

Terrell County Independent School District

Sanderson, Texas 79848

Meeting Minutes from April 17, 2024, Board Meeting

The Terrell County Independent School District convened for the regular meeting on Wednesday, April 17, 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

Mrs. Lali Ortiz

Mr. Clay Houston

Mr. Chris Case

Administration and TCISD Staff Present: Tanna Lowrance, Superintendent, Justin Hilliard, Athletic Director, Blain Chriesman, Chief Financial Officer, David Carrasco, Technology Director, Virginia Garza, School Counselor, Gina Roberts, Helen Daillet,

Community Members:

Laycee Lowrance,

Regular Meeting

A quorum was established with Mrs. Ortiz presiding.

The meeting was called to order at 7:09 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:

No public comments

Student Recognitions:

Laycee Lowrance was recognized as receiving a summer internship from State Representative Tony Gonzalez.

District Reports:

- a. **Yearbook Report:** - Gina Roberts reported on the following:
 - i. Laycee, Layla, Mimi, Denise, Trevin and Alexyss are the yearbook staff
 - ii. Currently working on 20-21, 21-22, 23-24 yearbooks
 - iii. Utilizing Canva
 - iv. Due to donations and add purchased the 2020 yearbook was discounted from \$52 50 \$35
 - v. Will travel around town and to Fort Stockton to sell ads May 8th
- b. **Athletic Report:** - Coach Hilliard reported on the following:
 - i. Football State Academic Award is in
 - ii. Erin New placed 32nd at Regional Golf
 - iii. Track qualified 13 for Area and 4 for Regionals
 - iv. HS Tennis Tournament went well with 120 matches played by 130 students in 1 day
 - v. District HS tennis is April 29-30, JH District tennis is May 11 in Sanderson
 - vi. The concession stands have profited \$2400 for the athletic program

- vii. 9 students have earned Letterman Jackets this year
- viii. HS Cheerleading tryouts were this week: HS Cheerleaders are: Laycee Lowrance, Mimi Daillet, Elizabeth Barron, Gabby Lopez, Layla Lowrance, Emily Landeros, Ashlyn McDonald, Bella Sanchez
- ix. Football Schedule may change due to Sierra Blanca not filling a team

c. Counselor's Report - Mrs. Garza reported on the following:

- i. STAAR testing continues next week with ELAR
- ii. still two weeks of STAAR testing to complete
- iii. Big Bend Family Crisis Center presented an Anti-Bullying presentation to the 9-12th grades
- iv. Midland College will be on campus 4.18.24 to visit with dual credit students
- v. HS Regional UIL is in Rankin on April 19th. We qualified 11 students and placed 3rd overall at district
- vi. 8th grade orientation and class registration will be May 8th

d. Technology Report - Mr. Carrasco reported on the following:

- i. ABACUS installed all new network switches and ensured everything was up and running
- ii. E-Rate in 2026-2027 will pay 30%
- iii. Testing went well and new wifi switches helped with a greater daily testing load
- iv. VGI still needs to complete a few doors
- v. Cards are working good as keys
- vi. New Promethean boards will be installed this summer

e. Financial Report- Mr. Chriesman reported on the following:

- x. Mr. Chriesman reported on the monthly financial report
- xi. he also explained the list of bills and checks in the board packet
- xii. budget amendments -NONE TO REPORT

f. Superintendent's Report – Mrs. Lowrance reported on the following:

- i. All vehicles are running well, working on repairing the lift, installing new bleachers, lawn
- ii. Safe Grant II is open
- iii. Gearing up for Regional Track, State Citizen's Bee, Regional UIL, JH/HS Awards, AR trips, and field day
- iv. The bus wrap is approved, Honeywell will meet us on May 16th for a planning meeting
- v. Units will be delivered July 17, 2024
- vi. Discussion of SLI for board training

Consent Agenda:

Approval of the minutes from the regular Meeting on April 17, 2024.

A motion was made by Mr. Houston to accept the minutes with changes to the adjournment time and a second was made by Mr. Case. It was approved 5-0.

Action Items:

- a. **Discussion and possible approval to amend the minimum GPA requirements for Valedictorian and Salutatorian.**
No action was taken. Requirements will remain the same.
- b. **Discussion and Possible approval of Senior Trip requirement amendments.**
No action taken. A senior trip will not occur this school year.
- c. **Discussion and possible approval of the 2024-2025 TCISD School Calendar**

Mr. Houston made a motion to approve Calendar 2. Mr. Lowrance seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5-0

The Board took a break at 8:36 pm and entered into Executive session at 7:57 pm.

Executive Session:

Pursuant to Texas Governmental Code §551, the Board retired to closed session at 8:26 P.M., for discussion of the items listed below.

- a. Personnel Issues
 - i. Retirements/Resignations/Recommendations (Texas Government Code 551.074 – Personnel)
 - ii. Job Descriptions / Absences / Bonuses
 - iii. Contracts / Letters of Reasonable Assurance
 - iv. Certification Concern / Clarification
- b. Summer School / Summer Help / Summer Camps
- c. Pre-K for 2024-2025
- d. Staffing Updates for 24-25
- e. CTE classes / instructors

At 8:38 P.M., the Board returned to an open meeting.


Action Items:

No action was taken.

Adjourn:

A motion was made by Mr. Case and seconded by Mr. Sanchez to adjourn the meeting. The adjournment was unanimously approved 5-0.

Mrs. Ortiz adjourned the meeting at 8:39 pm.

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Mrs. Lali Ortiz
President

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Mr. Fernando Sanchez
Secretary