

**Minutes of the
November 18, 2019
Regular Meeting of the
China Spring Independent School District Board of Trustees**

The China Spring I.S.D. Board of Trustees met in a regular meeting on Monday, November 18, 2019. Superintendent Dr. Marc Faulkner, Deputy Superintendent Dr. Kevin Pitts, Executive Director of Finance Brenda Poteet, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment Jennifer Crook, Executive Director of Special Programs Lisa Howard, Max Rutherford, Kristen Dutschmann, Heather Jenkins, Kim Coe, and Miranda Brown met with the following trustees: Rick Hines, Jeff Bradburn, Holly Dunham, Bubba Galvan, Trey Oakley and Matt Penney. Chris Gerick arrived at 6:57p.m. during the Public Hearing in Item #8.

1. Call to Order

Rick Hines called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. noting that a quorum of Board Trustees was present and that the meeting had been duly called and that notice of the meeting had been posted in accordance with the Texas Government Code Chapter 551.

2. Prayer

The prayer was led by Trey Oakley.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

The pledge was led by Middle School students in attendance at the meeting.

4. China Spring ISD Mission and Vision statements

A. MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission, in partnership with the community, is to provide individualized learning experiences to prepare students for success in life.

B. VISION STATEMENT

Our vision in China Spring Independent School District is to strive for continuous improvement of our educational system by providing opportunities for all to achieve excellence.

C. BELIEF STATEMENT

Attitudes and actions drive change for significant improvement.

Rick Hines read the statements.

5. Faculty & Staff Members of the Month

- a. Elementary Faculty Member of the Month – Ashley Gerdes
- b. Secondary Faculty Member of the Month – Tricia Hepler
- c. Staff Member of the Month – Carrie Bodin
- d. Cougar Kitchen Winners – China Spring High School

Dr. Faulkner presented the faculty and staff member awards of the month to Ashley Gerdes, Tricia Hepler and Carrie Bodin. Dr. Pitts and Sodexo Food Service Manager Mary Ann Kaminski presented the High School Kitchen staff with their award for Cougar Kitchen of the quarter.

6. China Spring Middle School Board Presentation (Information Item)

Middle School Principal Kristen Dutschmann introduced several student groups from the Middle School Career Investigations class who made presentations to demonstrate what they do. Randall Earwood, 8th grade Science teacher, then introduced several 8th grade Science students who made a presentation on science projects they have been working on. Mrs. Dutschmann highlighted professional development opportunities at the Middle School where they utilized teachers training teachers in new technology for the classroom.

7. Public Hearing on designation of reinvestment zone under Chapter 312 of the Texas Tax Code, to be known as the "Glory Leasing Reinvestment Zone". (Information Item)

Dr. Faulkner noted that the floor was now open for any discussion regarding the reinvestment zone designation. Michael Larson, community member, asked for clarification on the process of the 313 agreement and when public comment could be made – he wanted to speak on the application, therefore will speak during the next agenda item.

8. Public Hearing in connection with an application of, and an agreement involving, Glory Leasing, LLC, requesting a limitation on appraised value of qualified property for school district maintenance and operations tax purposes, under Chapter 313 of the Texas Tax Code. (Information Item)

Dr. Faulkner described what the district has gone through in the application and agreement process. Michael Larson requested for further details to be presented in the Public Hearing. Michelle Alcalá, attorney with Sara Leon & Associates, highlighted various information included in the application and agreement for the 313 Agreement for the solar project.

Board Member Chris Gerick arrived at 6:57p.m., during this item.

Michael Larson commented on the project and thinks it is a good deal for the district, but has one reservation regarding the interaction of the company with the neighbors of the project. He noted that there has been no one on one meeting with these neighbors and recommended that it should be done. Wes Jackson, consultant with Glory Leasing, noted that the deadline for action on the 313 application is the end of the year. He noted there was a town hall meeting held on October 10th on the 313 topic. He also noted that the developer has said he will commit to having another meeting with the neighbors. Joe Riley, a neighbor of the project, noted his concerns – he lives directly across the road from the Markum Ranch property and is concerned that the solar project could have a significant impact on his property values.

9. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

10. Consideration, discussion, and possible approval of a Resolution Designating a Certain Area as a Reinvestment Zone in Connection with and Economic Development Agreement Under Chapter 313 of the Tax Code, to be known as the “Glory Leasing Reinvestment Zone”. (Action Item)

Dr. Faulkner asked Michelle Alcalá a clarification question regarding the Reinvestment Zone – he clarified that it is limited to the Markum Ranch area. Trey Oakley moved and Jeff Bradburn seconded the motion to approve the Reinvestment Zone Resolution as presented. Rick Hines, Jeff Bradburn, Holly Dunham, Chris Gerick, Bubba Galvan, Matt Penney and Trey Oakley voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

11. Discussion and acknowledgement of the Conflict of Interest Policy BBFA (LEGAL) and (LOCAL) (Information Item)

Dr. Faulkner reviewed the Conflict of Interest policy BBFA (Legal & Local) and inquired of the board if anyone had a conflict of interest in reference to the reinvestment zone or the Chapter 313 Agreement Application for Glory Leasing, LLC. No conflicts of interest were noted for all 7 board members and Superintendent Dr. Faulkner.

12. Consideration, discussion, and possible approval to adopt Findings under Chapter 313 of the Texas Tax Code in connection with an Application for Limitation on Appraised Value of Property for School District Maintenance and Operations Taxes from Glory Leasing, LLC Comptroller Agreement number 1368. (Action Item)

Dr. Faulkner noted that the Comptroller has completed their study and approval of the application. Board member Jeff Bradburn requested that the developer follow through with the neighborhood meeting prior to January 31, 2020. Matt Penney moved and Chris Gerick seconded the motion to approve the Findings under Chapter 313 of the Texas Tax Code in connection with an Application for Limitation on Appraised Value of Property for School District Maintenance and Operations Taxes from Glory Leasing, LLC Comptroller Agreement number 1368 as presented. Rick Hines, Jeff Bradburn, Holly Dunham, Chris Gerick, Bubba Galvan, Matt Penney and Trey Oakley voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

13. Consideration, discussion, and possible approval of an Agreement for Limitation on Appraised Value of Property for School District Maintenance and Operations Taxes by and between China Spring Independent School District and Glory Leasing, LLC Comptroller Agreement number 1368. (Action Item)

Holly Dunham moved and Matt Penney seconded the motion to approve the Agreement for Limitation on Appraised value of Property for School District Maintenance and Operations Taxes by and between China Spring Independent School District and Glory Leasing, LLC Comptroller Agreement number 1368 as presented with a notation for the record that Glory Leasing has agreed to meet with the affected neighbors by January 31, 2020. Rick Hines, Jeff Bradburn, Holly Dunham, Chris Gerick, Bubba Galvan, Matt Penney and Trey Oakley voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

14. Approval of minutes from the regularly scheduled board meeting held on October 28, 2019 and the called board meeting held on November 13, 2019 (Action Item)

Holly Dunham moved and Bubba Galvan seconded the motion to approve the minutes from the regularly scheduled board meeting held on October 28, 2019 and the called board meeting held on November 13, 2019. Rick Hines, Jeff Bradburn, Holly Dunham, Chris Gerick, Bubba Galvan, Matt Penney and Trey Oakley voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

15. Reports to the Board (Information Item)

- A. Extra-Curricular
 - 1. Athletics
 - 2. Band
 - 3. FFA
 - B. Executive Director of Finance
 - C. Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment
 - D. Executive Director of Special Programs
 - E. Deputy Superintendent
 - F. Questions on Campus Principal Reports
 - G. Superintendent
 - 1. China Spring ISD Education Foundation
 - 2. CSISD Land – Old Administration Building Land
 - 3. Tennis Complex Update
- A. Athletics - Coach Bell highlighted the recent success of the CSHS Volleyball team. Coach Liles and Coach Pells highlighted their upcoming seasons.
Band - Mr. Nichelson highlighted band successes.
FFA – Johnnie Day reported on FFA successes.
- B. Executive Director of Finance Brenda Poteet gave the Business Managers report
- C. Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment Jennifer Crook gave a report on Instructional Services.
- D. Executive Director of Special Programs Lisa Howard gave her report on Special Education.
- E. Deputy Superintendent Kevin Pitts reported on various security, maintenance, transportation and food service issues.
- F. Campus Principals reports were included in the board packet.
- G. Dr. Faulkner gave the Superintendent's report:
- 1. Education Foundation – Dr. Faulkner highlighted recent Mother/Son kickball tournament hosted by foundation to raise funds for scholarships/teacher grants and noted the upcoming awards banquet and golf tournament in the Spring.
 - 2. CSISD Land – Old Administration Building – Dr. Faulkner spoke to a realtor about marketing the small acreage the district still owns at the Sylvia street location once the China Spring Highway renovations are complete after the first of the year.
 - 3. Tennis Complex Update – Almost complete with punch list items

16. Review district purchases of supplies and personal property (Information Item)

There were no questions.

17. Consideration, discussion, and possible approval of a resolution of votes cast to elect McLennan County Appraisal District Board of Directors for the 2020-2021 term (Action Item)

Jeff Bradburn moved and Trey Oakley seconded the motion to split the district's 136 votes equally between McLennan County Appraisal Board candidates Ben Perry and Mildred Watkins. Rick Hines, Jeff Bradburn, Holly Dunham, Chris Gerick, Bubba Galvan, Matt Penney and Trey Oakley voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

18. Consideration, discussion, and possible approval of a resolution of votes cast to elect Bosque County Appraisal District Board of Directors for the 2020-2021 term (Action Item)

Matt Penney moved and Trey Oakley seconded the motion to evenly split the district's 46 votes evenly between the 5 unopposed candidates. Rick Hines, Jeff Bradburn, Holly Dunham, Chris Gerick, Bubba Galvan, Matt Penney and Trey Oakley voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

19. Consideration, discussion, and possible approval of local policy FFA (Action Item)

Bubba Galvan moved and Chris Gerick seconded a motion to approve local policy FFA, Student Welfare Wellness and Health Services, and the Wellness Plan as presented. Rick Hines, Jeff

Bradburn, Holly Dunham, Chris Gerick, Bubba Galvan, Matt Penney and Trey Oakley voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

20. Executive Session, Govt. Code 551.074 and 551.071

The Board opted not go into executive session pursuant to the Texas Open Meeting Act, Govt. Code 551.074 and 551.071, since the Agreement was already approved in Item #13.

- A. Consultation with legal counsel, as necessary, to address commercial and/or financial information received by the school district regarding an Application for Value Limitation Agreement from Glory Leasing, LLC pursuant to Chapter 313 of the Texas Property Tax Code.
- B. Discussion of Personnel Issues

21. Action arising from Executive Session (Action Item)

No action taken

22. Consideration, discussion, and possible approval of moving the January board meeting from January 20, 2020 to January 13, 2020 (Action Item)

Bubba Galvan moved and Holly Dunham seconded a motion to move the January board meeting from January 20 to January 13, 2020. Rick Hines, Jeff Bradburn, Holly Dunham, Chris Gerick, Bubba Galvan, Matt Penney and Trey Oakley voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

23. First reading and questions on Board Policy Update 114 (Information Item)

Dr. Faulkner directed the board to the web link on the China Spring ISD web page where the "Board Adoption Notification" section included the Board Policy Update 114 for the first reading. The board had no questions at this time.

24. Consideration, discussion, and possible approval of leasing land on new school site for farming from November 18, 2019 to September 1, 2020 (Action Item)

Jeff Bradburn moved and Matt Penney seconded a motion to lease 30 acres of land at the new school site at a fixed rent of \$1,500 for the period November 18, 2019 to September 1, 2020. Rick Hines, Jeff Bradburn, Holly Dunham, Chris Gerick, Bubba Galvan, Matt Penney and Trey Oakley voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried unanimously.


25. Discussion of future agenda items for November's regular board meeting (Information Item)

School Board Appreciation Festivities
Public Hearing on the Annual Performance Report
Call for an Election of the Board of Trustees
Possible Called Meeting date (February 2020)
Superintendent's Contract and Benefits Package
Possible approval of Board Policy Update 114


26. Adjourn (Action Item)

Bubba Galvan moved and Trey Oakley seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. Rick Hines, Jeff Bradburn, Holly Dunham, Chris Gerick, Bubba Galvan, Matt Penney and Trey Oakley voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00p.m.



President



Secretary