

Terrell County Independent School District

Sanderson, Texas 79848

Meeting Minutes from October 23, 2024 Board Meeting

The Terrell County Independent School District convened for the regular meeting on Wednesday, Wednesday, October 23, 2024 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. Enrique Rivera

Mr. Clay Houston

Mr. Chris Case

Mrs. Lali Ortiz

Board members absent were: Mr. Marco Fuentez

Administration and TCISD Staff Present: Tanna Lowrance, Superintendent, Justin Hilliard, Athletic Director, Blain Chriesman, Chief Financial Officer, Virginia Garza, Counselor, Gina Roberts, 2/3 teacher, David Carrasco, IT Director,

Community Members Present: Billy Black

Regular Meeting

A quorum was established with Mrs. Ortiz presiding.

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 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:

Mr. Billy Black addressed the board regarding naming the TCISD track. He proposed the board consider renaming the track the "William Black / Ricki Marquez" track. Mr. Black spoke about his father, William Black, building the track by hand when he was a coach in Sanderson. He spoke of the hours his dad spent after work and coaching each day to complete the track in time for the very first track meet held in Sanderson. He also spoke about the many times he would shine the truck lights late in the evening so his dad could see and work well into the night. He also spoke of his mom taking his dad dinner almost every night as he worked to complete the track. Mr. Black also spoke of the amazing athletic accomplishments of Mr. Ricki Marquez. Mr. Marquez was a four time state mile gold medalist and holds the record to this day. His record will have stood unbroken for 50 years in May of 2025.

District Reports:

- a. Yearbook Update: Mrs. Roberts reported that the 23-24 yearbooks have been passed out and they have a few extra copies for sale. The 22-23 yearbook is in progress and is hoping to have them out by Christmas. The 24-25 yearbook is in progress. The 20-21 and 21-22 yearbooks are still needed to be caught up.
- b. Technology Report: Mr. David Carrasco reported on the website updates and used the promethean board to show the board the new pictures of cross country that have been uploaded to the website. Region 18 will do the data download for Messages XR. The download will take 6 to 8 weeks and Messages XR will cost the district \$710. Mr. Carrasco also showed the board the new tabs and some new information on the website such as the TIA website created by Mrs. Lowrance.

- c. **Athletic Director Report:** Coach Hilliard reported that the HS Girls Cross Country team placed 10th at Regionals and everyone ran a personal best time of the season (Ashlyn, Bella, Gabby, Elizabeth, Layla, Emily, Mimi). Mimi qualified for the state xc meet by placing 7th individually. We have 3 district football games left for the season. Senior Night is November 1st. Basketball has started with 17 high school girls signed up and 15 boys and all JH boys are playing basketball except for one. The JH girls have a strong team as well.
- d. **Counselor's Report:** Mrs. Virginia Garza reported the juniors and seniors went to College Day in Fort Stockton on September 26 with her and Coach Garza. On October 2nd the high school went to Alpine for a career fair. Internships are being offered by Big Bend Telephone, Sewell Ford and Alpine Bank. The ASVAB was administered to all sophomores, one junior and three seniors. One student is showing an interest in joining the Navy.
- e. **Financial Report:** Mr. Chriesman reported on the monthly expenditures and list of bills.
- f. **Superintendent's Report –** Mrs. Lowrance reported that Mr. Valentine has been hired to replace Mr. Morris. Mr. Valentine has managed to get all the district's vehicles running and complete routine maintenance on all vehicles. He also installed new lights on the HS field house and is helping to get the district ready for the upcoming three year safety audit. Mrs. Lowrance also reported that she has received two bids for new suburbans and is awaiting a third. Mrs. Lowrance also presented the Honeywell Energy Awareness Report - Annual Review: September 2023-August 2024. The students held See you at the Pole in September with student-led prayer and breakfast from the First Baptist Church. Mrs. Rosas has begun Gifted and Talented testing. Mrs. Lowrance has reported she is working on uploading all required documents into the safety portal (Sentinel). The elementary school went to the Coyanosa Pumpkin Patch and the HS students will travel to the Globe Theater to watch a play by Shakespeare at the end of the month. The Pinon Foundation donated \$5200 for library seating and \$200 for each classroom supply budget. Digital Signage options were presented for the board's information and will be discussed at the November Regular Board Meeting. Mrs. Lowrance is working on acquiring bids to resurface the gym area parking lot. Mrs. Lowrance has reached out to VGI regarding the start date for the last door install. Mr. Hernandez will be on campus to work with the maintenance department on electrical issues. Midland College is offering all Dual Credit Classes for free. The policy update is complete and should be shared with the district within the next 30 days. Mrs. Lowrance reported a STEM donation from the Ripken Foundation was delivered so the district can begin an after school STEM program. Mrs. Lowrance reported to the board that Mrs. Carruthers reached out to her to begin talks regarding the county possibly remodeling the Old HS building to utilize as the Senior Citizen's Building and Terrell County Food Pantry.

Consent Agenda:

Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting on September 18, 2024 were presented. Mr. Houston motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Case seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0. Mrs. Ortiz and Mr. Rivera abstained.

Action Items:

- a. **Discussion and possible approval of the TCISD 2024-2025 Campus and District Improvement Plan**
Mr. Houston motioned to approve the TCISD 2024-2025 Campus and District Improvement Plan as presented. Mr. Rivera seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0.
- 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.**
Mr. Lowrance made the motion stating: For the 2024–2025 school year, we delegated 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 as authorized under TEC, 49.006. This included approval of the Agreement for the Purchase of Attendance Credit or the Agreement for the Purchase of Attendance Credit (Netting Chapter 48 Funding). Mr. Houston seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0.

c. Discussion and possible approval of the TCISD 2024-2025 Emergency Operations Plan

Mr. Houston moved to approve the TCISD 2024-2025 Emergency Operations Plan as presented. Mr. Case seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0.

d. Discussion and Possible approval of the TCISD stipend schedule update to include Dyslexia and STEM

Mr. Houston motioned to approve the TCISD stipend schedule update to include Dyslexia and STEM with a payment of \$1,000 for Dyslexia once all training is completed and for \$1,000 once 15 one hour after school sessions have been completed for STEM. Mr. Rivera seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0.

e. Discussion and possible approval of Amendment to current Honeywell Contract and/or approval of a new five (5) year Honeywell Contract

no action

f. Discussion and possible approval of fencing quote

no action

The board took a break from 8:25 to 8:31.

Executive Session:

The board entered into executive session from 8:31 to 8:52 and entered into open meeting at 8:52. No action was needed.

Adjourn:

A motion was made by Mr. Houston and seconded by Mr. Case to adjourn the meeting. The adjournment was unanimously approved 6-0.

Mrs. Ortiz adjourned the meeting at 8:54 pm.

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Mrs. Lali Ortiz
President

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Mr. Clay Houston
Vice-President