

Terrell County Independent School District

Sanderson, Texas 79848

Meeting Minutes from September 6, 2023, Special Board Meeting

The Terrell County Independent School District convened on Wednesday, September 6, 2023, at 6:30 P.M., in the conference room at Sanderson High School, 302 North Second Street, Sanderson, Texas.

Trustees Present:

Mrs. Lali Ortiz - President Mr. Clay Houston Mr. Marco Fuentes (arrived at 6:55pm)
Mr. Ferando Sanchez Mr. Jon Tom Lowrance Mr. Enrique Rivera (Zoom)

TCISD Staff Present: Tanna Lowrance, Interim Superintendent, Justin Hilliard, Athletic Director, and David Carrasco, Technology Director.

Visitors/Community Members (via Zoom): Erick Macha and Kristopher Vasquez, Hilltop Securities.

Workshop Meeting


1. A quorum was established with Mrs. Ortiz presiding. The meeting was called to order at 6:45 P.M.
2. Budget Workshop:
 - a. 2023 Bond Issue with Hilltop Securities (Erick Macha)

Adjourn:

A motion was made by Mr. Lowrance and seconded by Mr. Fuentes. The adjournment was unanimously accepted 4-0.

Mrs. Ortiz adjourned the meeting was adjourned at ~~8:48~~^{8:52} pm.

X 
Mrs. Lali Ortiz
President

X 
Mr. Fernando Sanchez
Secretary

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Regular Board Meeting Agenda and Notice

Notice is hereby given for a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Terrell County Independent School District for **Wednesday, September 20, 2023** beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Sanderson High School Conference Room at Sanderson High School 302 N. Second Street, Sanderson, Texas.

The subjects to be discussed or considered or upon which any formal action may be taken are listed below. Items do not have to be taken in the same order as shown on this meeting notice. Unless removed from the consent agenda, items identified within the consent agenda will be acted on at one time.

1. Moment of Silence and Pledge to the Flags (7:00 p.m.)

A quorum was established and the meeting was called to order at 7:01 by school board president, Lali Ortiz.

Members present were: Lali Ortiz, Fernando Sanchez, Jon Tom Lowrance, Clay Houston.

Members absent were: Marco Fuentes and Enrique Rivera

Visitors in attendance were: Justin Hilliard, Virginia Garza, Kevin Swant (HELLAS), David Carrasco, Tanna Lowrance

2. Public Forum

a. **PUBLIC COMMENTS/AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION [TCISD Policy BED (LOCAL)].**

Noone signed up to speak under public comments.

3. Track Update from Hellas Construction

Kevin Swank from HELLAS Construction addressed the school board concerning the sinking areas of the track. Mr. Swank reported that his visit in August was to measure the sinking areas and determine a plan of action for the concern. He noted a measurement ranging from 5 to 7 mm deviation. He explained the UIL allows for a 4 mm deviation and the TCISD track had 3 areas exceeding the 4 mm allowable deviation. Additional measurements in September did not reveal any additional sinking. He proposed to repair the areas by removing the existing rubber material from curb to curb and replace with new material. He explained that once the material had had time to cure a stripping crew would restripe the repaired areas. He said a crew would be available next week to begin the repairs and it would take at most a week to complete the repairs depending on weather conditions. He reassured the school board our track has a warranty of 5 years and any additional sinking would be addressed as needed.

4. Reports

a. Athletic Report (Justin Hillard)

Coach Hilliard reported everything is going well except injuries in varsity football resulting in the cancelation of one football game. He reported an average of 92.5 for the high school football team. He is looking to add a game the week of October 13th. Junior High football players had an average of 87 as a team. Cross Country is looking good with enough students participating to have a boys and girls team compete at district for high school. Coach Stannard is working well with off season during 8th period. She is working on basketball 2 days per week and weight lifting 3 days per week. Coach Hilliard is planning a golf tournament fundraiser October 28th in Iraan with all proceeds going to the Athletic Program.

b. Counselor's Report (Virginia Garza)

Mrs. Garza reported STAAR results are in and were mailed to students. The Juniors and Seniors are going to College day and to ensure the students take it seriously she has prepared a questionnaire the students must take with them and complete. We currently have 9 students taking dual credit with 15 total classes and an average of 88

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and up. She is working on group sessions having completed 6 sessions with 6 more scheduled this month. October 2nd is the ASVAB, October 17th ACT, October 18th PSAT, October 24th Counselor Training.

- c. Transportation and Maintenance (Tanna Lowrance)
 - i. Monthly Report
 - ii. Bus/Vehicle Mileage Report/Update to vehicles
- d. Financial Report (Blain Chriesman)
 - i. List of Bills
 - ii. Financials 'Near Final' 2022-23
 - iii. Capital Projects Budget 2023-24
- e. Superintendent/Principal Reports (Tanna Lowrance)
 - i. Enrollment
117
 - ii. Homecoming
Homecoming was a success. The homecoming week festivities and homecoming dance was fun for everyone. The parade and bonfire were also successful. The dance is the new tradition that students are very excited about. This is the second year in a row to have the dance and the JH and HS students looked forward to it.
 - iii. Jr. Class BBQ
The junior class BBQ raised about \$2055.
 - iv. Upcoming Field Trips
SEPT. 21 JRS AND SRS GO TO FORT STOCKTON FOR COLLEGE DAY, 2ND AND 3RD TO LANGTRY TO SEE THE MONARCH BUTTERFLY PRESENTATION ON OCTOBER 5TH, ROAD RACE PIZZA ON THE 5TH, DISTRICT XC ON OCTOBER 11TH IN IRAAN, REGIONAL XC OCTOBER 23-24, MYERS SPRING RANCH OCTOBER 30TH 7TH-9TH GRADES, NOVEMBER 13TH PLAY IN ODESSA HS STUDENTS, NOVEMBER 14TH THANKSGIVING LUNCH, PUMPKIN PATCH FOR ELEMENTARY, RED RIBBON WEEK IS COMING UP OCTOBER 32-27
 - v. Tutoring / Study Hall
WE ARE FOCUSING ON OUR STUDENTS WHO DID NOT PASS THE STAAR AND EVERYONE IS EXCITED TO MAKE READING A PRIORITY. AR PLAN - GETTING EVERYONE ALIGNED
 - vi. District Goals (Based on 5 Year Student Outcome Goals)
THIS IS STILL A WORK IN PROGRESS
 - vii. VGI Updates
THEY CAME OUT YESTERDAY TO WORK WITH US ON UPDATES TO OUR CONTRACT. WE ARE REMOVING THE BAND HALL AND THEY ARE WORKING TO USE THE \$35,000 QUOTED FOR THE BAND HALL IN OTHER AREAS. THEY ARE ALSO GETTING US A QUOTE TO RE-KEY THE REMAINDER OF THE DOORS NOT INCLUDED IN PHASE 1. THIS WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE SAFE GRANT ROUND 2 APPLICATION DUE TOMORROW. THIS GRANT WILL HELP SCHOOLS BECOME COMPLIANT WITH MINIMUM SAFETY STANDARDS. VGI ALSO LOOKED AT REPLACING SEVERAL DOORS (3) FOR SAFETY PURPOSES.
 - viii. Finalsite Updates
I AM WORKING TO GET OUR CONTRACT AMENDED. THE CONTRACT WAS SIGNED LAST YEAR AS A 5 YEAR CONTRACT AT \$40,000 TO UPDATE OUR WEBSITE AND HOST IT FOR 5 YEARS, ALLOW US TO USE BLACKBOARD MESSAGING AND A COMMUNICATION APP FOR TEACHERS. I AM WORKING TO GET THE APP FOR TEACHERS AND BLACKBOARD REMOVED. WE CAN USE REMIND FOR FREE.
 - ix. Emergency Operations Plan

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WORKING TO GET EXTERIOR DOORS LABELED, VGI SHOULD BE HERE IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS TO BEGIN RE-KEYING DOORS AND INSTALLING EXTERIOR LOCK BOXES FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT. WE WILL BEGIN THE GUARDIAN PROGRAM TRAINING IN OCTOBER.

- x. SAFE Grant
FENCING, RE-KEY PHASE II, SIGNAGE, NEW DOORS (OFFICE, OLD GYM, LOCKER ROOM HALLWAY)
- xi. Bond Brochure Update and Community Meeting Date/s
- xii. T-Tess Evaluation Calendar
SEE ATTACHED

5. Consent Agenda : **MR. HOUSTON MADE THE MOTION AND MR. LOWRANCE SECONDED THE MOTION TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE BUDGET WORKSHOP ON AUGUST 15TH, REGULAR BOARD MEETING ON AUGUST 16TH, SPECIAL MEETING/BUDGET WORKSHOP ON AUGUST 23, AND CALLED MEETING ON AUGUST 30TH.**

MOTION CARRIED 4:0

- a. Minutes of the Budget Workshop August 15, 2023
- b. Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting August 16, 2023
- c. Minutes of Special Meeting / Budget Workshop August 23, 2023
- d. Minutes of Called Meeting August 30, 2023

Action Items

- a. Consideration of approving a partial/preliminary Capital Projects Budget for 2023-24

MR. HOUSTON MADE THE MOTION, MR. SANCHEZ SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR.

MOTION CARRIED 4:0

- b. Discussion and Possible Approval of the SHAC Committee Members

NO ACTION

- c. Discussion and Possible Approval of the 2023-24 T-TESS Appraisers
MR. HOUSTON MOTIONED TO APPROVE MRS. LOWRANCE AS THE 23-24 T-TESS APPRAISER FOR TCISD. MR. SANCHEZ SECONDED.
MOTION CARRIED 4:0

- d. Discussion and Possible Approval of allowing overnight senior trips (per local policy)
NO ACTION

- e. Discussion and Possible Approval of the 2023-2024 District Improvement Plan
NO ACTION

- f. Discussion and Possible Approval of the 2023-2024 Campus Improvement Plan
NO ACTION

6. Executive Session: Pursuant of Texas Governmental Code 551, the board may retire to closed session for discussion of items listed below:
THE BOARD ENTERED EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:24 p.m.

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- a. Personnel Matters
- b. Appointment of board member to fill vacant seat
- c. School Safety
- d. Facilities

The board reentered open meeting at 9:10.

7. Adjournment

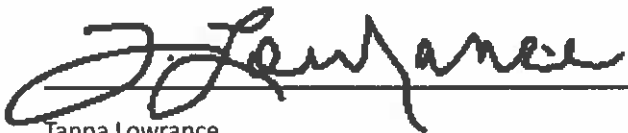
MR. HOUSTON MADE THE MOTION TO ADJOURN AND MR. SANCHEZ SECONDED.

MOTION CARRIED 4:0

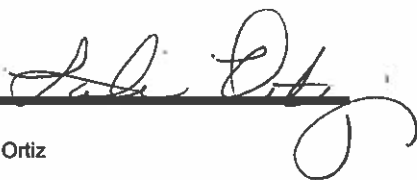
ADJOURN: 9:11 P.M.

If, during the course of the meeting, discussion of any item on the agenda should be held in a closed meeting, the Board will conduct a closed meeting in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Government Code, Chapter 551, Subchapters D and E. Before any closed meeting is convened, the presiding officer will publicly identify the section or sections of the Act authorizing the closed meeting. All final votes, actions, or decisions will be taken in open meeting.


The notice for this meeting was posted in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act on 9-15-23 at 4:00 p.m.



Tanna Lowrance
Interim Superintendent, for the Board of Trustees

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Mrs. Lali Ortiz
President

X 

Mr. Fernando Sanchez
Secretary