

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
March 29, 2021

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. ROLL CALL

Members present were: Rusty Norman, Eric Davenport, James Grassmuck, Patrick Kelly, Matt Crable and Angie Lambert. Clay Hertenberger arrived at 5:20. Dr. Wall was in attendance.

Others present at the workshop

Bob Atkins, Patti Hanssard, Lee Townsend, Alex Sanchez, Kim Ross, Chris Wheeler, Jenny Davenport, Flo Adkins, Harold Payne and Sara Ryan

III. BUDGET WORKSHOP

A. The Board reviewed current year budget and the proposed 2021-2022 budget considerations.

B. They also reviewed 2021-2022 and future budget considerations.

IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION, CHAPTER 551

The Board went into executive session at 6:02 pm. Personnel and safety were the topics of discussion. The Board adjourned closed session and reconvened in open session at 7:38 pm.

V. RECONVENE: INVOCATION AND PLEDGES

Mr. Davenport gave the invocation and all recited pledges.

VI. SCHOOL OFFICIALS PRESENT

Flo Adkins, Bob Atkins, Matthew Bentley, Cherie Bowers, Walter Braun, Heather Brown, Jenny Davenport, Patti Hanssard, Destini Martin, Mark McKinney, Kathy Oliver, Harold Payne, Julie Pittman, Michelle Pourchot, Kim Ross, Sara Ryan, Alex Sanchez, Lee Townsend, Gina Welsh and Chris Wheeler

Others present

Jonathan Stanton, Joel Sumrall, Bill and Tammy Chastain, Kayla Platt, Kera, Eric and Eagan Oliver, Kim Wulf, Robyn Tilitzki, Sandra Zeringue, Angela Kennedy

VII. ACTION FROM CLOSED SESSION, CHAPTER 551

A. There was no action from closed session.

VIII. RECOGNITIONS

A. **Santa Fe J.H.** recognized one of their Robotics teams. Team 9875B (Technical Knockout) which included team members Edgar Hernandez, Ethan Oliver, Youth Kim, Colton Payne and Alison Torres along with their robot, Marquis De LaFayette, have qualified for the State Competition, which will be held on April 10th. Their coach is Kayla Platt.

B. **Santa Fe H.S.** recognized the Girls Basketball All-District selections. Freshman, Alysia Flores-2nd Team All-District; Junior, Emma Cerda-Honorable Mention and Academic All-District; Junior, Kloe Vanier-Honorable Mention; Sophomore, Casey Blackwell-Honorable Mention; Sophomore, Kamryn Cruz-Academic All District; and Sophomore, Kianna Chastain-Academic All-District. Their coach is Carl Matejka.

C. **Santa Fe H.S.** also recognized the Powerlifting Teams. The Lady Indians competed very well on March 3rd at the 2021 THSWPA Regional Powerlifting Meet in Alvin. 2021 THSWPA State Qualifiers, Senior, Gracie Cervantes and Junior, Karissa Betancourt, traveled to Corpus Christi on March 20th to represent Santa Fe H.S. at State Competition. Karissa took 3rd place in her weight class and Gracie was awarded the THSWPA Region 4 Powerlifting Scholarship. Congratulations to the Santa Fe Boys Powerlifting Team. They took 3rd place overall at the 2021 THSPA Regional Meet in Dickinson on March 6th. Jacob Cavness and Tristen Nabors competed in the THSPA State Meeting in Abilene on March 27th. Jacob finished 6th overall and was awarded the THSPA Region 4 Scholarship.

Tristen finished 8th overall in the state. C.J. Cavness is the Powerlifting Coach.

- D. **The District** recognized our Student and Staff Spotlights for the Month of March. 5th grader, Karley Mackenzie from Kubacak is our elementary student. Karley overcame many challenges this year, both personally and academically. She continues to impress everyone with her resiliency. 8th grader, Colton Payne is our secondary spotlight student. Colton has been on the “A” honor roll every semester during Jr. High. He helps others in the community and has competed in numerous competitions and received many medals. He was the first SFISD student to advance to the National History Day Competition. Ms. Kayla Platt is our Spotlight Staff member. She is the Robotics Teacher and spends long hours of after school practices and fundraising. She organized and facilitated our first Vex IQ Robotics Tournament with 16 teams from area schools participating. Three out of four SFJH teams made it to the finals. One of our teams will be moving on to the State Robotics Competition.
- E. **Transportation Department** and our PCAT Representative Tom Linklater presented Kendra Mattes with the PCAT Bus Driver of the Year award.
- F. **Santa Fe ISD** recognized the Public Relations Department for winning 27 Star Awards including 3 “Best of Category” at the Texas Public Relations Association (TSPRA) annual conference. Ms. Hanssard was also recognized for being chosen to write an article for *Communication Matters*, a TSPRA Magazine. Her article “A Communication Refresh Perspective” was featured in the winter edition.
- G. **Employees of the Month** for March are: Jadah Micks, Barnett Elementary; Becky Sullivan, Kubacak Elementary; Hannah Nelson, RJW Elementary; Kirstyn Bullington, SFJH; Danielle Biggs, SFHS; Delysia Gonzales, Transportation; Sam Herrera, M&O; Rebecca Self, Custodial; Trisha Hayman, Nutrition Services; Joel Sumrall, Administration.
- IX. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS
No one signed up to speak at the meeting.
- X. INFORMATION ITEMS
- A. Mr. Atkins updated the Board on projects around the district as well as the renovations and new addition at the high school. There is a ribbon cutting ceremony planned for April 19, 2021.
- B. Mr. Wheeler presented the Board with an annual Maintenance and Operations Department update.
- C. Mr. McKinney presented the Board with an annual Transportation Department update.
- XI. CONSENT AGENDA
Mr. Kelly made a motion to approve the following consent agenda items as presented. Mr. Davenport seconded and all voted in favor.
- A. Minutes of February 22, 2021, March 2, 2021, March 10, 2021
- B. Accounts Payable \$1,445,610.82
- C. Budget Amendment #8
- D. Update of an Authorized Representative for First Public Investment Pool
- E. Promotional Items, Screen Printing, Embroidery and Related Services Awards
- XII. REGULAR AGENDA
- A. Mr. Grassmuck made a motion to approve the Missed School Days Waiver due to the winter ice storm on February 16-19, 2021. Mr. Kelly seconded and all voted in favor.
- B. Mr. Kelly made a motion to approve the Hybrid Instruction Waiver during STAAR Testing for 6th-8th grade students. Mr. Crable seconded and all voted in favor.
- C. Mr. Grassmuck made a motion to proclaim April 21, 2021 as Administrative Professional's Day in Santa Fe ISD. Mr. Hertenberger seconded and all voted in favor.
- D. Mr. Kelly made a motion to proclaim the week of April 4-10, 2021 as National Library Week in Santa Fe ISD. Ms. Lambert seconded and all voted in favor.
- E. Mr. Davenport made a motion to proclaim the week of April 19-23, 2021 as Public School

- Volunteer Week in Santa Fe ISD. Mr. Hertenberger seconded and all voted in favor.
- F. Mr. Grassmuck made a motion to proclaim the month of April as Occupational Therapy Month in Santa Fe ISD. Mr. Davenport seconded and all voted in favor.
- G. Mr. Grassmuck made a motion to approve the Resolution for Compensation of Employees During Summer "Gap Time" where employees work 36 hours but are paid for 40 hours. Mr. Kelly seconded and all voted in favor.
- H. Mr. Kelly made a motion to approve the Resolution for Compensation of Employees during the 2021 winter storm emergency closure which serves as a public purpose in the continued retention and morale for such employees and in ensuring efficient and expeditious opening of schools. Mr. Crable seconded and all voted in favor.
- I. Mr. Grassmuck made a motion to approve the terms of Audit Engagement with Start, Garcia, & Stanley, LLC to perform the 2020-2021 fiscal year-end audit, not to exceed \$48,000.00. Mr. Kelly seconded and the motion passed with a 6 for and 1 against vote.
- J. Mr. Kelly made a motion to approve the acceptance of the donation that is greater than \$5,000.00 received with the total donation being \$9,100.00. Mr. Grassmuck seconded and all voted in favor.
- K. Mr. Grassmuck made a motion to approve the purchase of the Audio Enhancements System at Santa Fe Junior High for a cost not to exceed \$231,840.50, with 75% or \$170,349.22 being paid through the COPS grant and the remaining 25% or \$56,783.07 plus \$4,708.21 PPB through BM 98 FY 21-22 budget. Mr. Davenport seconded and all voted in favor.
- L. Mr. Kelly made a motion to approve the proposal from Hunton Services to replace the damaged heat exchanger at RJW for a cost not to exceed \$85,000.00. Mr. Davenport seconded and all voted in favor.
- M. Mr. Grassmuck made a motion to approve the proposal from PBK Sports for engineering services for replacement of synthetic turf at the H.S. Football Field for a cost not to exceed \$89,000.00. Mr. Kelly seconded and all voted in favor.
- N. Mr. Kelly made a motion to approve the proposal from Hunton Services to replace the damaged HVAC coils at high school and junior high for a cost not to exceed \$252,010.00. Mr. Crable seconded and all voted in favor.
- O. Mr. Grassmuck made a motion to approve participation in the TASB Energy Cooperative to purchase fuel from June 1, 2021 to August 31, 2022. Ms. Lambert seconded and all voted in favor.
- P. Mr. Kelly made a motion to allow mask for students and staff to be optional at school and school related events. Mr. Davenport seconded the motion. After much discussion the motion passed by a vote of 5 for and 2 against.
- Q. Ms. Lambert made a motion to approve acceptance of donation of Santa Fe Ten Memorial Unfillable Chair valued at \$19,920.00 (in-kind) to be located in front of Santa Fe High School in the southeast area in the proximity of the remembrance trees, with final placement approval delegated to the Superintendent within these parameters. Mr. Kelly seconded and all voted in favor.

XIII. BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

Mrs. Townsend

- Congratulated PR Department on their TSPRA awards and the PCAT Transportation Departments Driver of the Year winner.

Ms. Hanssard

- Provided the Board with a list of events for April. Pointed out that Pre-K and Kindergarten will have a registration fair to be held here at Cowan in the parking lot on April 10th from 10-2. A student at SFHS will be given an award by Channel 2 which will air on Wednesday, March 31st during the 6:00 am news. Wished Dr. Wall a happy birthday. Proud to report that Chris Stone was awarded the 2021 Congressional Medal of Honor. Wished everyone a safe and happy Easter.

Mrs. Ross

- Gave a shout out to all SFISD teachers. Although they are getting ready for testing, they are also excited and working diligently on curriculum for next school year.

Ms. Lambert

- Congratulated the SF Girls Soccer on being undefeated. Congratulated all the students and staff that were recognized tonight.

Mr. Grassmuck

- Thanked everyone for all they do.

Mr. Hertenberger

- Thanked everyone for all they do. Congratulated all who were recognized tonight.

Mr. Davenport

- Wished Dr. Wall a Happy Birthday! Thanked everyone for the support and patience. Reported that U of H Cougars won their game and are going on to the Final 4.

Mr. Crable

- Congratulated all of the students recognized and was impressed by the robotics team and is very happy that Santa Fe ISD is able to offer this opportunity to students.

Mr. Kelly

- Thanked the Board for approving the freedom from masks. Thanked everyone for all they do.

Dr. Wall

- Thanked Megan with the Santa Fe Ten Memorial for her leadership. Thanked all the staff for all their hard work.

Mr. Norman

- Thanked the Board and staff for their hard work on the budget. Congratulated everyone who was recognized tonight. Stated that the Galveston County Fair and Rodeo will be kicking off soon. Gave a brief update on the Superintendent search and reminded everyone to check the website to view the timeline.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Kelly made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:38 pm. Mr. Crable seconded and all voted in favor.

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

J. R. Norman
President

James Grassmuck
Secretary

Date Minutes Approved: April 19, 2021