

Minutes of Regular Meeting August 24, 2020

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Norman called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

II. ROLL CALL

Present were Rusty Norman, Wayne Logan, Eric Davenport, John Snider (virtual), Patrick Kelly, Clay Hertenberger (virtual) and James Grassmuck. Dr. Wall was in attendance.

Others Present:

Bob Atkins, Walter Braun, Patti Hanssard, Julie Pittman, Kip Robins, Kim Ross, Sara Ryan, Jonathan Stanton, Lee Townsend, Sandra Zeringue, Robyn Tilitzki, Tommy Watson and Peggy Gordon (virtual)

III. EXECUTIVE SESSION, CHAPTER 551

The went into closed session at 6:01 pm in the executive conference room.

Personnel and safety were to topic of discussion. The Board adjourned closed session and reconvened in open session at 7:12 pm.

IV. RECONVENE: INVOCATION AND PLEDGES

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

V. ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION, CHAPTER 551

A. No action taken.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS

No one signed up to speak to the Board.

VII. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. The Board reviewed monthly reports on personnel, child nutrition, tax collection, technology, transportation, finance, police department, grants and campuses. Mr. Atkins updated the Board on the high school renovations and additions. He also shared storm preparation information.

B. Ms. Ryan updated the Board on the revised SFISD District Calendar which reflects the revised testing dates for 2020-2021 to maximize the amount of instructional time prior to testing.

C. Mr. Tommy Watson, Chief Appraiser for the Galveston Central Appraisal District updated the Board on the protested GCAD 2019 SFISD Values Update. The GCAD filed a protest with the Comptroller's office for the 2019 Property Values study. They made some changes but it did not get us where we needed to be. We requested a time adjustment quarterly and to drop off the 4th quarter. The comptroller's office declined to drop off the 4th quarter due to values still rising at 1% per month. Mr. Watson stated he is confident that they will be doing another study for 2020 and we will be where we need to be at that time.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Logan made a motion to approve the following consent agenda items as presented.

Mr. Kelly seconded and all voted in favor.

A. Minutes of July 15, 2020, July 20, 2020, July 27, 2020 and August 10, 2020

B. Accounts Payable \$1,626,415.46

C. Budget Amendment #2

D. Student Transfers

E. Edgenuity Subscription Renewal for 2020-2021

F. SFISD Teacher Appraisal System Appraisers for 2020-2021

G. General Merchandising Fast Food Awards

IX. REGULAR AGENDA

A. Mr. Davenport made a motion to approve the 2020 Appraisal Roll and Recognize Compliance with the Texas Property Code. Mr. Kelly seconded and all voted in favor.

- B. Mr. Davenport made a motion to adopt the 2020 Tax Rate of \$1.2816, which consist of a Maintenance and Operation Tax Rate of \$.9193 and an Interest and Sinking/Debt Tax Rate of \$.3623. Mr. Logan seconded and all voted in favor.
- C. Mr. Logan made a motion to approve the Resolution Declaring Intention to Reimburse Project Expenditures. Mr. Kelly seconded and all voted in favor.
- D. Mr. Logan made a motion to approve the donation that is greater than \$5,000.00 received with the total donation of \$32,768.00. Mr. Kelly seconded and all voted in favor.
- E. Mr. Kelly made a motion to approve the month of September as Attendance Awareness Month in Santa Fe ISD. Mr. Logan seconded and all voted in favor.
- F. Mr. Logan made a motion to approve the resolution for the Board regarding the Santa Fe Coordinated Response Grant from the Office of the Governor. Mr. Grassmuck seconded and all voted in favor.
- G. Mr. Grassmuck made a motion to approve the 2020-2021 Santa Fe ISD Asynchronous Instruction Plan. Mr. Logan seconded and all voted in favor.
- H. Mr. Grassmuck made a motion to approve the contracted service agreement with Avondale House in the amount not to exceed \$52,440.00 for the 2020-2021 school year. Mr. Logan seconded and all voted in favor.
- I. Mr. Kelly made a motion to approve the agreement with Specialized Instructional Support to provide evaluations in an amount not to exceed \$59,000.00 for the 2020-2021 school year. Mr. Logan seconded and all voted in favor.
- J. Mr. Grassmuck made a motion to approve the contract with Rozell Therapy Services to provide physical therapy to the students of Santa Fe ISD for the 2020-2021 school year, in an amount not to exceed \$59,000.00. Mr. Kelly seconded and all voted in favor.

X. BOARD COMMUNICATION

Mrs. Ross

- Stated 8/25 is the last day for parents to decide if their student(s) will attend face to face or virtual. Stated day 8 is complete and kids attending learning labs are excited to be back on campus. Thanked the parents and teachers as well as the Board for all their support.

Ms. Hanssard

- Proud of the SFISD staff and the work they have done to make sure students get a great education. Look forward to welcoming students back to campus on September 8th. Introduced a new text messaging component to communicate with staff and parents.

Mrs. Townsend

- Reminded the staff of mental health and counseling services that are available through the Life Works program which is free to staff and their families. Please check the Business Services website for contact information.

Mr. Kelly

- Glad to be back in the Boardroom. Thanked everyone from every department who has helped get the school year started. Stated his children are ready to get back on campus. Congratulated everyone on a great job.

Mr. Davenport

- Thanked everyone who signed up to run for school board and wished everyone the best of luck. Hats off to the educators that are doing an amazing job with virtual teaching. Thanked the parents that are helping their students from home. Asked for patience from everyone and gave reassurance that the Board and administration are doing their best to make good decisions for the district. The Board is here to support the district, please reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

Mr. Logan

- Thanked all the departments for their great work.

Mr. Grassmuck

- Stated he heard from several staff members that they felt discouraged at times. He wanted to make sure that everyone knows that no one person is perfect and that everyone is doing an excellent job.

Mr. Hertenberger

- Thanked everyone for all they do. Hats off to everyone out there and keep doing what you are doing.

Mr. Snider

- Thanked everyone for all their hard work.

Dr. Wall

- So glad to be a part of this district in this difficult time. We have great staff that are working really hard to provide a great education for our students. Encouraged the staff to be patient with themselves and to know during these different times we are all working hard and doing a great job. Thanked the Board for their 100% support.

Mr. Norman

- Thanked the incumbents that decided to seek another term. Thanked Mr. Crable for attending and thanked all those who have shown interest in running for the Board and being involved from that level. Stated overall, we were off to a good start and that he has seen publications across the state and nation that other school district's did not have a smooth start on day one and we would be right there with them. No one expected this to go perfect but everyone is adapting and has done an excellent job. Reminded everyone that the legislative session will be beginning soon and the district is working with Galveston County school districts to determine legislative priorities for the upcoming session. Thanked all the staff again for all they do.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Kelly made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 pm. Mr. Grassmuck seconded and all voted in favor.

We affirm these minutes are official, complete and correct.

J.R. Norman
President

Eric E. Davenport
Secretary

Date Minutes Approve: September 28, 2020