Adjourn

Mr. Rothermel made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:16 pm. Mr. Snider seconded and all voted in favor.

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

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J. R. Norman  
President

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Sheryl L. Skufca  
Secretary

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