

**Minutes of Regular Meeting
February 17, 2014**

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Santa Fe ISD was held Monday, February 17, 2014, beginning at 5:00 PM in the Cowan Education Center Board Room, 4133 Warpath Ave., Santa Fe, TX 77510.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm in the board room by Mr. Rothermel.

II. MEMBERS PRESENT/ABSENT

Present were John Rothermel, Darnell Gwin, Billy Burns, Sheryl Skufca, Rusty Norman and Theresa Herzog. Absent were Jason O'Brien and Rusty Norman. Dr. Wall was present

III. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board went into closed session at 5:08 pm in the board room to hold a Level III hearing. John Rothermel, Darnell Gwin, Billy Burns, Sheryl Skufca, Theresa Herzog, Dr. Wall, Dr. Shuman, Patti Hanssard, Kimberly Kilgore and David Hodgins were present. Ms. Kilgore presented her case; Mr. Hodgins facilitated the meeting and represented the district. After both parties presented their cases, the Board went in to closed session to deliberate. The Board reconvened in open session at 5:50 pm in the Board room.

IV. ACTION FROM CLOSED SESSION

Mrs. Skufca made a motion to deny the complaint of Ms. Kilgore and uphold the Level II decision by Patti Hanssard. Mrs. Herzog seconded. Mr. Burns added "In my judgment, the relief that was requested has already been granted." and all voted in favor.

V. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board went back into closed session at 6:00 pm in the executive conference room to discuss personnel and consult with the attorney. All Board members except Jason O'Brien were present. Dr. Wall was present. They reconvened in open session at 7:00 pm in the board room.

VI. RECONVENE: INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Mr. Norman gave the invocation and all recited the pledges.

VII. SCHOOL OFFICIALS PRESENT

Bob Atkins, Rachel Blundell, Cherie' Bowers, Walter Braun, Donna Carlson, Lindsey Foley, Susan Hall, Patti Hanssard, Britt Madden, David McMillian, Nicole Morales, Rick Morrill, Julie Pittman, Kim Ross, Jackie Shuman, Dr. Wall.

Others Present:

Danny Barrett, Greg Niseay, Kurt Kovacevich, Anna Marie Milligan, Jan Green, Kristin Pfaff, Vanessa Wainwright, Darlene Clough, Christie Norman, Staci Taylor, Katie Clingerman, Jody Nagy, Kim Patterson, Barbara Smith, Rob Morales, Nelly Ayala, Phibi Vassallo, Smokey Newman, Kathy Terwilliger, Lori Marks, Tracey McCarley, Kathy Oliver.

VIII. ACTION FROM CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Burns made a motion to employ Kathy Oliver for 79/226 days as the Director of Special Programs for the 2013-2014 school year. Mr. Norman seconded and all voted in favor.

IX. RECOGNITION

A. Students and Staff

The Board recognizes staff and students each month at the regularly scheduled board meeting. The following were recognized at the February meeting:

RJ Wollam – This month we recognized community organizations for their contributions.

Santa Fe Christian Church – Contribute monthly supplies as needed by counselor or nurse. Congregation contributes monies monthly to the needs

of our school. Darrel Boswell – Pastor, Robin Ramirez, Bev Self.

Cowboy Church – Adopted numerous Wollam families for Thanksgiving and Christmas and providing on-going assistance as needed. Kim Parker and Tammi Cooper.

Santa Fe Fire Department – “Fill the Fire Truck” donated huge amounts of food and supplies to numerous Wollam families at Thanksgiving for the last few years. Tommy Anderson, Joel Sumrall, Anthony Cargile.

Santa Fe Lion’s Club – Adopted a large Wollam family for Christmas and Thanksgiving. Rene Fourcade, Carol Mitchell, Betty Miller and Bob Burk.

Aldersgate Church –At the beginning of the year they sponsored a huge school supply drive and donated twenty tubs of school supplies. They adopted RJ Wollam for the Backpack Buddy Program which provides food to our students in need on a weekly basis. Danny Barrett-Pastor, Christie Norman, Staci Taylor, Greg Seay, Victoria Espinoza, Bonita Hyatt and Mary Gillespie.

- B. Junior High – Recognizing Houston Haggard. Houston has exhibited a passion and interest in law enforcement. He has assisted in the office this year as an office aide and has assisted Officer Teague with school safety. In December, Officer Teague swore in Houston as a Junior Deputy of School Safety. He has since been monitoring many areas of the school building from checking doors to wet floors. We are proud of this young man and want to commend him on a job well done. Thank you Officer Haggard!

- C. H.S. Student Honorees for the Fall Semester – These students were nominated and voted by the High School staff based on their leadership in class, extracurricular activities and in their community. Service to others in helping to make a difference in their high school and community; their growth academically and their positive influence on others. Congratulations to Austin Eidelbach, Abigail Martinez, Laura Simmons, Ryan Martin, Anthony Young, Keegan Nelms, Robert Garey and Rachel Carte.

- D. Santa Fe ISD Employees of the Month – Vanessa Wainwright (RJW), Phibi Vassalo (Kubacak), Valerie Simmons (Jr. High), Carl Matejka (H.S.), Chad Nelson (Transp.), Marvin Janicek (Maint.), Barbara Smith (Custodial), Katie Clingerman (C&N), Jody Nagy (Police), Randie Martindale (Admin.)

X. PUBLIC FORUM

Ms. Kimberly Kilgore addressed the Board regarding her son’s grades. She questioned the practice of assigning a zero for work not completed. Her son needs to make up work and make sure that he has his credits for graduation.

XI. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Monthly Reports

The Board reviewed monthly reports on personnel, child nutrition, tax collection, technology, transportation, finance, police department, maintenance, bond funds and campuses.

B. Maintenance and Bond Update

Bob Atkins gave an update on the maintenance projects in the district. Mr. Rothermel asked about the status of the controlled burn of a house on district property by Santa Fe Fire Department. Mr. Atkins replied that SFISD is ready, but we are awaiting approval from the other entities involved as agreed on at the January 2014 board meeting.

C. CAP Mid-year Financial Update

Mr. Madden reviewed the Cost and Expenses Report for the year.

D. AVID Update

Ms. Blundell shared a power point with the Board highlighting the Jr. High and H.S. progress with the program. She also shared a video that was produced by Jr. High students sharing their feelings and thoughts of the program.

E. 2013 Property Value Study

Kim Patterson shared the results from the District Property Value Study that was conducted by Comptroller.

XII. CONSENT

Mr. Norman made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Mr. Burns seconded and all voted in favor.

- A. Minutes January 20, 2014
- B. Accounts Payable-\$755,001.88
- C. First Public Authorization Representative Update
- D. Budget Amendment #6
- E. PDAS Appraiser

XIII. REGULAR AGENDA

- A. Mr. Burns made a motion to approve the resolution declaring the week of March 3-7, 2014 as Celebrate Texas Public Schools Week in Santa Fe ISD. Mr. Norman seconded and all voted in favor.
- B. Mr. Norman made a motion to proclaim March 2014 as Social Worker Month. Mrs. Herzog seconded and all voted in favor.
- C. Mr. Norman made a motion to approve the resolution for SFISD's participation in the Texas High Performance Schools Consortium. Mr. Burns seconded and all voted in favor.
- D. Mr. Norman made a motion to approve acceptance of all donations greater than \$5,000 received for the month of January. Mrs. Herzog seconded and all voted in favor.
- E. Mrs. Skufca made a motion to approve the resolution to compensate employees for the bad weather days. Mr. Burns seconded and all voted in favor.
- F. Mr. Burns made a motion to approve that SFISD submit a Low Attendance Expedited Waiver to TEA due to low district attendance on January 24, 2014, due to inclement weather. Mr. Norman seconded and all voted in favor.
- G. Mr. Norman made a motion to approve the revised 2014-2015 District Calendar as submitted in addition to Expedited State Waivers for Six Early Release Days and Three Staff Development Days in lieu of student instruction for the school years 2014-2015, 2015-16 and 2016-17. Mrs. Herzog seconded and all voted in favor.

XIV. BOARD COMMUNICATION

Ms. Hanssard

- Provided the board a copy of the February Smoke Signals. Thanked Kathy Terwilliger for all she does for the families of SFISD; welcomed Kathy Oliver; Great job on the AVID Video.

Mr. Madden

- None

Mr. Norman

- Thanked the staff of SFISD for going above and beyond to make SFISD a great School District.

Mrs. Herzog

- Thanked Kathy Terwilliger for all of her hard work for SFISD and the community.

Mr. Burns

- Thanked the staff for volunteering and helping the students of SFISD, your hard work and dedication does not go unnoticed; Reported that the PALS had a successful convention.

Mrs. Skufca

- Thanked Kathy Terwilliger for all her hard work and admired her for her dedication to the district and the community; Mark Kilroy Foundation Fundraiser was well attended but felt that the Board members and staff should make a bigger effort to be a part of this endeavor.

Mr. Gwin

- Thanked the employees for all their hard work; Happy to be able to walk and make it to the meeting after his recent knee surgery.

Dr. Shuman

- Thanked Kathy Terwilliger for all she does for the district and the community. Thanked Ms. Blundell for her continued leadership with the AVID program.

Mr. Rothermel

- Thanked all of the employees for their hard work; welcomed Ms. Oliver. Asked Dr. Wall to look into the questions brought to the Board in the Public Forum.

Dr. Wall

- Thanked everyone for their hard work and dedication in making students successful.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Burns made a motion to adjourn at 8:14pm. Mr. Norman seconded and all voted in favor.

We affirm that these minutes are official, complete and correct.

John Rothermel
President

Theresa A. Herzog
Secretary

Date Minutes Approved: March 24, 2014