

Terrell County Independent School District

Sanderson, Texas 79848

Meeting Minutes from January 24,2024 F.I.R.S.T. Hearing

The Terrell County Independent School District convened for the F.I.R.S.T. Hearing on Wednesday, January 24, 2024, at 6:45 P.M., in the conference room at the Sanderson High School, 302 North Second Street, Sanderson, Texas.

Trustees Present:

Mr. Fernando Sanchez

Mrs. Lali Ortiz

Mr. Enrique Rivera

Mr. Clay Houston

Mr. Marco Fuentes

Mr. Chris Case

Mr. Jon Tom Lowrance

Administration and TCISD Staff Present: Tanna Lowrance; Interim Superintendent, Justin Hilliard; Athletic Director, Blain Chriesman; Chief Financial Officer, David Carrasco; Technology Director, Virginia Garza; Counselor, Tami Carrasco; Teacher, Violita McDonald; Nurse, John Burgess, Teacher/Coach; Erica Sanchez, Teacher;

Community Members:

Regular Meeting

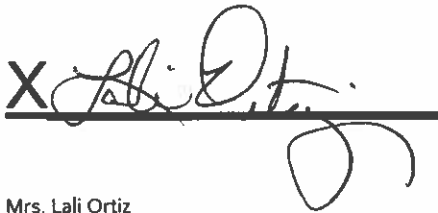
A quorum was established with Mr. Houston presiding (at the request of Mrs Ortiz).

The meeting was called to order at 6:48 P.M.

1. **Terrell County ISD FIRST Rating for 2023 was presented by Singleton, Clark & Company, PC**
2. **There were no public comments or questions on the Report**
3. **Adjourn**

The motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Mr. Fuentes and seconded by Mr. Rivera.
Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Houston adjourned the board meeting at 6:58 p.m.

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Mrs. Lali Ortiz
President

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Mr. Fernando Sanchez
Secretary

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Meeting Minutes from January 24,2024 Regular Board Meeting

The Terrell County Independent School District convened for the regular meeting on Wednesday, January 24, 2024, at 7:00 P.M., in the conference room at the Sanderson High School, 302 North Second Street, Sanderson, Texas.

Trustees Present:

Mr. Fernando Sanchez

Mrs. Lali Ortiz

Mr. Enrique Rivera

Mr. Clay Houston

Mr. Marco Fuentes

Mr. Chris Case

Mr. Jon Tom Lowrance

Administration and TCISD Staff Present: Tanna Lowrance; Interim Superintendent, Justin Hilliard; Athletic Director, Blain Chriesman; Chief Financial Officer, David Carrasco; Technology Director, Virginia Garza; Counselor, Tami Carrasco; Teacher, Violita McDonald;Nurse,

Community Members: Arianna Rodriguez, Esmi Hernandez, Emma Carrasco, Victoria Barron, Ryland Johnson, Kayla Fuentes

Regular Meeting

A quorum was established with Mr. Houston presiding (at the request of Mrs Ortiz).

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 P.M. The pledges were said, and a moment of silence was observed.

There were no public comments.

Presentation of Annual Financial Report FYE 8/31/23 by Singleton & Clark, P.C (via Zoom): see attached packet.

Action Items: (T. Lowrance)

Discussion and possible approval Annual Financial Report FEY 8/31/23 as presented by Singleton & Clark, P.C.

Mr. Houston made a motion to approve the Annual Financial Report FEY 8/31/23 as presented by Singleton & Clark, P.C. with a second from Mr.Fuentes. The motion passed 7-0.

Consider and Adopt an order authorizing the issuance of an unlimited tax school building bond; levying an annual AD Valorem Tax for the payment of the bond; and enacting other provisions relating to the subject.

Mr. Lowrance made a motion with a second from Mr. Rivera to adopt an order authorizing the issuance of an unlimited tax school building bond: levying an annual AD Valorem Tax for the payment of the bond: and enacting other provisions relating to the subject. The motion carried 7-0.

Presentation from Senior Class regarding allowing overnight Senior Trips. Several members of the senior class presented reasons why they should go on a senior trip and how it would be paid for.

Presentation from Blue Star Bus Sales: Mr. Hayne presented different bus options to the board.

District Reports:

- a. SHAC Report: SHAC members (Kayla Fuentez and Gabby Lopez) reported about their first meeting, enrollment, and projects for the year.
- b. Athletic Report: - Coach Hilliard reported on the following:
 - i. Basketball is going well. JH will have their district tournament in Iraan
 - ii. The athletic department is planning fundraisers and will take on the tennis tournament concession stand.
- c. Counselor's Report: - Mrs. Garza was unable to attend the meeting, Mrs. Lowrance presented her report:
 - i. There have been a few more college acceptances
 - ii. Everyone is getting ready for STAAR
 - iii. Gearing up for Scholarships and FAFSA
- d. Financial Report: - Mr. Chriesman reported on the following:
 - i. Mr. Chriesman reported on the monthly financial report
 - ii. he also explained the list of bills and checks in the board packet
- e. Superintendent's Report – Mrs. Lowrance reported on the following:
 - i. **Monthly Vehicle & Building Maintenance report(s)**
 - ii.
 - #9 Tahoe had previous repairs to two fuel lines, the hoses split along the repairs, the hoses have been ordered and were installed today in addition to new spark plugs
 - #6 Tahoe is receiving an oil change and computer reset
 - The computer systems were not reset during previous oil changes, Mr. Morris and Mr. Fehner have access to Mr. Morris's computer system to reset the oil change feature.
 - Medium bus - the alarm went off from Grandfalls to Sanderon, the debris filter needed cleaned, the manual override of the alarm would no longer work, Mr. Stegall helped the maintenance department reset the alarm and computer today.
 - The parking lot behind the Band Hall has been cleared of old materials. We are working to get ready for tennis and track season. This will include: grounds clean up, clean up behind the JH field house, paint touch-ups, bleacher maintenance, lawn work and organization of connexes.

iii. January Celebrations

- Region 18 consultants came during our scheduled PD day January 15th. One consultant worked with Miss Fuentez on organization of the Science Lab chemical storage room. Another consultant worked with Mr. Fehner in the IT shop.
- We had our 3rd 6-Weeks awards ceremony. We are working hard to improve our attendance and continue to focus on reading.
- Our amazing teachers are working together to utilize study hall for STAAR and EOC tutoring and HS UIL.
- We have 7 HS students traveling to Monahans for a practice UIL meet.
- We are working with Alejandra Camarillo-Sandleback to plan a garden and egg hatching unit for our students.

iv. Calendar Additions

We are finalizing our testing calendar along with our tennis, track, and golf schedules. Once this is complete we will fill in all other dates as much as possible. A monthly calendar will go out moving forward. We will work on the school calendar for the 2024-2025 school year and be ready to present to the board for approval at the February meeting. We are excited to have state debate on the calendar and we are hoping to secure a basketball playoff game.

v. School Housing

- We currently have one 2 bedroom available.
- Mr. Estes has taken the district up on the offer to utilize one 2 bedroom while he completed various projects for the district

vi. Safety

- Mr. Carrasco, Mr. Morris and Mr. Fehner have mounted a large television screen in the Superintendent's office to monitor all cameras in the district. They will also install the same system in the Principal's office and Business office as different parts arrive.
- Staff is armed, lockboxes have been installed, and safety vests with patches have arrived.

vii. Permanent School Fund Project Update(s)

1. Track - Hellas emailed on 1/23/24 delaying the track project

Consent Agenda:

Approval of the minutes from the Regular and Special Board Meetings on December 20, 2023.

A motion was made by Mr. Houston to accept the minutes as presented and a second was made by Mr. Case. Motion carried 7-0.

Approval of Budget Amendments as presented.

A motion was made by Mr. Houston to approve the budget amendments as presented and a second was made by Mr. Lowrance. The motion passed 7-0.

Action Items: Presenter: Tanna Lowrance

1. **Consideration of Nominating one individual to serve in the at-large position on the Terrell County Appraisal District Board of Directors for a two (2) year term beginning on January 1, 2024:**
Nomination is subject to ratification by Terrell County Commissioners Court.
The motion was made by Mr. Sanchez and seconded by Mr. Fuentes to nominate Jim Cash to the County Appraisal District Board of Directors for a two year term beginning January 1, 2024 . The nomination was approved 7-0.
2. **Consider and Approve a Formal Request and Guidelines to Repeat a Grade or HS Level Class at TCISD:**
The motion was made by Mr. Rivera and seconded by Mr. Houston to approve a Formal Request and Guidelines to repeat a grade or HS Level Class with the amendment that the request is due to the school 30 days before the beginning of classes. The motion passed 7-0.

Executive Session: Pursuant of Texas Governmental Code §551, the board may retire to closed session for discussion of items listed below:

- a. Personnel Issues
- b. Consideration and discussion of hiring a Superintendent following the contract term end date of February 5, 2024 of Mrs. Lowrance's Interim Superintendent contract
- c. Consideration and discussion of allowing overnight Senior trips
- d. Consider and Approve quote to move forward with the addition / renovations to create a Nursing CTE classroom with Bond funds once available
- e. Consider and approve staff bonuses

At 8:20 the board took a break and went into executive session at 8:30. The board returned to open meeting at 9:35.

1. **Return to Open Meeting for Consideration/Adoption of Closed Meeting Items:**
The motion was made by Mr. Houston and seconded by Mr. Fuentes to approve Contract extension from February 5, 2024 - February 5, 2026 of Mrs. Lowrance as presented. Motion carried 6-0. Mr. Lowrance abstained.

No action was taken allowing overnight trips, or staff bonuses.

The motion was made by Mr. Lowrance and seconded by Mr. Houston to approve the quote to move forward with the addition / renovations to classroom 201. . The motion carried 7-0
2. **Adjourn**
The motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Mr. Houston and seconded by Mr. Rivera. Motion carried 7-0.
Mrs. Ortiz adjourned the board meeting at 9:42 p.m.

X Lali Ortiz

Mrs. Lali Ortiz
President

X Fernando Sanchez

Mr. Fernando Sanchez
Secretary