

**WILLIS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
AGENDA/NOTICE OF MEETING
SHARON HILL JENNETTE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
WILLIS ISD BOARDROOM
612 N. CAMPBELL
WILLIS, TEXAS 77378
POSTED: November 15, 2024**

The Board of Trustees of the Willis Independent School District will meet in a Special Board Meeting on November 19, 2024 at 7:30 a.m. at the Sharon Hill Jennette Administration Building in the Willis ISD Boardroom, 612 N. Campbell Street, Willis, Texas 77378, and the business to be conducted is listed below.

AGENDA

If, during the course of the meeting covered by this notice, the Board of Trustees should determine that a closed or executive meeting of the Board is required, then such closed or executive meeting as authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Section 551.001 et. seq., will be held by the Board of Trustees at the date, hour and place indicated in this Notice or as soon after the commencement of the meeting covered by this Notice as the Board of Trustees may conveniently meet in such closed or executive session concerning any and all purposes: 551.071, 551.072, 551.073, 551.074, 551.076, 551.082, 551.083, 551.084, and 551.129.

Should any final action, decision, or vote be required in the opinion of the Board of Trustees with regard to any matter considered in such closed or executive meeting or session, then the final action, decision or vote shall be either in open meeting, or at a subsequent public meeting upon notice thereof, as the Board of Trustees shall determine.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

President Kyle Hoegemeyer called the Special Business Meeting to order at 7:30 AM and announced that a quorum was present and that notice of the meeting had been posted for the time and manner required by law.

Members Present: Kyle Hoegemeyer, Paulett Traylor, Chad Jones, Nikita Lagway, Scott Carson, Charles Perry

Members Absent: Cliff Williams

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS

Discuss and Consider Adoption of an Order Canvassing Returns and Declaring Results of November 5, 2024 School Bond Election.

Superintendent, Dr. Kim James read the following November 5, 2024 Bond Election Proposition verbiage: Proposition A – Shall the Board of Trustees (The “Board”) of Willis Independent School District (The “District”) be authorized to issue bonds of the district, in one or more series or installments, in the amount of \$27,000,000 for the construction, acquisition, and equipment of a student activity center and related improvements, which bonds shall mature, bear interest, and be issued and sold in accordance with law at the time of issuance; and shall the Board be authorized to levy, impose and pledge, and cause to be assessed and collected, annual, ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in the district sufficient, without limit as to rate or amount, to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds and the costs of any credit agreements (including credit agreements executed or authorized in anticipation of, in relation to, or in connection with the bonds), all as authorized by the constitution and laws of the state of Texas and the United States of America.

Proposition B – Shall the Board of Trustees (The “Board”) of the Willis Independent School District (The “District”) be authorized to issue bonds of the District, in one or more series or installments, in the amount of \$68,800,000 for the construction, acquisition and equipment of an athletic stadium complex and related improvements, which bonds shall mature, bear interest and be issued and sold in accordance with law at the time of issuance; and shall the board be authorized to levy, impose and pledge, and cause to be assessed and collected, annual ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in the district sufficient, without limit as to rate or amount, to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds, and the costs of any credit agreements (including credit agreements executed or authorized in anticipation of, in relation to, or in connection with the bonds), all as authorized by the constitution and laws of the state of Texas and the United States of America.

Proposition C- Shall the Board of Trustees (The “Board”) of Willis Independent School District (The “District”) be authorized to issue bonds of the district, in one or more series or installments, in the amount of \$19,600,00 for the construction, acquisition and equipment of an aquatics center and related improvements, which bonds shall mature, bear interest, and be issued and sold in accordance with law at the time of issuance; and shall The Board be authorized to levy , impose and pledge, and cause to be assessed and collected, annual ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in the district sufficient, without limit as to rate or amount, to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds, and the costs of any credit agreements (including credit agreements executed or authorized in anticipation of , in relation to, or in connection with the bonds), all as authorized by the constitution and laws of the state of Texas and the United States of America.

Whereas, the tabulation of the results of the Election on Proposition A was as follows: for - 11,425 and against - 13,652.

Whereas, the tabulation of the results of the Election on Proposition B was as follows: for-10,701and against – 14,236.

Whereas, the tabulation of the results of the Election on Proposition C was as follows: for – 10,770 and against -14,113.

Now, therefore, it is ordered by the Board of Trustees of the Willis Independent School District that: the election was duly called and notice thereof given in accordance with law; the Election was held in the manner required by law; only resident, qualified electors of the district voted at the Election; a written return of the election results was made to the district in accordance with the Election Code; and the resident, qualified electors for the district voting in the Election, including absentee voting, voted “FOR” or “AGAINST” Propositions A, B, & C, respectively as noted above. The official returns shall be delivered to the Secretary of the Board of Trustees, who is hereby directed to enter in the Election register the tabulation of the votes cast for and against each proposition, respectively, and to preserve such tabulations as required by law. The Board of Trustees officially finds, determines, recites and declares that written notice of the date, hour, place and subject of the meeting at which this order is adopted was posted on a bulletin board located at a place convenient to the public at the District’s administrative offices for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of the meeting, given to all news media who have consented to pay any and all expense incurred by the District in connection with providing such notice, both as required by Chapter 551, Texas Government Code; and such meeting was open to the public. This order is effective immediately upon its passage and approval

Motion by Paulett Traylor and second by Scott Carson to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation to adopt an Order Canvassing Returns and Declaring Results of School Building Bond Elections. This motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

Discuss and Consider Approval of Multi-Campus HVAC Renovations Contractor Selection (AR Turner, Cannan, WHS)

Purchasing Coordinator, Kelly Hughes-Shropshire states the district accepted bids for the multi-campus HVAC projects on October 31, 2024. The district received eight bids. The committee consisted of five evaluators. The committee evaluated and ranked bids for each project individually on published criteria. Based on the recommended award is the following:

Cannan -Letsos – Base: \$1,076,115.00, Contingency: \$90,000.00

AR Turner – Letsos – Base: \$1,817,835.00, Contingency: \$90,000.00

Willis HS – CFI – Base: \$349,037.00, Contingency: \$30,000.00

Board Secretary, Chad Jones asked if we are backing all these contingencies up and Kelly Hughes-Shropshire answered yes. Mr. Jones asked if we were going to have any problems with the time frame or anything like that and Kelly Hughes-Shropshire stated they were told the leave times were sufficient. Mr. Jones also asked if there will be any punitive damages and Kelly Hughes-Shropshire stated she thinks we are good. Mr. Jones also stated that he was present for the negotiation of the HVAC contracts and we saved the district a lot of money.

Motion by Chad Jones and second by Scott Carson to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation to approve Ranking and Award Contracts Related to Multi-Campus HVAC Renovations Projects for Willis HS, Cannan, and AR Turner Elementary. This motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

Discuss and Consider Approval of Ranking General Contractors and Delegate Authority to Superintendent to Negotiate Contract for Elementary #7

Purchasing Coordinator, Kelly Hughes-Shropshire states the district accepted eight bids from general contractors on October 31, 2024. The committee consisted of six evaluators. The committee met on November 8, 2024 to evaluate and rank bids based on published criteria. This is step one giving the approval to begin negotiations. The ranking is as follows: Durotech, Stewart Builders, Gamma Construction, Bartlett Cocke, Flintco, Pogue, Berry and Clay, and Broaddus Construction. Board Secretary, Chad Jones asked Mrs. Hughes-Shropshire, if Dr. James is unable to negotiate a reasonable deal, is she able to move on to the next ranked company. Mrs. Hughes-Shropshire responded that by law if both parties cannot reach a fair deal beneficiary to both parties, the district is to provide written notice that we are ceasing negotiations then move on to the next ranked company and restart the process of negotiations.

Motion by Chad Jones and second by Scott Carson to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation to approve the Ranking of General Contractors for Willis ISD New Elementary 7, Delegating Authority to Negotiate a Contract. This motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Board Secretary, Chad Jones commented that the taxpayers were saved right at a million dollars. We need to let the community know the money the district saved.

FUTURE BUSINESS/MEETINGS

The regular December Board Meeting will be held on December 11, 2024 at 5:30 pm in the Willis ISD Performing Arts Center, 10005 Highway 75, Willis, TX. 77378

ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR MEETING

Motion by Scott Carson and seconded by Nikita Lagway to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously, 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:44 am.