

COLEMAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

OFFICIAL MINUTES

Regular Meeting

The Board of Trustees of the Coleman Independent School District met Monday, August 19, 2024 at 5:32 p.m. in the school business office for the regular monthly meeting.

Present: Becky Dobbins, Jacque Rosales, John Casey, Joshua Hale, Lee Morrison

Absent: Sandra Rose

Others Present: Brandon McDowell, Superintendent; Michael Heath, High School Principal; Thomas King, Jr. High Principal; Tim Richter, Elementary Principal; Kristi Greaves, Business Manager; Anthony Smith

Recorder: Mary Strickland

Minutes: John Casey made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 15, 2024. The second was made by Jacque Rosales. Voting for the motion were John Casey, Joshua Hale, Lee Morrison and Jacque Rosales. Becky Dobbins abstained. Motion passed 4-0.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Public Hearing to Discuss Budget and Proposed Tax Rate: No one from the public attended. Kristi Greaves, Business Manager, presented a PowerPoint explaining the State funding components and how property values, tax rate and revenues effect school funding.

ACTION ITEMS:

Discussion of School District's Property Values and Impact on School Funding: The Board, Superintendent and Kristi Greaves, Business Manager, discussed the impact of property values on the District's funding and tax rates. Discussion included the change in local certified property values, potential change

in comptroller values, and their impact on the maximum compressed tax rate, proposed tax rate, and state funding. No action was taken.

Consider Contribution to Employee Health Insurance Premium:

Jacque Rosales made a motion to increase the employee insurance premium contribution by \$50 per month for a total of \$325 per month effective September 1, 2024. Lee Morrison seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Consider Approving Local Policy Revision Affecting Policy DEC(LOCAL) Compensation Benefits Leaves and Absences:

Lee Morrison made a motion to approve Local Policy Revision Affecting Policy DEC (LOCAL) Compensation Benefits Leaves and Absences as presented.

Consider Approving Local Policy Affecting DED(LOCAL) Compensation Benefits Vacations and Holidays

John Casey made a motion to approve Local Policy Affecting Policy DED(LOCAL) Compensation Benefits for Vacation and Holidays as presented Joshua Hale seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Adopt the Budget for the 2024-2025 School Year:

Lee Morrison made a motion to adopt the budget for the 2024-2025 school year by fund and function as presented and all budgeted 2024-2025 pay scales. Joshua Hale seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Adopt Tax Rate for 2024:

Joshua Hale made a motion to set the 2024 tax rate at \$0.7552 per \$100 valuation for maintenance & operations for a total tax rate of \$0.7552. John Casey seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Consider Approving Funds be Committed for School Building Improvements, School Buses and Vehicles for Student Transportation, and Equipment for Technological Advances:

Jacque Rosales made a motion to resolve that \$550,000 be committed for funding school building improvements, \$75,000 be committed for funding of school buses and vehicles for student transportation, and \$275,000 be committed to equipment for technological advances. John Casey seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Consider Approving 2024-2025 Coleman ISD Student Code of Conduct:

A motion was made by John Casey to approve the 2024-2025 Coleman ISD Student Code of Conduct as recommended by the administration. Jacque Rosales seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Consider Adopting TCOLE Policies Required for the Coleman ISD Police Department:

Jacque Rosales made a motion to adopt the TCOLE Policies required for the Coleman ISD Police Department as follows:

- Policy 2.10 Medical and Psychological Examination of a Licensee
- Policy 2.5 Misconduct Allegations
- Policy 4.1a Hiring Procedures
- Policy 4.2 Personnel Files

Joshua Hale seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Consider Resolution Regarding Extra-Curricular Status of 4-H Organization and Adjunct Faculty:

Jacque Rosales made a motion to approve the Resolution regarding Extra-Curricular Status of 4-H Organization and Adjunct Faculty. Joshua Hale seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Consider Approving T-TESS Appraisers and Appraisal Calendar for the 2024-2025 School Year:

Jacque Rosales made a motion to approve the T-TESS Appraisers and Appraisal Calendar for the 2024-2025 School Year as recommended by the administration. The 2024-2025 T-TESS Appraisers are as follows:

- Michael Heath
- Thomas King
- Tim Richter

John Casey seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Budget Amendments:

Joshua Hale made a motion to approve the budget amendments as presented. Jacque Rosales seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

BOARD REPORT:

Principals Reports:

The principals reported on their respective campuses.

DISCUSSION:

Discuss Use of ESSA Funds and All Federal Funds:

It was explained to the board how the ESSA Funds and Federal Funds were allocated for Coleman ISD. The majority of the funds were used for Title I, II and IV programs within the district.

Closed Session to Discuss Coleman ISD Board of Trustees Place 2 Unexpired Term Vacancy:

Place 2 on the Coleman ISD Board of Trustees is vacant. The board discussed the timeline to fill the position.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

School Rating Update:

It was explained that TEA is not releasing school ratings at this time. .

2024-2025 Transfer Students:

The list of approved student transfers for the 2024-2025 school year was presented to the board. As of August 19, 2024, there are 55 students transferring into Coleman ISD.

Student Handbooks:

The Elementary, Jr. High School and High Student Handbooks were provided to the school board members.

Special Meeting to Approve Final Budget Amendments:

The Board will meet Friday, August 30, 2024, at 7:45 a.m. to approve final budget amendments for the 2023-2024 school year.

Check Payment List:

The Board reviewed the check payments for the month of August, 2024.

Financial Board Report:

The Financial Board Report for July, 2024 was presented to the Board.

Financial Statement:

The Financial Statement as of July 31, 2024 was presented to the Board.

Adjournment:

The Board adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

BECKY DOBBINS

JACQUE ROSALES