

BE IT REMEMBERED: That on this the 20th day of August, 2015, a Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees was held with the following members present:

BOARD MEMBERS: Mark Abner, Greg Akins, Clint Catching, Janie Finney and Scott Renfro

Absent: Brad Anderson and Bruce Dawsey

SCHOOL

SUPERINTENDENT: Kevin Wilson

OTHERS PRESENT: Darla Williams, Julie Snapp, Michael Smiley, April Adams, Teresa Reynolds, Edgar Perez, Tracy Blum, Betsy Friedman, Leslie Smith, Heidi Debner, Tom Debner, Mary Claire Woodard, Renae Heilman, Derek Lands and Jim Curry

- I. Board President Greg Akins established a quorum and opened the meeting according to Texas Government Code Section 551 at 6:00 p.m.
- II. The Invocation was given by Scott Renfro and the pledges were led by Darla Williams.
- III. Public Forum: NA
- IV. Presentation of Diploma: Edgar Perez
- V. Reports:
 - A. Accountability Ratings – Mrs. Darla Williams reviewed the Accountability Summary Reports. There will be a full public hearing later in the Fall or Early Spring when the TAPR is released.
 - B. Finance Manual – Mrs. Julie Snapp presented the finance manual, highlighting the internal controls as required by the District Investment Policy.
 - C. Superintendent Report:
 1. Preliminary FIRST Rating – Mr. Kevin Wilson reviewed with the board that the district received a perfect score.
 2. Personnel Update – Mr. Kevin Wilson updated the board on recent hires. A contract was offered to Holly Jones.
 3. Tax Statements – Mr. Kevin Wilson shared with the board that the district had received notice from Bruce Stidham that tax statements would be delayed going out this year due to a provision in SB 1 which would increase the homestead exemption from \$15,000 to \$25,000. This requires a constitutional amendment vote in November.
 4. School Finance Litigation – Mr. Kevin Wilson shared with the board that the lawsuit is scheduled to begin on September 1, 2015.
 5. Other Information – NA
- VI. Action Items:
 - A. Consent ITEMS:

1. Review of Minutes on the July 16, 2015 Regular meeting.
2. Ms. Julie Snapp reviewed July Financial Report with the board.
3. Ms. Julie Snapp reviewed the Vendor List for 2015-16.

Mr. Kevin Wilson recommended the approval of the Consent Items. Clint Catching made the motion to approve the Consent Items as presented. It was seconded by Scott Renfro.

The motion passed 5-0.

- B. Ms. Darla Williams presented the T-TESS Appraisal Calendar and List of Appraisers. Mr. Kevin Wilson made the recommendation to approve the T-TESS Appraisal Calendar and List of Appraisers. The motion was made by Scott Renfro and seconded by Janie Finney.

The motion passed 5-0.

- C. Mr. Kevin Wilson presented the proposed 2015-16 Howe Cafeteria Prices. Mr. Wilson recommended the board approve the 2015-16 Howe Cafeteria Prices as presented. The motion was made by Scott Renfro and seconded by Mark Abner.

The motion passed 5-0.

- D. Mr. Kevin Wilson made the recommendation to Re-Appoint Jean Norman as the Representative to the Howe Community Library Board. The motion was made by Janie Finney and seconded by Clint Catching.

The motion passed 5-0.

- E. Mr. Kevin Wilson presented to the board the 2015 Tax Resale Auction Resolution. Mr. Wilson recommended the approval of the 2015 Tax Resale Auction Resolution as presented. The motion was made by Clint Catching and seconded by Janie Finney.

The motion passed 5-0.

- F. Mr. Kevin Wilson presented the 2015-2016 Student Code of Conduct. Mr. Wilson recommended the board adopt the Student Code of Conduct as presented. The motion was made by Mark Abner and seconded by Scott Renfro.

The motion passed 5-0.

- G. Mr. Kevin Wilson presented to the board the recommended Tax Rate for Adoption – M&O-\$1.17 + I&S-\$0.28 = Total Tax Rate-\$1.45. Mr. Wilson made the recommendation to adopt the Tax Rate as presented. Clint Catching made the motion and Scott Renfro seconded the motion.

The motion passed 5-0.

Adjourned

The board adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

Presiding Officer

Secretary