

COLEMAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

OFFICIAL MINUTES

Regular Meeting

The Board of Trustees of the Coleman Independent School District met Thursday, February 25, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. in the school business office for the regular monthly meeting.

Present: Mark Martinez, Jody Payne, Harold Skelton, Rowdy Allen, Mike Barker, John Casey, Sandra Rose

Others Present: Dr. Skip Casey, Interim Superintendent; Diana Dobbins, High School Principal; Elementary Principal; Karen Huff, Business Manager; Paul Martin; Jeromy Watson; Jacque Rosales; Gary Strickland; Staci Robertson; Whitney Alexander, media representative

Recorder: Mary Strickland

Minutes: Mike Barker made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 28, 2016. The second was made by Sandra Rose. Voting for the motion were Mark Martinez, Jody Payne, Rowdy Allen, Mike Barker and Sandra Rose. John Casey and Harold Skelton abstained. Motion passed.

CAMPUS REPORT:

Scientific Research & Design
Student Report:

Gary Strickland, High School SRD Teacher, along with students Jacob Mason, Zachary Mason, Kenzie Smith, Mason Smith and Megan Taylor gave a presentation on their rocket project they are working on in the Scientific Research & Design class. The students are vying to compete in the Team America Rocketry Challenge (TARC) in April. The students also explained how STEM classes differ from their regular courses.

ACTION ITEMS:

Personnel – Consider Accepting Resignations from Personnel:

Jody Payne made a motion to accept the resignations from Cynthia Connelly and Tom Nixon. Rowdy Allen seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Consider Approving 2016-2017 School Calendar:

John Casey made a motion to approve the 2016-2017 school calendar as presented. Rowdy Allen seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Consider Renewal of Student and Teacher Laptop Lease:

Paul Martin, Technology Director, presented two proposals for leasing student and teacher laptops. After discussing both options, Jody Payne made a motion to approve the lease renewal of student and teacher laptops with Dell for 3 years in the amount of \$108,767.62 annually and a total cost of \$326,302.85. This would provide laptops for students in grades 5-12. Rowdy Allen seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Amend the Budget:

Jody Payne made a motion to approve the budget amendments. The second was made by Rowdy Allen and passed unanimously.

Personnel – Contract Renewals:

Harold Skelton made a motion to extend contracts one year to the following administrators:

- Diana Dobbins – *High School Principal*
- Amy Flippin – *Jr. High School Principal*
- Joy Thompson – *Elementary Principal*
- John Elder – *Athletic Director*

Jody Payne seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Jody Payne made a motion to hire the following on a 12-month contract for the 2016-2017 school year:

- Karen Huff – *Business Manager*
- Paul Martin – *Technology Director*

Rowdy Allen seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

BOARD REPORT:

Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE) Audit Report:

Jeromy Watson, CISD Chief of Police, presented the TCOLE Audit Report. The department passed the audit and there were no deficiencies.

TCEA Conference Report:

The principals, Paul Martin and several teachers from each campus attended the TCEA conference in Austin. Mr. Martin informed the board that Coleman ISD is now a Google Doc school.

TASA Conference Report:

Dr. Casey attended the TASA Conference the last week of January. He said the conference was very informational. He spoke to the board about the current inequality of state funding in the state of Texas and its effect on Coleman ISD.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

March Regular Board Meeting Date:

The March regular board meeting will be held on Monday, March 28, 2016.

TASB Summer Leadership Institute/
TASB Convention:

The TASB Summer Leadership Institutes are scheduled in June, 2016. Board members were asked if they plan to attend either the SLI or TASB Convention in the fall.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

Check Payment List:

The Board reviewed the check payments for the month of February, 2016.

Financial Statement:

The Financial Report as of January, 2016 was presented to the Board.

ACTION ITEM:

Personnel – Superintendent Search:

The Board went into Closed Session at 6:39 p.m. under Texas Government Code Section 551.074 to discuss applicants for superintendent. The Board came out of Closed Session and back into Regular Session at 7:45 p.m. with no action taken.

Adjournment:

The Board adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

MARK MARTINEZ

HAROLD SKELTON