



Waco Independent School District Board of Trustees Special Meeting

115 S 5th Street

Waco, TX 76701

Thursday, December 7, 2017

Closed Session: 6:00 p.m.

Call to Order: President Atkins called the meeting of the Waco Independent School District Board of Trustees to order at 6:00 p.m. He stated that a quorum of the board members was present, and that notice of the meeting had been posted.

Board Members Present: President Pat Atkins, Vice President Allen Sykes, Secretary Norman Manning, Cary DuPuy, Stephanie Korteweg, Larry Perez, and Angela Tekell

Board Member Absent: No one

III. CLOSED MEETING – President Atkins called the closed meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. pursuant to the following sections of the Texas Government Code:

A. Texas Government Code Chapter 551


1. 551.074 Discussion on duties and responsibilities of the Superintendent

2. 551.074 Personnel Matters

3. 551.072 Real Estate


No action was taken during the closed meeting, President Atkins reconvened the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

IV. AUDIENCE FOR GUESTS


 No one requested to speak.

V. DISCUSSION AND UPDATES

A. Presentation and discussion on Lone Star Governance Continuous Improvement including an update on Waco ISD's Gifted and Talented Program

 Superintendent A. Marcus Nelson introduced Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Curriculum and Instruction and supervises advanced academics Dr. Scott McClanahan. R. McClanahan briefed the Board of Trustees on areas that needed attention in the program. Dr. McClanahan introduced Ashley Duncan, assistant director of advanced academics, who oversees the elementary area. Ms. Duncan briefed the Board on the practices that the program uses to identify students. The Board of Trustees requested that Administration forward the updated PowerPoint for their review. The second portion of the update will be presented at the December 14th meeting.

B. Update on class waivers

 Superintendent Dr. A Marcus Nelson briefed the Board of Trustees on the class waivers. He stated that there were five classrooms that were over the 22 to 1 class size ratio. President Atkins thanked Administration for paying attention to the student to teacher ratio.

C. Reports and discussions on Board Member Committees

 There was no discussion on the line item.

D. Update on Improvement Required (IR) Campuses

- Superintendent A. Marcus Nelson stated that Improvement Required campuses were working to meet state standards. Dr. Nelson stated that he was working on Plan B which was if one or more IR campuses failed to meet the State standard and went into year 5 of Improvement Required the Texas Education Agency may perhaps require that the Board of Trustees close campuses, replace the Board of Trustees, or partner with a charter network. However, Senate Bill 1882 allowed districts to explore a partnership with a local non-profit agency which Dr. Nelson was exploring. The District was actively identifying best practices to improve student outcomes, training campus administration in the Blended Learning Model, focusing on literacy, and developing a proposal for the Board of Trustees to approve in January. March 1st is the deadline to submit a plan to the Texas Education Agency

VI. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON DECEMBER 7, 2017

A. Discussion and possible action to approve a resolution to cast votes in the McLennan County Appraisal District Board of Directors election

- President Atkins apprised the Board that the votes that Waco ISD was allocated was based on the size of the tax levy. Waco ISD was allocated 940 votes. President Atkins requested a motion as to how to allocate the votes. Angela Tekell moved, to allocate the 940 votes to Trustee Allen Sykes. Norman Manning seconded the motion. Allen Sykes recused himself. Motion passed 6-0. President Atkins thanked Mr. Sykes for continuing to represent the District and the community.

VII. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION FOR THE CONSENT AGENDA ON DECEMBER 14, 2017

A. Discussion and possible action to approve speaking services provided by the Superintendent to other entities pursuant to Education Code Section 11.201(e)

- There was no discussion on the line item.

B. Discussion and possible action to approve amendments to the 2017-2018 budget

- There was no discussion on the line item.

C. Discussion and possible action to approve the job order contract for kitchen equipment repair services

- There was no discussion on the line item.

D. Discussion and possible action to approve an amended Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Waco, McLennan County and the Waco Independent School District in respect to the management, maintenance, and sale of property bid off as a result of a foreclosure

- There was no discussion on the line item.

E. Discussion and possible action to approve BED (Local) update

- Trustee DuPuy inquired on the change to the policy. President Atkins stated that state law requires that any meeting that receives public comment or where action was taken is required to be recorded and made available on the website.

F. Discussion and possible action to approve Early Notice of Resignation Incentive Option

- There was no discussion on the line item.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

- Trustee Larry Perez thanked both AFT and TSTA for the book give away. The meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.