

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
of the
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
EDUCATION SERVICE CENTER REGION 11

August 26, 2024

The minutes reflect the order in which agenda items were discussed and acted upon.

A. Call to Order and Roll Call – Dr. Larry Blair, Chairman

Dr. Blair called the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Education Service Center Region 11 to order at 10:30 a.m., Monday, August 26, 2024.

B. Invocation

Ms. Texada gave the invocation.

Members Present	Dr. Larry Blair, Chairman Mr. Dennis Hughes, Secretary Dr. Jeff Hanks, Place 2 Dr. Kevin Rogers, Place 3 Dr. Jeff Turner, Place 6 Dr. Karen Rue, Place 7 Ms. Natalie Texada, Charter School Member
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Members Absent	Dr. Jay Thompson, Vice-Chairman
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Staff Members Present	Dr. Clyde W. Steelman, Jr., Executive Director, Dr. Cathy Sewell, Rory Peacock, Dr. Pam Brown, Brandilyn DePalma, Laura Weir, Laurie Enocksen, Ravonne Allmon-Smith, Hailee Fojtasek, and Nelline Dignum
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Guest(s)	None
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C. Public Hearing on 2024-2025 Operating Budget

Dr. Blair opened Public Hearing on 2024-2025 operating budget. Ms. DePalma presented the 2024-2025 operating budget. Dr. Blair closed Public Hearing on 2024-2025 operating budget.

D. Citizen Employee Comments

None.

E. Administer the Oath of Office

Notary Public Nelline Dignum administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Hughes, Place 4 representative, and Ms. Texada, Charter School representative. (Copies attached to the permanent record.)

F. Approve Minutes of June 24, 2024, Board Meeting

A motion was made by Dr. Rogers, seconded by Dr. Hanks, and passed (unanimously) that the board approve the minutes of the June 24, 2024, board meeting as presented. (Copy attached to the permanent record.)

G. Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Dr. Rue, and passed (unanimously) that the board approve the following consent agenda items, as presented. Item 9 was removed from the consent agenda and discussed separately. (Copies attached to the permanent record.)

1. Check Registers for June and July 2024
2. Financial Reports for June and July 2024
3. Investment Reports for June and July 2024
4. Budget Amendments for June and July 2024
5. RFP #24-10-29 – Learning Management System and related LMS Tools, Custom Development, etc.
6. RFP #24-11-29 – Distributed Denial of Service (DDoS) Mitigation Solution
7. RFP #24-12-29 – School Communication Platform
8. Final Amended 2023-2024 Official Budget

SEPARATE ITEMS

9. Approval of the Interlocal Cooperation Contract Between Texas Education Agency and ESC Region 11 for the Intruder Detection Audits

Ms. DePalma updated the board. A motion was made by Dr. Rogers, seconded by Dr. Turner, and passed (unanimously) that the board authorize the Executive Director of ESC Region 11 to approve the Interlocal Cooperation Contract between the Texas Education Agency and Education Service Center Region 11 for the Intruder Detection Audits once all insurance coverages requested are approved by all parties.

H. Consider 2024-2025 General Operating Budget

A motion was made by Ms. Texada, seconded by Mr. Hughes, and passed (unanimously) that the board approve the 2024-2025 general operating budget.

I. Consider Fund Balance Opportunities for 2024-2025

Ms. DePalma and Mr. Peacock updated the board. A motion was made by Dr. Rogers, seconded by Dr. Hanks, and passed (unanimously) that the board approve \$850,000 from Fund Balance – Program Delivery and \$690,904 from Fund Balance – E-Rate.

J. Consider ESC Region 11 Equity Adjustment Effective 2024-2025

Ms. Allmon-Smith updated the board. A motion was made by Dr. Rue, seconded by Dr. Rogers, and passed (unanimously) that the board approve equity adjustments for the eight identified employees.

K. Consider Policy Update 30, Affecting (LOCAL) Policies

Dr. Steelman updated the board. A motion was made by Dr. Turner, seconded by Dr. Rue, and passed (unanimously) that the board add, revise, or delete (LOCAL) policies as recommended by TASB Policy Service and according to the Instruction Sheet for TASB Localized Policy Manual Update 30.

L. Consider TASB Board Election Region 11, Position D

Dr. Steelman updated the board. No action was taken.

M. Update on the Teacher/Employee Recruitment and Retention Program (TERRP) 401(a) Retirement Plan

Ms. Allmon-Smith updated the board. No action was taken.

N. Information Items

1. Grant Applications
2. Personnel Report
3. Board of Directors' Conference Registration List
4. TASA/Superintendent Study Group Meeting Dates
5. Construction Update
6. Commissioner's Meeting Update
Dr. Steelman updated the board.
7. Technology Update
Mr. Peacock updated the board.
8. Instructional Services Update
Dr. Sewell and Dr. Brown updated the board.
9. Employee Recognition

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Blair stated that at 12:16 a.m. the board would enter executive session as authorized by Gov't Code 551.076, considering the deployment, specific occasions for, or implementation of, security personnel or devices.

The Board reconvened into open session at 12:40 p.m.

O. Consider and Possible Action on the Guardian Plan

No action was taken.

P. Consider Action on Items Discussed in Executive Session If Any

No action was taken.

Q. Adjourn

The next regular meeting of the ESC Region 11 Board of Directors will be Monday, October 28, 2024, at 10:30 a.m. Being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Dr. Turner, and passed (unanimously) to adjourn the meeting. Chairman Blair declared the meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Dr. Larry Blair, Chairman



Mr. Dennis Hughes Secretary

By: Nelline Dignum