

**Minutes of Regular Meeting  
March 27, 2017**

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Santa Fe ISD was held Monday, March 27, 2017, beginning at 7:00 PM in the Cowan Education Center Board Room, 4133 Warpath, Santa Fe, TX 77510.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Rothermel called the meeting to order at 5:04 pm.

II. MEMBERS PRESENT/ABSENT

Present: Eric Davenport, John Snider, Patrick Kelly, John Rothermel, Sheryl Skufca and Rusty Norman. Absent: Wayne Logan. Dr. Wall was in attendance.

Others Present: Bob Atkins, Patti Hanssard, Lee Townsend and Jackie Shuman

III. BUDGET WORKSHOP

Mrs. Townsend reviewed with the Board the general fund balance, capital replacement summary and schedule and land options.

IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION, CHAPTER 551

The Board went into closed session at 6:01 pm, in the executive conference room. Personnel and land purchase were the topics of discussion. The Board adjourned closed session and reconvened in open session at 7:00 pm.

V. RECONVENE: INVOCATION AND PLEDGES

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

VI. SCHOOL OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Bob Atkins, Rachel Blundell, Cherie Bowers, Walter Braun, Patti Hanssard, Mark Kanipes, Destini Martin, David McMillian, Rick Morrill, Kathy Oliver, Julie Pittman, Michelle Pourchot, Kim Ross, Jackie Shuman and Lee Townsend.

Others Present:

Thomas Bennett, Anna Marie Milligan, James Harvey, Andi Hull, Robert Bear, Albert Garcia, Tom Linklater

VII. ACTION FROM CLOSED SESSION, CHAPTER 551

There was no action from closed session.

VIII. RECOGNITIONS

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

A. **Kubacak Elem.** recognized their 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Tribal Leaders Safety Patrol. Garrett Cochran, Delia Joiner-Bonilla, Jackson Dodson, Leonardo Cuello, Gracie Rambin, Andrew Grenier, Mason Myers, Kenneth Lance, Abigail Clingerman, Taylor Pickett, Violet Honeycutt, Kaley Williams, Aiden Doherty, Henry De La Mora, De'ayla Smith, Larry Dale, Nathan McWhirter, Kaitlyn Renz, Dutch Adams, Tarrah Williams, Hannah Harrison, JJ Jackson, Gabriel Borden and Sydnie Garza.

B. **Jr. High** recognized their students who participated in the National History Day Regional Competition at Lee College in Baytown on February 4<sup>th</sup>. Vasiliki Pargourtzis won 1<sup>st</sup> place for her historical research paper, titled Chiune Sugihara: The Diplomat that saved the Jews of Lithuania; Tyler Dobson won 2<sup>nd</sup> place for his historical research paper titled Frederick Douglass: An Articulate Stand; Cameron McCollum won 2<sup>nd</sup> place for his individual documentary, America's New Deal: The Revival of Us; Sasha Bishop, Shane

Bishop and Wyatt Childress won 1<sup>st</sup> place with their group documentary, titled Code Name Jolanta. These students will be competing at the National History Day State Competition in Austin on April 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Jr. High** also recognized 7<sup>th</sup> grader Luke Garcia. Luke won the Knights of Columbus free throw contest and then advanced to win the shoot off between our Knights of Columbus chapter and the Knights of Columbus League City Chapter. Luke then won 1<sup>st</sup> place in regionals held in Houston, which advanced him to state competition in San Antonio. Luke finished his journey by winning 1<sup>st</sup> place in the 2017 Knights of Columbus free throw competition on March 4<sup>th</sup> in San Antonio.

- C. **H.S.** recognized their band students who will be advancing to State Solo & Ensemble Competition: Haley Brantner, Meagan Johnson, Peter Luong, Gabriel Degner, Shoei Ruckman, Maleiha Alvarado, Erica Werner, Grace Johnson and John Overbeck. **H.S.** also recognized their Regional Powerlifting Qualifiers: Morgan Boody (State Qualifier- Received 8<sup>th</sup> place at State), Elana Boudreaux, Shelby Freudensprung, Christa Swartz, Tyler Ray and Wyatt Dudley. Their coaches are C.J. Cavness and Jess Golightly.
- D. **Transportation Department** recognized Lawrence Lusignan as the 2016-2017 PCAT Bus Driver of the Year. Tom Linklater presented the award to Lawrence on behalf of PCAT.
- E. **Employees of the Month** for March are: Vanessa Wainwright, RJW; Carolyn Gaspard, Kubacak; Kirk Potter, Jr. High; Kayleen Gates, H.S.; Ernest Western, Transportation; Timothy Finley, Maintenance; Adalgisa Grullon, Custodian; Martha Delfin, Child Nutrition; Kurt Kovacevich, Admin.

#### IX. PUBLIC FORUM

No one signed up to speak to the Board.

#### X. INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. The Board reviewed monthly reports on personnel, child nutrition, tax collection, technology, transportation, finance, police department, grants and campuses. Bob Atkins updated the Board on projects that were addressed during Spring Break and other ongoing projects.
- B. Dr. Shuman presented for information only the District Calendar choices for 2017-2018 which will be considered for approval upon the Board approval of the District of Innovation.
- C. Cherie Bowers updated the Board on nutrition services for the District.

#### XI. CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Davenport made a motion to approve the following consent agenda items as presented. Mr. Rothermel seconded and all voted in favor.

- A. Minutes of February 16, 2017 and February 20, 2017
- B. Accounts Payable \$805,788.41
- C. Budget Amendment #7
- D. Dual Credit Agreement with College of the Mainland 2016-2019
- E. IMA and TEKS Certification for 2017-2018

#### XII. REGULAR AGENDA

- A. Mr. Rothermel made a motion to accept the donations that are greater than \$5,000.00 received for the month of February. The total donations greater than \$5,000.00 for the

- month of February are \$10,000.00. Mr. Davenport seconded and all voted in favor.
- B. Mr. Davenport made a motion to approve the purchase of 19.2 acres of real property located on G ½ and 1764 road for future school site and authorize the Superintendent to negotiate and execute the final contract. Mr. Rothermel seconded and all voted in favor.
  - C. Mrs. Skufca made a motion to approve the terms of the audit engagement with Start, Garcia & Stanley. LLC to perform the 2016-2017 fiscal year-end audit with their anticipated fee not to exceed \$47,000.00. Mr. Rothermel seconded and all voted in favor.
  - D. Mr. Snider made a motion to approve the cost to replace the sanitary sewer line behind Cowan for an amount of \$24,857.00, along with a contingency amount of \$5,000.00 for a total cost not to exceed \$29,857.00. Mr. Davenport seconded and all voted in favor.
  - E. Mr. Davenport made a motion to approve Policy Update 107 as presented. Mr. Rothermel seconded and all voted in favor.
  - F. Mr. Rothermel made a motion to proclaim April 26, 2017 as Administrative Professionals' Day in Santa Fe ISD. Mrs. Skufca seconded and all voted in favor.
  - G. Mrs. Skufca made a motion to proclaim April 9-15, 2017 as National Library Week in Santa Fe ISD. Mr. Rothermel seconded and all voted in favor.
  - H. Mr. Snider made a motion to proclaim April 24-28, 2017 as National Public School Volunteer Week in Santa Fe ISD. Mr. Davenport seconded and all voted in favor.
  - I. Mr. Rothermel made a motion as required by Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 102, Subchapter JJ, the Board of Trustees approve the President of the Board of Trustees to notify the Texas Commissioner of Education of the Board's intention to vote on the adoption of the proposed District of Innovation plan at the April 17, 2017 Board meeting. Mrs. Skufca seconded and all voted in favor.
  - J. Mr. Snider made a motion to approve the purchase of a LED scoreboard sign to be used at Joe Raitano field, not to exceed the amount of \$166,029.00. Mr. Rothermel seconded and all voted in favor.

### XIII. BOARD COMMUNICATION

Ms. Hanssard

- Provided the Board with a list of upcoming events. Reminded the Board of the employee end of the year breakfast on May 30<sup>th</sup>. Girls soccer has moved on to 2<sup>nd</sup> round of playoffs and will play PNG in Baytown on Friday. SFISD will be hosting its first Job Fair on April 8<sup>th</sup> from 9-11:30 am, in the Cowan training rooms.

Mrs. Townsend

- Enjoyed watching sporting events this past week. Wished the students good luck on future games. Wished everyone a great week.

Mr. Snider

- Thanked Cherie for her update on Nutrition Services. Thanked all the administrators for all they do.

Mr. Kelly

- Thanked everyone for all they do. Appreciates the hard work the administrative staff and schools do to make SFISD a great district.

Dr. Shuman

- Wished the principals and staff good luck on STAAR testing this week.

Mrs. Skufca

- Thanked the Food and Nutrition Dept. on doing a great job. Wished the Girls Soccer

team good luck. Also wished the principals and staff good luck on STAAR testing.

Mr. Rothermel

- Thanked everyone for being here tonight and very thankful for the dinner that was served. Wished everyone good luck on testing this week.

Mr. Davenport

- Thanked everyone for being here tonight. Shared that he will be wearing a bunny suit at RJW next month and invited everyone to come by and see him.

Mr. Norman

- Thanked everyone for all they do and for being at the meeting tonight. Good luck on testing and the 8 or so weeks of school left.

Dr. Wall

- Shared her appreciation of the dedication of the staff that work hard to help kids succeed. Also to our YUM department and all they do taking care of our kids and adults as well. Thanked the Board for all their hard work and the many hours that went into finding a location for the new elementary school.

#### XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Rothermel made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 pm. Mrs. Skufca seconded and all voted in favor.

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

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J. R. Norman  
President

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Sheryl L. Skufca  
Secretary

Date Minutes Approved: April 17, 2017