



**Waco Independent School District Board of Trustees Regular Board Meeting**  
**Waco ISD Conference Center**  
**115 S 5<sup>th</sup> Street**  
**Waco, TX 76701**  
**Thursday, August 31, 2017**  
**Closed Session 6:00 p.m.**  
**Open Meeting 7:00 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 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 Members Absent:** None

**III. CLOSED SESSION** – President Atkins called the closed meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. to discuss the duties and responsibilities of the Superintendent.

**A. Texas Government Code Section**

**1. Discussion on duties and responsibilities of the Superintendent**

**No action was taken during the closed meeting. President Atkins reconvened the meeting at 7:15 p.m.**

**IV. OPEN MEETING**

**V. MOMENT OF SILENCE**

**VI. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

■ The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Greater Waco Advanced Manufacturing Academy students Kiana Martinez, home campus Waco High School, and Laquan Quinton, home campus University High School.

**VII. PUBLIC MEETING**

**A. Public Meeting to discuss the 2017-2018 Budget and Proposed Tax Rate**

■ Line item heard out of order.

**VIII. SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

■ Kyle DeBeer, Executive Director of Communications and Community Engagement, recognized the following groups: pledge leaders Kiana Martinez and Laquan Quinton; Region 12 Teacher of the Year: Mrs. Deborah DeGraff, Bell's Hill Elementary School; Kicking World Summer Camp Golden Boot Award: Chris Esqueda, Waco High School; 2017-2018 First Day of School Community Supporters: Waco Fire Department, represented by Chief Bobby Tatum, Waco Police Department, represented by Chief Ryan Holt, Calvary Baptist Church, represented by Pastor Mary Alice Birdwhistell; Promote Literacy, represented by Ivan LeBlanc and Marshall Harvey, St. Luke AME Church, represented by Reverend Pamela Rivera, KWBT FB 94.5 The Beat, represented by Rich Richardson, and Christopher Dupree. One Fellowship Church, represented by Pastor Bryan Dalco, Waco NAACP, represented by Dr. Peaches Henry, Andrea Bernard, and Gamma

Upsilon Chapter of the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Amber Bernard, Terrance McNair of Phi Beta Sigma, Brenda Freeman of Zeta Phi Beta, Lovie Livingston of Alpha Phi Alpha, Ramona Curtis of Baylor University and Delta Sigma Theta, Ashley Bean Thornton of Baylor University and Act Locally Waco, Primera Iglesia Bautista, represented by Pastor Emmanuel Roldan, Carver Park Baptist Church, represented by Pastor Gaylon Foreman, Waco Community Development, represented by Cuevas Peacock; and Holy Spirit Episcopal Church.

**Line item heard out of order. President Atkins recessed the open meeting at 7:32 p.m. to open the Public Hearing.**

## **VII. PUBLIC MEETING**

### **A. Public Meeting to discuss the 2017-2018 Budget and Proposed Tax Rate**

- Sheryl Davis, CFO, gave the Board of Trustees a brief overview on the four principles of truth-in-taxation for school districts, 2017-2018 budget timelines, budget priorities, tax rates, and the required internet posting. President Atkins inquired as to whether anyone had any questions. Hearing none, President Atkins inquired as to whether there was anyone in the audience who wished to speak on the budget or proposed tax rate. Hearing no requests, President Atkins closed the Public Meeting.

**President Atkins closed the Public Meeting and reconvened the Open Meeting at 7:52 p.m.**

## **IX. AUDIENCE FOR GUESTS**

- No one requested to speak.

## **X. CONSENT AGENDA**

### **A. Discussion and possible action to approve minutes**

- 1. June 15, 2017 Special Meeting minutes**
- 2. June 22, 2017 Business Meeting minutes**

- That the Board of Trustees approve the minutes for June 15 and June 22, 2017.

### **B. Discussion and possible action to approve amendments to the 2016-2017 budget**

- That the Board of Trustees approve amendments:

#070 – Athletics Department – will reallocate budgeted funds for extracurricular extra-duty and security other miscellaneous contracted services to maintenance for extra-duty and other miscellaneous contracted services.

#071 – General Fund – Final Amendment – will amend in general fund revenues for foundation school program to match projections for this year, and also to cover projected shortages in various functions for the 2016-17 fiscal year. Texas Education Agency requires a school district to amend the official budget before exceeding a functional expenditure category.

There was no effect on fund balance.

### **C. Discussion and possible action to approve a resolution committing General Fund balances as of August 31, 2017**

- That the Board of trustees approve the resolution committing unassigned general operating fund balance in an amount not to exceed \$4,713,500 for purposes listed.

- \$1,882,302 for renovations to the old maintenance shops to accommodate the relocation of Child Nutrition Services;
- \$163,865 set aside for additional physical education facilities at Indian Spring Middle School;
- \$699,084 for renovations to accommodate the technology data center plus

- \$207,959 for associated network equipment;
- \$302,819 for renovations to the old Lake Waco campus to accommodate the transition program at Brazos High School;
- \$297,000 for repairs to the fire escape at the Administration building;
- \$303,822 for construction of science labs at the Greater Waco Advanced Health Care Academy plus an additional \$278,000 to outfit the labs;
- \$86,587 for preliminary design services for various projects;
- \$625,108 accumulated from the sale of buses to be used for future bus replacement;
- \$88,168 for band lockers and other Fine Arts projects; and
- \$56,786 for funds approved through the tax ratification election for dual credit programs but not yet allocated.

**RESOLUTION COMMITTING FUND BALANCE  
OF THE WACO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

The Board of Trustees of the Waco Independent School District having convened in Regular Session at its regular meeting place within the boundaries of the Waco Independent School District, on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of August, 2017.

WHEREAS, Commission of Accounting Standards Board (CASB) Statement Number 54, provides guidance regarding the allocation of fund balances by governmental entities;

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Waco Independent School District, have determined that a portion of the unassigned general operating fund balance should be allocated toward future capital needs of the District;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WACO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

That Three Million Nine Hundred Forty-three Thousand Four Hundred Forty-eight dollars of the unassigned general operating fund balance be committed for the construction and other major improvements.


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That Six Hundred Twenty-five Thousand One Hundred and Eighty dollars of the unassigned general operating fund balance be committed for capital expenditures for equipment.


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That Five Hundred Twenty-five Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-four dollars of the unassigned general operating fund balance be committed for other expenditures.

INTRODUCED AND PASSED by the Waco Independent School District Board of Trustees, this 31<sup>st</sup> day of August, 2017.



Paul Adams  
President, Board of Trustees



Norman Yarnall  
Secretary, Board of Trustees

**D. Discussion and possible action to approve the renewal of the bid for refrigeration services**

- That the Board of Trustees approve the renewal of the bid for refrigeration services under job order contract #14-100 with A & H Refrigeration Co., Inc. as the primary vendor and McNamara Custom Services as the additional vendor for projects between \$5,000 and \$125,000.

**E. Discussion and possible action to approve the renewal of the bid for floor covering services**

- That the Board of Trustees approve the renewal of the bid for floor covering services under job order contract #14-1009 with Centex Carpet & Interiors as the primary vendor and Gene Ives Acoustic awarded as the additional vendor for projects between \$5,000 and \$125,000.

**F. Discussion and possible action to approve the amended interlocal cooperative agreement between Waco ISD and the City of Waco**

- That the Board of Trustees approve the amended interlocal cooperative agreement between Waco ISD and the City of Waco to utilize the City's trunked 800 MHz communication system.

**G. Discussion and possible action to approve the amended interlocal cooperative agreement with Robinson ISD for transportation services**

- That the Board of Trustees approve the amended interlocal cooperative agreement between Waco ISD and Robinson ISD for transportation services.

**H. Discussion and possible action to approve a memorandum of understanding with EOAC/Headstart to provide a collaborative preschool program known as Jump Start**

- That the Board of Trustees approve the memorandum of understanding between Waco ISD and EOAC/Head Start to provide a collaborative preschool program known as “Jump Start” for the 207-2018 school year.
- I. Discussion and possible action to approve a memorandum of understanding with the McLennan County Junior College District for college credit coursework and educational support of the Certified Nurse Aide Program at the Greater Waco Advanced Health Care Academy (GWAHCA)**
  - That the Board of Trustees approve the memorandum of understanding with McLennan County Junior College District for college credit coursework and educational support of the Certified Nurse Aide program at the Greater Waco Advanced Health Care Academy (GWAHCA).
- J. Discussion and possible action to approve a cost share agreement between Waco ISD and Communities-in-Schools**
  - That the Board of Trustees approve the 2017-2018 cost share agreement between Waco ISD and Communities-in-Schools.
- K. Discussion and possible action to approve accepting the Gifts and Grants to Waco ISD**
  - That the Board of Trustees approve the gifts and grants as presented: An increase of \$7,878.44 in total cash, items, and services donated to Waco ISD was recorded for the August 2017 report. The Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) approved the Family Abuse Center’s (FAC) Project HOPES Grant for Year 3. An increase of \$125,476 in grant awards to Waco ISD.
- L. Discussion and possible action to approve the Lone Star Governance Implementation**
  - 1. Goal Progress Measure 3.1, Work Program Passing Rate Presented July 27, 2017**
  - 2. Goal Progress Measure 2.1; Advanced Placement Exam Results**
    - That the Board of Trustees accept the two goal progress measures 3.1, work program passing rate presented July 27, 2017 and goal progress measure 2.1, Advanced Placement exam results presented August 24, 2017.
- M. Discussion and possible action to approve additional Texas Teacher Evaluation and Support System (T-TESS) appraisers for the 2017-2018 school year**
  - That the Board of Trustees approve the additional Texas Teacher Evaluation and Support System teacher appraisers: Lauren Frasure, Mary Nied Phillips, and Jennifer Kunz.
- N. Discussion and possible action to approve Local Policy Updates - District of Innovation Plan**
  - That the Board of Trustees approve the revision of LOCAL policies DBA, DCA, DK, EB, EC, EEB, FEA, FEB, FEC, and FO that are related to the Waco ISD District of Innovation Plan.
- O. Discussion and possible action to approve a resolution to sanction 4-H as an extracurricular activity**
  - That the Board of Trustees approve the resolution sanctioning 4-H as an extracurricular activity in Waco ISD for the 2017-2018 school year.



**P. Discussion and possible action to hire an employee related to a current administrator**

■ That the Board of Trustees approve to hire Justin Austin Logan the son of Karmen Logan, principal, as a behavior support aide at Provident Heights Elementary.

**Q. Discussion and possible action to approve Cooper Foundation Term Extension**

■ That the Board of Trustees approve to extend the term of Dr. Sharon Shields on the Cooper Foundation Board.

**Allen Sykes moved, Angela Tekell seconded, to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion passed 7-0.**

**XI. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

**A. Discussion and possible action to adopt the 2017-18 budgets**

■ After a brief discussion Larry Perez moved, Cary DuPuy seconded, to approve the budgets for the 2017-18 fiscal year in the following amounts. Motion passed 7-0.

Official Budget:		
General Fund		\$143,334,470
Child Nutrition Fund		\$ 10,068,979
Debt Service Fund		\$ 14,668,156
Other Budgets		
Greater Waco Advanced Health Care Academy	\$	1,133,974
Greater Waco Advanced Manufacturing Academy	\$	1,144,541
McLennan County Challenge Academy	\$	940,156
Regional Day School for the Deaf	\$	743,023

**B. Discussion and possible action to approve a resolution adopting the tax rate for the 2017 tax year**

■ After a brief discussion Allen Sykes motioned “I move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$1.41000, which is effectively a 7.19 percent increase in the tax rate. This tax rate will raise more taxes for maintenance and operations than last year’s rate. The tax rate will effectively be raised by 3.47 percent and will raise taxes for maintenance and operations on a \$100,000 home by approximately \$0.00. Angela Tekell seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

**C. Discussion and possible action to approve the Continuous Improvement Governance Work**

■ Superintendent Dr. A. Marcus Nelson stated that the Board of Trustees would discuss the Board self-evaluation document at September 23<sup>rd</sup> workshop. No action was taken.

**XII. DISCUSSION AND UPDATES**

**A. Update on Family Fest August 12, 2017**

■ Coordinator of Compensatory Services Sheila Whitehead gave the Board a brief overview of the 2017 Family Fest event.

**XIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Superintendent Dr. A. Marcus Nelson acknowledged the Waco ISD team for a successful start to school; Chief Ken Boatman, Lieutenant David Williams, and staff for going above and beyond to escort the Lake Air Softball Little League World Series Champions to Waco; and Director of Child Nutrition Services, Cliff Reece and his staff for the work they do for Pack of Hope. Dr. Nelson encouraged the community to support both Waco ISD football teams at the Derrick Johnson Classic Friday and Saturday evening.

Executive Director of Communications and Community Engagement, Kyle DeBeer, announced that Waco ISD would launch the Superintendent's Online Entry Plan Survey for the Waco community to provide input and guidance to Dr. Nelson to assist with his entry into the district. Heart of Texas College Night will be held on September 25<sup>th</sup> at the Extraco Events Center. Board President Pat Atkins acknowledged Educational T.V. and Social Media Specialist, David Ellis for doing a good job of keeping the community informed by livestreaming and tweeting the Softball Little League World Series games. Dr. Nelson acknowledged Mr. Felipe Garza with AVANCE, and Business and Finance staff, Sheryl Davis, CFO, David Cartwright, Director of Budget and Payroll, and Sherry Trotts, Director of Business Services, for diligently working on the 2017-18 budget that was approved by the Board.

#### **XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.