

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Terrell County Independent School District
Thursday, October 12th, 2023
Called Board Meeting

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Called Board Meeting Agenda and Notice

Notice is hereby given for a special meeting of the Board of Trustees of Terrell County Independent School District for **Thursday October 12, 2023, beginning at 7:00 PM** at the Sanderson High School Conference Room at Sanderson High School 302 North 2nd 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.

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- 1. Call to Order and Establish a Quorum (7:00 p.m.)**
 - a. Call to Order and Establish a Quorum
CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:52 p.m. by Mr. Houston
MEMBERS PRESENT:
CLAY HOUSTON, JON TOM LOWRANCE, ENRIQUE RIVERA, FERNIE SANCHEZ, MARCO FUENTEZ

- 2. Public Comment - Limited to Items on Agenda as per Board Policy BED(LOCAL)**
NO PUBLIC COMMENT

- 3. Executive Session: Pursuant of Texas Government Code §551.074, the board may retire to closed session for items listed below:**
 - a. Discussion regarding making an appointment to fill the vacant Trustee position from District No. 2, PI 2 composed of County Commissioner Precinct Nos. 3&4 for the remainder of the term.
ENTERED EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:53 p.m.
RETURNED TO OPEN SESSION AT 8:02 p.m.

- 4. Return to Open Meeting for Consideration/Adoption of Any Closed Meeting Items**
Mr. Fuentez made the motion and Mr. Sanchez seconded the motion to appoint Mr. Christopher Case to fill the vacant Trustee position from District No. 2, PI 2 composed of County Commissioner Precinct Nos. 3&4 for the remainder of the term.
Motion carried 5:0

- 5. Adjourn**
MR. FUENTEZ MADE THE MOTION TO ADJOURN AND MR. SANCHEZ SECONDED.
MOTION CARRIED 5:0
ADJOURNED AT 8:05 p.m.

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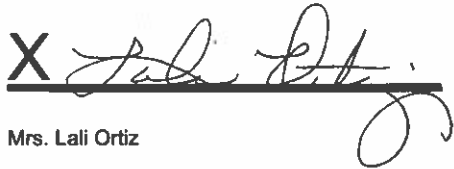
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If, during the course of the meeting, discussion of any item on the agenda should be held in a closed meeting, the Board will conduct a closed meeting in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Government Code, Chapter 551, Subchapters D and E. 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.

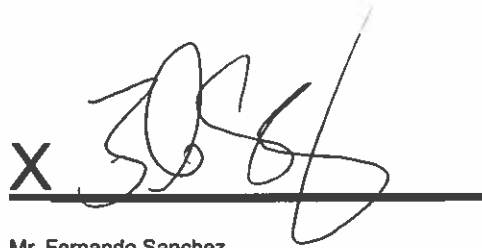
The notice for this meeting was posted in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act on 10/09/2023 by 5:00 p.m..



Tanna Lovrance
Interim Superintendent, for the Board of Trustees

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Mrs. Lali Ortiz
President

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Mr. Fernando Sanchez
Secretary

Terrell County Independent School District

Sanderson, Texas 79848

Meeting Minutes from October 12, 2023, Board Meeting

The Terrell County Independent School District convened for the regular meeting on Thursday, August 12, 2023, at 7:00 P.M., in the conference room at the Sanderson High School, 302 North Second Street, Sanderson, Texas.

Trustees Present:

Mr. CLAY HOUSTON

Mr. JON TOM LOWRANCE

Mr. ENRIQUE RIVERA

Mr. FERNIE SANCHEZ

Mr. MARCO FUENTEZ

Administration and TCISD Staff Present: Tanna Lowrance, Interim Superintendent and Blain Chriesman, Chief Financial Officer.

Regular Meeting

A quorum was established with Mr. Clay Houston presiding.

The meeting was called to order at 7:52 P.M. The pledges were said, and a moment of silence was observed.

1. **Public Comment - Limited to Items on Agenda as per Board Policy BED(LOCAL) pursuant to Gov't Code §551.007:**

NO PUBLIC COMMENT

2. **Executive Session: Pursuant to Texas Government Code §551.074, the board may retire to closed session for items listed below:**

- a. Discussion regarding making an appointment to fill the vacant Trustee position from District No. 2, PI 2 composed of County Commissioner Precinct Nos. 3&4 for the remainder of the term.

ENTERED EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:53 p.m.

RETURNED TO OPEN SESSION AT 8:02 p.m.

3. **Return to Open Meeting for Consideration/Adoption of Any Closed Meeting Items**

Mr. Fuentez made the motion and Mr. Sanchez seconded the motion to appoint Mr. Christopher Case to fill the vacant Trustee position from District No. 2, PI 2 composed of County Commissioner Precinct Nos. 3&4 for the remainder of the unexpired term.

Motion carried 5-0

4. **Adjourn**

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

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Mr. Houston adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

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Mr. Clay Houston

Presiding President

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Mr. Fernando Sanchez

Secretary

Terrell County Independent School District

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Meeting Minutes from October 18, 2023, Board Meeting

The Terrell County Independent School District convened for the regular meeting on Wednesday, August 18, 2023, 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. Marco Fuentez

(Mr. Case was sworn in following the pledges and moment of silence.)

Administration and TCISD Staff Present: Tanna Lowrance, Interim Superintendent, Justin Hilliard, Athletic Director, Blain Chriesman, Chief Financial Officer, David Carrasco, Technology Director, Virginia Garza, School Counselor, and Lori Smith, Campus Secretary.

Community Members: Jose Ramos, Jana Sanchez, Thalia Sanchez, RaeLynn Fuentes, Kayla Fuentez, Mimi Daillet, Laycee Lowrance, Kelton Coyan, and Alexyss Rodriguez.

Chris Case arrived at 7:21.

Regular Meeting

A quorum was established with Mr. Clay Houston presiding.

The meeting was called to order at 7:21 P.M. The pledges were said, and a moment of silence was observed.

Mr. Chriesman administered the Oath of Office to Christopher Case to Trustee position District No. 2 Place 3 2 for County Commissioner Place Nos. 3&4 for the remainder of the unexpired term.

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

There were no public comments.

District Reports:

- a. **Athletic Report:** - Coach Hilliard reported on the following:
 - i. Our Varsity Lady Eagles qualified for the Regional Cross Country meet in San Angelo. They placed 3rd as a team.
 - ii. Coach Hilliard and Coach Sandleback attended the district football meeting in Balmorhea. All of our students received a district honor.
 - iii. We have 10 high school girls playing basketball. They will kick off their season with the Fort Stockton Tournament November 9 and 11.
 - iv. We will have a golf tournament fundraiser in Iraan on October 28th to benefit the TCISD athletic fund.
- b. **Counselor's Report:** - Mrs. Garza reported on the following:

- i. ASVAB testing on October 2 was done digitally and results are already in. Interpretation of results will take place on November 2nd.
- ii. ACT took place October 17th digitally (5 students)
- iii. PSAT took place October 18th digitally (juniors)
- iv. DTC (counselor) training is October 24th
- v. Six group sessions are scheduled in October
- vi. Scholarships for seniors have been set up through Remind
- vii. Seniors are working on College Applications
- viii. An Air Force recruiter came to visit with the students
- ix. TSI testing is in progress

Technology Report - David Carrasco reported on the following:

- i. VGI has been on campus the past two weeks, they are working on pulling cables, 14 exterior doors, they will work on interior doors in Phase 2
- ii. We will use our backup server and save the district approximately \$3000
- iii. Lone Star Communications will install our touch screens for emergency communications
- iv. EFC grant was approved for the full amount of \$24,000

c. 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

d. Superintendent's Report -- Mrs. Lowrance reported on the following:

- i. The mini bus has been repaired by Mr. Valentine with Eagle Auto, he is still waiting for parts for the big bus
- ii. The handicapped bus has started having trouble with the wheelchair lift. Mr. Fehner has been able to get it working again
- iii. Mr. Stegall put new tires on the Medium Bus
- iv. Suburban #2 is back from the body shop and ready to drive
- v. The maintenance department has installed a new dishwasher in the Superintendent House, picked up more mulch for the playground since ours keeps washing away
- vi. Mr. Zane Estes has installed new water fountains in the gym hallway and cafeteria and is working on the drainage issues for the water fountains in the cafeteria
- vii. The first six weeks has been busy. We are focusing on reading goals for students in K-12. Reading is a primary focus this year.
- viii. Our first six weeks awards ceremony was a success and we were able to celebrate several students who had never received an award for attendance or honor roll before!
- ix. Several high school students have challenged Coach Stannard to a reading challenge!
- x. Lunch Detention is a lifesaver.
- xi. We are working on prizes for perfect attendance per six-weeks
- xii. See You at the Pole was a success thanks to Mrs. Ellis. The students have requested to do it more than once per year.
- xiii. FCA has started on Wednesdays during Study Hall with Mrs. Ellis.
- xiv. The track has been restriped and there are mistakes. (Pictures were included with the report). Hellas has been contacted about the mistakes.
- xv. I have asked all staff not to schedule any practices on Wednesdays from 5:00-7:00 p.m. to allow for our students to attend church events.
- xvi. The drivers in the Road Race are always super supportive of our students. They donated a pizza lunch and solar sun glasses for the October race.
- xvii. VGI has been on campus and working hard to install our keyless door entry fobs
- xviii. Ms. Fuentez has completed GT testing
- xix. Mrs. Harkins attended the Region 18 Teacher of the Year award ceremony on October 11th

- xx. The cafeteria audit went well and Mrs. Rubio is preparing for the 'big' audit on December 14th
- xxi. We will have an exterior door safety audit sometime in October
- xxii. We have several field trips scheduled in October: Meyers Spring Ranch, Shakespear at the Globe Theater in Midland (and Regional XC in San Angelo)
- xxiii. We have had 10 staff volunteer to serve on the Bond Committee to date
- xxiv. We have 7 employees who have signed up to go through the Guardian Program. We will use Jones Firearm Training out of Lubbock. We will go through the training November 27-29
- xxv. I was able to attend the community DHS meeting today at the courthouse and speak on behalf of the school regarding our health and wellness needs
- xxvi. The maintenance and custodians have started daily exterior door audits of our facilities

Consent Agenda:

Approval of the minutes from the regular Meeting on September 20, 2023, and called Board meeting on October 12,2023.

A motion was made by Mr. Fuentez to accept the minutes as presented and a second was made by Mr. Sanchez. It was approved 4-0, with abstaining from Mr. Case.

Action Items:

- a. Discussion and possible approval of the TCISD 2023-2024 Campus and District Improvement Plans The motion was made to approve the TCISD 2023-2024 Campus and District Improvement Plans by Mr. Lowrance and seconded by Mr. Fuentez. The motion to approve the TCISD 2023-2024 Campus and District Improvement Plans was approved 5-0.
- b. Discussion and possible approval to approve an Agreement for the Purchase of Attendance Credit (Option 3 Agreement) and to delegate contractual authority to the Superintendent. For the 2023-2024 school year, we deleted contractual authority to obligate the school district under Texas Education Code (TEC)11.1511(c)(4) to the superintendent, solely for the purpose of obligating the district under TEC, 48.257 and TEC, Chapter 49, Subchapters A and D, and the rules adopted by the commissioner of education and authorized under TEC, 49.006.This included the approval of the Agreement for the Purchase of Attendance Credit or the Agreement for the Purchase of Attendance Credit (Netting Chapter 48 funding). The motion was made by Mr. Fuentez and seconded by Mr. Sanchez. The motion was approved 5-0.
- c. Discussion and possible approval of the TCISD 2023-2024 Emergency Operations Plan The motion was made to approve the TCISD 2023-2024 Emergency Operations Plan by Mr. Sanchez and seconded by Mr. Fuentez. The motion was approved 5-0.
- d. Discussion and possible approval of adopting a Texas Education Human Resources Day per resolution from Governor Abbott The motion was made to adopt Texas Human Resources Day per Gover Abbott's resolution by Mr. Lowrance and seconded by Mr. Sanchez. The motion was approved 5-0.
- e. Discussion and possible approval of sanctioning the Terrell County 4-H as an extracurricular Activity The motion was made approve sanctioning the Terrell County 4-H club as a TCISD extracurricular activity by Mr. Sanchez and seconded by Mr. Lowrance. The motion was approved 5-0.

The Board took a break at 8:21 pm and entered Executive session at 8:26 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.

- i. Personnel
- ii. Maintenance
- iii. Superintendent Goals
- iv. Interim Superintendent Contract

At 8:46 P.M., the Board returned to an open meeting.

Action Items:

The motion was made to approve 7 staff members to move forward with Guardian training by Mr. Case and seconded by Mr. Fuentez . The motion was approved 5-0.

Adjourn:

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

Mr. Houston adjourned the meeting at 8:47 pm.

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Mrs. Lali Ortiz
President

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Mr. Fernando Sanchez
Secretary