

**Minutes of Regular Meeting
November 18, 2013**

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Santa Fe ISD was held Monday, November 18, 2013, beginning at 7:00 PM in the Cowan Education Center Board Room, 4133 Warpath, Santa Fe, TX 77510.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. MEMBERS PRESENT/ABSENT

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

III. EXECUTIVE SESSION, CHAPTER 551

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in the board room and the Board went directly into closed session in the executive conference room. Personnel was the topic of discussion. The Board adjourned closed session and reconvened in open session at 7:14 p.m.

IV. RECONVENE; INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

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

SCHOOL OFFICIALS PRESENT

Bob Atkins, Rachel Blundell, Cherie' Bowers, Walter Braun, Jay Buckner, Donna Carlson, Lindsey Foley, Susan Hall, Patti Hanssard, Britt Madden, David McMillian, Julie Pittman, Kim Rich, Mandy Scott and Jackie Shuman

Others Present:

Rick Morrill, Stephen Kendrick, Kurt Kovacevich, Kari Kovacevich, Kim Patterson, Wanda Wagner, Billy Keel Bree Keel, Nelly Ayala, Lori Marks, Tariss McGillberry, Traci Pyle, Darlene Clough, Karen Vaughn, Mary Lou Brown, Sarah Mangione, Rachel Brauer, Jose Vargas, Julius and Margaret Vale, Bryan Gripp, Amber Hrynczyszyn, Sherri Newman, Steve Pothos, Kim Keel, John Fernandez, Sr., Laura and Michael Early, Tracy McDowell, Bryan Shoen, Tammy Ousley, Ewell Newman, Kitty and Will Robinson, Tammy Wallace, David Wilkins, Karrie Huskey, Nena Robinson, Cristy Feimster, Pastor Brad Drake, Laura Timmons, Lindsay Jarrell, Susan Bunde

V. ACTION FROM CLOSED SESSION, CHAPTER 551

Mr. Burns made a motion to employ for the 2013-2014 school year for 122 days as teachers, Shelby Covington and Jessica McNaspy and employ for 134 days as Director of Technology, Richard Morrill. Mr. Norman seconded and all voted in favor.

VI. PUBLIC FORUM

Mr. Steve Pothos said that he bid on the property located at 13110 FM 1764 and the school board approved his bid. The drainage district has denied his bid and Mr. Pothos asked the school board if this was legal?

Mrs. Kim Kilgore signed up to speak about the H.S., but was not present at the meeting.

VII. RECOGNITIONS

A. Staff and Students

The Board recognizes staff and students each month at the regularly scheduled board meetings.

The following were recognized at the November meeting:

RJW- Heritage Festival Art Contest Winners – First place, Sammie Paukert (1st Grade), Second place, Kylie Davidson (2nd Grade), Third place, Ronny Rouse (1st Grade)

Kubacak Elem– Alexander McClintock was recognized for his heroic actions in saving his little brother from choking by performing the Heimlich Maneuver. Laura Timmons and Lindsay Jarrell (Counselor Interns) teamed up with Pastor's Brad Drake and John Humphries from Dayspring

Church to hand out approximately 150 pairs of shoes to our students. The students were also given free hair-cuts, popcorn, snow-cones and played games.

Heritage Festival Art Contest Winner – Second Place, Hunter Wiltshire (5th Grade)

Junior High- On November 6th, the Theatre Arts students participated in the Texas Renaissance Festival for the first time. They won 3rd place overall. Performers were: Haley Pyle, Dilynn Mitchell, Bryce Pesak, Angel Martinez, Toby Odom, Jose Vargas, Daisy Sullivan, Valerie Robinson, Brooke Nelson, Damien Jackson, Hunter Bloomfield, Jacob Prater, Adrian Boehnke and Lee Bankhead, Sound Tech's- Caitlyn McGilberry, Kyleigh McGilberry, Audrey Auzston and Cameron Bloomfield.

Heritage Festival Art Contest Winners- First Place, Annabel O'Day (8th Grade), Third Place, Omar Juarez, (7th Grade)

High School- Theatre students placed third out of 23 schools at the Texas Renaissance Festival. Performers were: Madeline Ruivivar, Lewis Gilbert, Tabitha Wallace, Madi Grossman, Lynox Cloud, Megan Tracy, Chris Basser, Haley Rae Tucker. Also at the festival, our Art competition winners were: Katrina Holtz (1st Place) and Faith Early (Honorable Mention).

Heritage Festival Art Contest Winners- First Place, Faith Early (10th Grade), Second Place, Madison Hermann (12th Grade), Third Place, Savanna Riehl (10th Grade)

- B. Employees of the Month- Gail Ballinger (RJW), Cristy Feimster (Kub), Susan Bunde (Jr. High), Karen Vaughn (H.S.), Tracy Olds (Trans), Stephen Russell (Maint.), Mary Boquet (Custodial), Maria Trevino (Nutrition), Darlene Clough (Police), Kim Keel and Nena Robinson (Admin.)

VIII. INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. Monthly Reports
Personnel, Cafeteria, Tax Collection, Technology, Maintenance, Transportation, Principal, Police, Trip Requests and Financial including Grant Funds and Donations.
- B. Maintenance and Operations Update
- C. Staff Attendance 1st Nine Weeks
- D. Bilingual Exceptions

IX. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. Minutes November 18, 2013
- B. Accounts Payable \$1,018,829.22
- C. Budget Amendment #3
- D. Galveston County Fair and Rodeo Special Days Resolution

X. REGULAR AGENDA

- A. Mr. Burns made a motion to approve District and Campus Improvement Plans. Mr. Norman seconded and all voted in favor.
- B. Mr. Burns made a motion to approve a donation from the band booster club in the amount of \$7,000.00. Mr. Norman seconded and all voted in favor.
- C. Mr. Norman made a motion to approve the donation from TDCJ for 50 Laptop computers to be used at R.J. Wollam Elementary, valued at approximately \$10,067.00. Mrs. Herzog seconded and all voted in favor.
- D. Mr. Norman made a motion to deny the Galveston County Drainage District No. 1 request that asks Santa Fe ISD to convey their interest in the property located on FM 1764 to the Drainage District as stipulated in the resale deed. Mr. Burns seconded and all voted in favor.
- E. Mr. Burns made a motion to approve the resolution for GCAD Board of Directors Election. Mr. Norman seconded and all voted in favor.
- F. Mr. Norman made a motion to approve the bid proposal from Strike Hold LLC. Mr. Burns seconded and all voted in favor.

XI. BOARD COMMUNICATION

Ms. Hanssard

- Provided the Board with a copy of Smoke Signals, highlighting upcoming events. Please refer to this and continue to come out and support our students and staff.

Mr. Madden

- Welcomed the District's new Director of Technology Services, Mr. Rick Morrill. Wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Mr. Norman

- Welcomed Mr. Morrill to the district. Appreciated the hard work on the DIP.

Mrs. Herzog

- Wished everyone a nice holiday.

Mr. Burns

- Thanked Dr. Shuman, Principals and Staff for their hard work on the District Improvement Plan (DIP). Welcomed Mr. Morrill to the district.

Mrs. Skufca

- Welcomed Mr. Morrill to the district. Appreciated all the hard work that went into the DIP. Happy Thanksgiving.

Mr. Gwin

- Commented on how a lot of good things are happening at SFISD that people don't know about. He was surprised to see a school bus at HEB during a time that it would not normally be out on a route. He went into HEB and saw that our Special Education students were involved in life skills training. Mr. Gwin thanked the manager for his support of these students.

Mr. O'Brien

- Thanked the H.S. and Jr. High students and staff for the great job they did on the production of Flat Stanley. Wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Dr. Shuman

- Thanked staff and principals for their hard work on the DIP. Thanked the H.S. for the Veteran's Day Ceremony that they put together. It was a very unique celebration. She also praised the students for their show of maturity as they honored the veterans.

Mr. Rothermel

- Gave his appreciation to the staff for their hard work on the DIP. Welcomed Mr. Morrill to the district and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Dr. Wall

- Great job on the DIP. Thanked the Board for their input and continued support of the DIP. Congratulated Julie Pittman on her first Board Meeting as her assistant.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Norman made a motion to adjourn at 8:18 pm. Mr. Burns 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: December 16, 2013