

Terrell County Independent School District

Sanderson, Texas 79848

Meeting Minutes from September 18, 2024 Board Meeting

The Terrell County Independent School District convened for the regular meeting on Wednesday, September 18, 2024 at 7:00 P.M., in the conference room at the Sanderson High School, 302 North Second Street, Sanderson, Texas.

Trustees Present:

Mr. Jon Tom Lowrance

Mr. Fernando Sanchez

Mr. Clay Houston

Mr. Chris Case

Board members absent were: Mrs. Lali Ortiz, Marco Fuentes and Enrique Rivera

Administration and TCISD Staff Present: Tanna Lowrance, Superintendent, Justin Hilliard, Athletic Director, Blain Chriesman, Chief Financial Officer, Virginia Garza, Counselor

Community Members:

Regular Meeting

A quorum was established with Mr. Houston presiding.

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 P.M. The pledges were said, and a moment of silence was observed.

Public Comments/Audience Participation TCISD Policy BED (LOCAL) pursuant to Gov't Code §551.007:

There were no public comments.

District Reports:

- a. Yearbook Update: Mrs. Lowrance reported for Mrs. Roberts. Mrs. Roberts has ordered the 2023-2024 yearbooks and they should arrive within the next two weeks. The yearbook staff for the year has been chosen and they have started meeting during study hall this week.
- b. Technology Report: Mr. David Carrasco reported via text. Mrs. Lowrance presented the following: The website is coming along, and Mr. Carrasco has access to support who responds withing hours. If you go to the website you will see some of the improvements, besides the overall look of the site. He is working on drop down menus. He has added the handbooks. It is a work in progress and he plans to work on it 2-3 hours per day.
- c. Athletic Director Report: Coach Hilliard reported both girls cross country teams won the Balmorhea Cross Country meet on Saturday. Homecoming went well and the varsity football team will travel to Fort Hancock on Friday. The PE grant order has been placed for soccer balls, a volleyball net, volleyballs, agility training equipment and pickleball sets. The athletic department is looking at a fundraiser in late January or early February. He has applied for the Chocolate Milk grant through the SW Dairy Farmers of America. It will be two installments of \$2500 and they would bring a mobile dairy to the district.
- d. Counselor's Report: Mrs. Virginia Garza reported the students are able to utilize the new Access career program through the Carl Perkins grant. Big Bend Telephone visited with seniors regarding a paid internship program. Two of our seniors are interested. College Day is September 26th in Fort Stockton for Juniors and Seniors. October 2nd is the career fair in Alpine for freshmen through seniors. October 17th is the ASVAB for Sophomores. The ACT,PSAT and SAT will take

place towards the end of October. She will have district test coordinator training in October and she began elementary group sessions during library time this week.

e. **Transportation and Maintenance Report** (Tanna Lowrance)

Mrs. Lowrance reported the spreadsheet showing vehicles to be replaced. She also explained Honewell will be on site next week to repair one of the new units that has stopped working.

e. **Financial Report**- Mr. Chriesman reported on the monthly expenditures, Financials 'Near Final' 2023-24 , 2023-24 ending fund balance projection , and the Capital Projects Budget 2023-24 & 2024-25.

f. **Superintendent's Report** – Mrs. Lowrance reported that the current enrollment is 111. Currently taking applications for a full time maintenance position. Homecoming went well, the field looked very nice, and a special thank you to the shop program for welding the frames for the bonfire. The junior class earned about \$2000 from the fish fry and she presented the October - December Calendar of events.

Consent Agenda:

Minutes from the Called Board Meeting / Public Hearing on August 28, 2024 and from the Regular Board Meeting on August 28, 2024 were presented. Mr. Sanchez motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Case seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

Action Items:

a. **Secretary of the Board Certification of unopposed candidate status of District No. 1, Place Numbers 1 & 2.**

Mr Sanchez signed the certification of unopposed candidate status of District No. 1, Place Numbers 1&2.

b. **Consideration of ordering cancellation of the November 5, 2024 School Trustee Election for District #1, Place Numbers 1 & 2.**

Mr Case motioned to approve ordering cancellation of the November 5, 2024 School Trustee Election for District #1, Place Numbers 1&2. Mr. Lowrance seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

c. **Consideration of approving Capital Projects Budget for 2024-25**

Mr. Sanchez motioned to approve the Capital Projects Budget for 2024-2025 as presented. Mr. Lowrance seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

d. **Discussion and Possible Approval of SHAC Committee Member**

no action

e. **Discussion and Possible Approval of the 2024-2025 T-TESS Appraiser**

Mr. Sanchez made a motion to approve Mrs. Lowrance as the 2024-2025 T-Tess Appraiser. Mr. Case seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

f. **Discussion and Possible Approval of Calendar Updates**

Mr. Case motioned to approve calendar updates as presented. Mr. Lowrance seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

g. **Discussion and Possible Approval of Resolution stating annual review of Investment Policies and Strategies and Designation of Investment Officer for the District**

Mr. Lowrance motioned to approve the resolution stating annual review of Investment Policies and Strategies and Designation of Mr. Blain Chriesman as the Investment Officer for the District. Mr. Sanchez seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

h. Discussion and Possible Approval of Resolution Approving Independent Sources for Investment Officer Training

Mr. Sanchez motioned to approve the resolution approving independent sources for investment officer training as presented. Mr. Case seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

Executive Session: There were no items to discuss in executive session.

Adjourn:

A motion was made by Mr. Case and seconded by Mr. Lowrance to adjourn the meeting. The adjournment was unanimously approved 4-0.

Mr. Houston adjourned the meeting at 8:00 pm.

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Mr. Houston
Vice-President

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Mr. Fernando Sanchez
Secretary