

**Minutes of the
August 16, 2021
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, August 16, 2021. Superintendent Dr. Marc Faulkner, Deputy Superintendent Dr. Kevin Pitts, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment Jennifer Crook, Executive Director of Finance Brenda Poteet, Executive Director of Special Programs Lisa Howard, Director of Curriculum, Assessment and Instruction Leslie Smith, Max Rutherford, Nickolas Smith, and Rob Rogers met with the following trustees: Rick Hines, Jeff Bradburn, Holly Dunham, Bubba Galvan, Chris Gerick, Trey Oakley and Travis Louge.

1. Call to Order

Rick Hines called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. noting that a quorum of Board Trustees was present. He also noted 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 Chris Gerick.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

The pledge was led by Dr. Faulkner.

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

All students can reach their greatest potential by becoming independent, productive, life-long learners.

Rick Hines read the statements.

5. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

6. Consideration, discussion, and possible approval of the minutes from the regular board meeting July 19, 2021. (Action Item)

Holly Dunham moved and Travis Louge seconded the motion to accept the minutes for the July 19, 2021 regular board meeting as presented. Rick Hines, Jeff Bradburn, Holly Dunham, Bubba Galvan, Chris Gerick, Trey Oakley and Travis Louge voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

7. Reports to the Board (Information Item)

A. Extra-curricular/student organizations

1. Athletics
2. Band
3. FFA

B. Campus Principals

C. Executive Director of Finance

D. Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment

E. Executive Director of Special Programs

F. Deputy Superintendent

G. Superintendent

1. Construction Report and Update
2. Resignations
3. Report on new hires

- A. Coach Gregory presented his report on Athletic enrollment and changes for the school year. Mr. Nicholson reported on band preparations and enrollments. Johnnie Day highlighted FFA preparation for the upcoming year.
- B. Principals highlighted campus happenings preparing for the start of the school year.
- C. Executive Director of Finance Brenda Poteet gave the Executive Director of Finance Report Report and updated the board on a couple of new bank accounts being established:
 - a. Landing Rock/ Community First for Texas (CFT) – this is an Insured Cash Shelter fund arrangement with Randy Chenot, Investors Brokerage, that the District is enrolling in to take advantage of rates that are higher than the pool rates right now for the Construction bond money we are receiving.
 - b. TFNB – this is an Insured Cash Shelter fund arrangement that district already has, but we are adding a 3rd account to invest some of our Construction bond money here as well.
- D. Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment Jennifer Crook presented a report on 2021 Accountability and presented highlights of the success of the district convocation.
- E. Executive Director of Special Programs Lisa Howard highlighted information in her report.
- F. Deputy Superintendent Kevin Pitts highlighted happenings in maintenance, transportation and food service areas.
- G. Dr. Faulkner gave the Superintendent's report:
 - 1. Construction Report and Update – Jason Crutcher with BuiltWright Construction and Aron with Claycomb presented an update on progress on the new Elementary school.
 - 2. Resignations – Randy Earwood, Heather Kelly, Carri Nowak
 - 3. New Hires – Heather Keahey – Behavior, Intermediate; Cobey Riedell – Computer Applications, MS

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

There were no questions on district purchases of supplies.

9. Consideration, discussion, and possible approval of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with McLennan County Challenge Academy for JJAEP services (Action Item)

Trey Oakley moved and Holly Dunham seconded the motion to accept the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with McLennan County Challenge Academy for JJAEP services as presented. Rick Hines, Jeff Bradburn, Holly Dunham, Bubba Galvan, Chris Gerick, Trey Oakley and Travis Louge voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

10. Consideration, discussion, and possible approval of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between China Spring ISD and Bosqueville ISD for DAEP/TAG services, fuel, and specific special education services when agreed upon (Action Item)

Chris Gerick moved and Bubba Galvan seconded the motion to accept the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between China Spring ISD and Bosqueville ISD as presented. Rick Hines, Jeff Bradburn, Holly Dunham, Bubba Galvan, Chris Gerick, Trey Oakley and Travis Louge voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

11. Consideration, discussion, and possible approval of adoption of the tax rate for the 2021-2022 school year (Action Item)

Jeff Bradburn made a motion that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$1.265760, which is effectively a .66% increase in the tax rate for the 2021-2022 school year. (M&O .8720 and I&S .393760) Bubba Galvan seconded the motion. Rick Hines, Jeff Bradburn, Holly Dunham, Bubba Galvan, Chris Gerick, Trey Oakley and Travis Louge voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

12. Update on ESSER funding and plan (Information Item)

Dr. Pitts presented details of the district's Intent to Apply for ESSER II and ESSER Supplemental funding grants.

13. Consideration, discussion, and possible approval of authorizing the superintendent to enter an AFA (Advanced Funding Agreement) with TXDOT for the value of the work and improvements of the road frontage on Wortham Bend Road pertaining to the building of the new elementary school (Action Item)

Travis Louge made a motion to approve China Spring ISD to enter into an AFA with TXDOT for the China Spring Elementary Project using bond proceeds from the 2021 bond election. The

AFA will be for the value of the work/improvements made to Wortham Bend Road pertaining to the build of the school and authorize the superintendent to sign and enter into the AFA on behalf of the district. Upon completion of the project the district will release and not seek any claim of the property improved and all maintenance and improvements will be the responsibility of TXDOT from the completion date forward. Holly Dunham seconded the motion. Rick Hines, Jeff Bradburn, Holly Dunham, Bubba Galvan, Chris Gerick, Trey Oakley and Travis Louge voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

14. Executive Session, Govt. Code 551.074

The Board went into executive session at 7:22p.m. and returned at 8:15p.m. with no action taken.

15. Action arising from Executive Session (Action Item)

There was no action taken.

16. Consideration, discussion, and possible approval of Update 117 (Action Item)

Trey Oakley moved and Travis Louge seconded the motion to accept board policy changes in Update 117 as presented. Rick Hines, Jeff Bradburn, Holly Dunham, Bubba Galvan, Chris Gerick, Trey Oakley and Travis Louge voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

17. Consideration, discussion, and possible approval of certified T-TESS appraisers for China Spring ISD for the 2021-2022 school year. (Action Item)

Jeff Bradburn moved and Chris Gerick seconded the motion to accept the list of T-TESS appraisers as presented by Dr. Faulkner : Jennifer Crook, Lisa Howard, Leslie Smith, Max Rutherford, Haily Rambo, Jarratt Shipp, Nick Smith, David Ellis, Heather Jenkins, Demetrius Ellis, Jennifer May, Kristen Dutschmann, Jeremy Gilbert, Zabrina Lard, Ashlee Peacock, and Rob Rogers. Rick Hines, Jeff Bradburn, Holly Dunham, Bubba Galvan, Chris Gerick, Trey Oakley and Travis Louge voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

18. Consideration, discussion, and possible approval of meal prices for the 2021-2022 school year (Action Item)

Although the district is not charging students for meals this year, TDA still requires an analysis of meal prices. Therefore, Dr. Faulkner proposed the following rates for the 2021-22 school year:

Student Meal Prices:

All Campuses – Student Breakfast - \$1.50 – no change for 2021-22

Elementary lunch – from \$2.70 to \$2.80

Intermediate lunch – from \$2.70 to \$2.80

Middle School lunch – from \$2.95 to \$3.05

High School lunch – from \$2.95 to \$3.05

Adult Meal Prices:

Adult/non student breakfast – from \$2.25 to \$2.35

Adult/non student lunch - \$3.90 to \$4.15

Bubba Galvan moved and Holly Dunham seconded the motion to accept the meal prices as presented. Rick Hines, Jeff Bradburn, Holly Dunham, Bubba Galvan, Chris Gerick, Trey Oakley and Travis Louge voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

19. Consideration, discussion, and possible approval of a district wide technology and storage cabinet purchase for campus distribution for student use (Action Item)

Holly Dunham moved and Jeff Bradburn seconded the motion to approve the purchase of Ipads (including Crayons, Cases, Jamf, and Apps) at a cost of \$553,000 from Apple Education utilizing DIR coop pricing and ESSER III funds and approve the purchase of charging and locking stations for these Ipads from Howard Technology at a cost of \$18,440 utilizing TIPS – AV coop pricing and ESSER III funds as presented. Rick Hines, Jeff Bradburn, Holly Dunham, Bubba Galvan, Chris Gerick, Trey Oakley and Travis Louge voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

20. Consideration, discussion, and possible approval of purchasing Nearpod for Pre-K through 12th grade (Action Item)

Chris Gerick moved and Travis Louge seconded the motion to approve the purchase of Nearpod for district use at a cost of \$23,159.22 as presented. Rick Hines, Jeff Bradburn, Holly Dunham, Bubba Galvan, Chris Gerick, Trey Oakley and Travis Louge voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

21. Consideration, discussion, and possible approval of purchasing IXL for Pre-K through 12th grade (Action Item)

Bubba Galvan moved and Trey Oakley seconded the motion to approve the purchase of IXL site license for district (2nd through 12th grade) use at a cost of \$28,050.00 as presented. Rick Hines, Jeff Bradburn, Holly Dunham, Bubba Galvan, Chris Gerick, Trey Oakley and Travis Louge voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

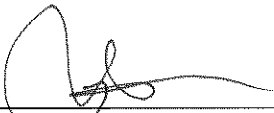
22. Discussion of future agenda items (Information Item)

TASA/TASB Conference Planning September 23rd – 26th – Dallas, Texas
Campus Attendance Review Committees
Investment Policy Review
Campus Improvement Plan Approval
Team of 8 Training September 15, 2021 – 6:00p.m. Admin Building
4-H approval for Extra-Curricular Status
New Employee Reception with Board

23. Adjourn (Action Item)

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:36p.m.



President



Secretary