

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
FORT STOCKTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Monday, August 19, 2024  
6:00 PM

President Flo Garcia called the meeting to order at 6:09 pm.

Secretary Ursula Sanchez established a quorum with the following members present: Flo Garcia, Kay Griffith, Freddie Martinez, Sandra Rivera and Ursula Sanchez. Anastacio Dominguez arrived at 6:21 pm and Jennifer Gonzales arrived at 6:25 pm.

Flo announced that the meeting was duly called and that notice of the meeting was posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

Freddie Martinez led the pledges to the flags and Superintendent Dr. Gabriel Zamora gave the invocation.

There were no open forum requests or public comments.

**STAFF REPORTS**

The campus principals presented certificates to the students of the month for August 2024: Alexia Dominguez, High School; Sebastian Sanchez, Middle School; Viviana Soto, Intermediate; Charleigh Wynn, Alamo; and Michelle Salado Ortega, Apache.

Dr. Zamora discussed the ADA campus attendance percentage and announced all old series of bonds would be paid off in the next few weeks. The air condition situation at Intermediate is being addressed and remedied. Portable A/C units have been brought in to alleviate the problems.

Assistant Superintendent Gil-Ray Madrid gave an update on the arrival of the new buses and update on some current buses experiencing overheating. It has been determined that polarity issues during installation of the new AC units have caused the ongoing situation at Intermediate and is being addressed and alleviated. Portable A/C units have been brought in to help improve the comfort in the building. Contractors are aware and have been working in the evenings to resolve the issues. The board requested that the project managers attend future board meetings to give progress updates.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion made by Anastacio, seconded by Jennifer and carried unanimously to approve the consent agenda, including the minutes of the regular meeting of July 29, 2024, the July check register, district property, auto, liability and workers comp insurance, the Midland College Program quotes, the Extracurricular Status 4-H organization resolution, the Texas A&M Agrilife Extension adjunct faculty, the modified USDA adult meal cost, and the 2024 Certified Appraisal Roll ordinance.

**DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION**

Dr. Zamora acknowledged the donations from VLK Architects in the amount of \$3,000,000, Jeanette Kelly in the amount of \$3,000, and Chevron by Jonathan Harshman in the amounts of \$5,000 and \$15,000 to the Fort Stockton Educational Foundation.

**ACTION**

Motion made by Jennifer, seconded by Freddie and carried unanimously to approve the budget amendments as presented.

Motion made by Anastacio, seconded by Jennifer and carried unanimously to delegate authority to the superintendent and approve the Memorandum of Understanding for the purpose of Early Childhood Education Partnerships.

Motion made by Kay, seconded by Ursula and carried unanimously to approve the district's resolution authorizing the defeasance and redemption of outstanding obligations as presented.

Motion made by Anastacio, seconded by Kay and carried unanimously to adopt the 2024-2025 General Fund, Food Service and Debt Service budgets as presented.

Motion made by Anastacio, seconded by Sandra and carried to move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$1.0488, which is effectively a 6.05418 % increase in the tax rate, as presented in the resolution.

Motion made by Kay, seconded by Ursula and carried unanimously to approve the Resolution regarding the 2024-2025 tax rate and tax rate election as presented.

Motion made by Anastacio, seconded by Kay and carried unanimously to adopt an order calling a tax ratification election on November 5, 2024.

Motion made by Jennifer, seconded by Anastacio and carried unanimously to adopt competitive sealed proposal as procurement methods for Agricultural Science and CTE Facility project.

#### **CLOSED SESSION**

In accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, (Subchapters D and E of Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code), the board entered into closed session to deliberate personnel (551.074) and consult with attorney (551.071) at 7:11 pm.

#### **OPEN SESSION**

The board reconvened in open session at 7:36 pm.

#### **ACTION**

Motion made by Ursula, seconded by Freddie and carried unanimously to approve the 2024 certified appraisal roll as presented.

#### **PERSONNEL ACTIVITY**

##### Professional Employments

Sam Ilapogu	Teacher – High School – Math
Shobha Ilapogu	Teacher – High School – Science
Patricia Pena	Teacher – Intermediate – 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Science
Brett Starkweather	Administrator – Apache
Melissa Starkweather	Teacher – Alamo – RTI Interventionist/Coordinator

##### Employments

Alicia Deanda	Licensed Vocational Nurse – Alamo
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##### Resignations

Terri Ivie	Licensed Vocational Nurse – Alamo
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The meeting adjourned at 7:38 pm.

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Presiding Officer

Attesting Officer