

Terrell County Independent School District

Sanderson, Texas 79848

Meeting Minutes from November 15, 2023, Board Meeting

The Terrell County Independent School District convened for the regular meeting on Wednesday, November 15, 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

MRS. LALI ORTIZ

MR. CHRISTOPHER CASE

Mr. ENRIQUE RIVERA

Mr. FERNIE SANCHEZ

Mr. MARCO FUENTEZ

Administration and TCISD Staff Present: Tanna Lowrance, Interim Superintendent; Blain Chriesman, Chief Financial Officer; David Carraso, IT Director; Virginia Garza, Counselor; Justin Hilliard, Athletic Director

Regular Meeting

A quorum was established with Mrs. Lali Ortiz presiding.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. The pledges were said, and a moment of silence was observed.

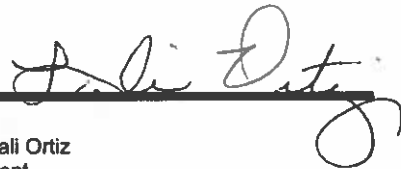
1. **Consideration and approval of a resolution canvassing the returns and declaring the results of a bond election.**

Mr. Sanchez motioned the approval of a resolution canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the bond election. Mr. Lowrance seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.


2. **Adjourn**

**MR. FUENTEZ MADE THE MOTION TO ADJOURN AND MR. SANCHEZ SECONDED.
MOTION CARRIED 7-0**

Mrs. Ortiz adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

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Mrs. Lali Ortiz
President

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Secretary

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Mr. Jon Tom Lowrance

Mr. Fernando Sanchez

Mr. Christopher Case

Mr. Clay Houston

Mr. Marco Fuentes

Mrs. Lali Ortiz

Mr. Enrique Rivera

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.

Community Members:

Regular Meeting

A quorum was established with Mrs. Ortiz presiding.

The meeting was called to order at 7:29 P.M. The pledges were said, and a moment of silence was observed.

There were no public comments.

Board training hours update has been postponed until the December meeting.

District Reports:

- a. **Athletic Report:** - Coach Hilliard reported on the following:
 - i. Football Team GPA was 92.7
 - ii. All district awards for football
 - iii. HS Varsity Girls Basketball team won Consolation at the Fort Stockton basketball tournament
 - iv. Golf fundraiser made a profit of \$1800

- b. **Counselor's Report:** - Mrs. Garza reported on the following:
 - i. ASVAB testing career interpretations were provided to the Sophomores
 - ii. An Air Force recruiter was on campus this week and several of our students are interested in learning more about joining the armed forces
 - iii. ACT scores have been received by our students
 - iv. PSAT scores have been released to schools, will go out to students tomorrow
 - v. eight group sessions were held during second six weeks
 - vi. Scholarships awarded to our students: UTPB-4 year total \$8000 and ASU-4 year total \$8000
 - vii. All seniors have met the requirements for CPR training, POI training, and speech

- viii. FAFSA requirement: Mrs. Garza has contacted Sul Ross to come to our campus, she is waiting to hear back from them.
- ix. Seniors are working hard on Texas College Bridge and most are either finished or close to finishing.
- x. Seniors are applying to colleges with 4 being accepted to date and one waiting to hear back

Technology Report - David Carrasco reported on the following:

- i. VGI has been on campus the past two weeks, they have completed 12/14 exterior doors
- ii. In the process of replacing the old antenna on top of the Auditorium
- iii. VGI will work on rekeying the interior doors in December
- iv. Lone Star communications is working on the software and will install our new communication system. The new system will include the gyms, cafeteria and field houses.

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
- iii. Budget Amendments include Follett and Renaissance learning

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

- i. The busses are running good and the maintenance department is working to get the gyms read for our tournament in December
- ii. The big bus was repaired by Eagle Auto and is back in rotation
- iii. The Guardian program training is scheduled for November 27-29 at TCISD by Jones Firearms Training.
- iv. I spoke with Armondo Rodriguez on November 4th regarding concerns with the track repairs. He relayed the concerns to Mr. Swank. Mr. Swank then asked that all communication be in writing moving forward. I emailed Mr. Swank on November 6th and included pictures of all concerns related to the track. I spoke with Mr. Rodriguez on the 14th and there was no plan due to 'lack of workers and the holidays'.
- v. 2022-2023 FIRST Rating was a 92, Passed, Superior Achievement
- vi. We had our Interior Intruder Audit. We passed with 0 findings and 0 corrective actions
- vii. Our attendance rate is at 96.17% as of 11-15-23
- viii. 25% of or students have perfect attendance (29 students)
- ix. I celebrated with the 1st grade for having the highest October attendance percentage of the school. We celebrated with coke floats.
- x. 4 students have reached 100 AR points and 73% of our students have reached their AR goal for the second six-weeks grading period.
- xi. Teachers and students are working hard to get ready for Elementary and JH UIL in December

Consent Agenda:

Approval of the minutes from the Regular and Called Board Meetings on November 15 , 2023.

A motion was made by Mr. Houston to accept the minutes as presented and a second was made by Mr. Lowrance. It was approved 5-0, with abstaining from Mr. Rivera and Mrs. Ortiz.

Action Items: Presenter: Tanna Lowrance

- a. Mr. Fuentez made the motion to approve the proposed changes to the 2023-2024 TCISD School Calendar. The motion was seconded by Mr. Houston. Motion carried 7-0.
- b. No action was taken allowing EMS personnel to utilize the weightroom. The action item will be placed on the December agenda.

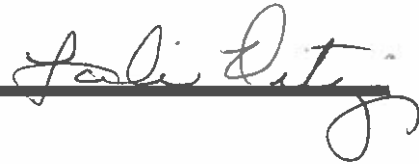
- c. Mr. Sanchez made the motion to approve the Bond Committee's list of projects to begin acquiring bids on. Mr. Houston seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.
2. Executive Session: Pursuant of Texas Governmental Code §551, the board may retire to closed session for discussion of items listed below:
 - a. Personnel
 - b. Superintendent Goals and Appraisal

At 8:35 the board took a break and went into executive session at 8:40. The board returned to open meeting at 8:55.

3. 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 Option B for the Superintendent Appraisal document. Motion carried 5-0. Mr. Lowrance and Mr. Case abstaining.
4. Adjourn

The motion was made by Mr. Sanchez and seconded by Mr. Fuentes. Motion carried 7-0.

Mrs. Ortiz adjourned the board meeting at 8:55 p.m.

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Mrs. Lali Ortiz
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