

COLEMAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

OFFICIAL MINUTES

Regular Meeting

The Board of Trustees of the Coleman Independent School District met Monday, August 17, 2020 at 5:31 p.m. in the school business office for the regular monthly meeting.

Present: Mark Martinez, Sandra Rose, Harold Skelton, John Casey, Becky Dobbins, Joshua Hale

Absent: Mike Barker

Others Present: Brandon McDowell, Superintendent; Diana Dobbins, High School Principal; Thomas King, Jr. High Principal; Joy Thompson, Elementary Principal; Kristi Greaves, Business Manager

Recorder: Mary Strickland

Minutes: Harold Skelton made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 20, 2020. The second was made by John Casey. Voting for the motion were Sandra Rose, Harold Skelton, John Casey, Becky Dobbins and Joshua Hale. Mark Martinez abstained. Motion passed 5-0.

John Casey made a motion to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of August 3, 2020. Becky Dobbins seconded the motion. Voting for the motion were Mark Martinez, Sandra Rose, Harold Skelton, John Casey and Becky Dobbins. Joshua Hale abstained. Motion passed 5-0.

Becky Dobbins made a motion to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of August 10, 2020. John Casey seconded the motion. Voting for the motion were Mark Martinez, Sandra Rose, Harold Skelton, John Casey and Becky Dobbins. Joshua Hale abstained. Motion passed 5-0.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Public Hearing to Discuss Budget and Proposed Tax Rate

No one from the public attended.

ACTION ITEMS:

Discussion of School District's Property Values and Impact on School Funding:

The Board and the Superintendent discussed the impact of property values on the District's funding and tax rates. Discussion included the change in local certified property values, potential change in comptroller values, and their impact on the maximum compressed tax rate, proposed tax rate, and state funding. No action was taken.

Public Notice and Discussion of Coleman ISD Intent to Apply for ESSER Grant:

The Superintendent and Board of Trustees discussed the ESSER grant and decided that using these funds for contracted services at ESC 15, utilities, and software licensing is the best utilization of the funds for Coleman ISD to prevent, prepare for and to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.

This will allow CISD to be able to maintain district services in preparation for the safe return of students, maintain resources for online learning, and allow the district's technology and business offices to continue functioning while students are learning at home and while the district prepares for their return. No action taken.

Adopt the Budget for the 2020-2021 School Year:

Sandra Rose made a motion to adopt the budget for the 2020-2021 school year by fund and function as presented. Harold Skelton seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Adopt Tax Rate for 2020:

Harold Skelton made a motion to set the 2020 tax rate at \$1.0547 per \$100 valuation for maintenance & operations for a total tax rate of \$1.0547. Harold Skelton seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Consider Approving Coleman ISD District Improvement Plan for 2019-2020:

Joshua Hale made a motion to approve the Coleman ISD District Improvement Plan for 2019-2020 as recommended by the administration. Becky Dobbins seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Consider Approving Policy FNF(LOCAL): Student Rights and Responsibilities Interrogations and Searches:

TASB Policy Update 113 moved the drug testing policy to administrative regulation. No action taken.

Consider Approving T-TESS Appraisers and Appraisal Calendar for the 2020-2021 School Year:

Becky Dobbins made a motion to approve the T-TESS Appraisers and Appraisal Calendar for the 2020-2021 School Year as recommended by the administration. Sandra Rose seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

BOARD REPORT:

Principal Reports:

The principals each gave reports on their respective campuses. It was estimated that 60-70 students would opt for remote learning at the beginning of school.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

TASA/TASB Joint Annual Convention:

The TASA/TASB Joint Annual Convention will be offered on a virtual platform and be held online. Board members declined to attend.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

2020-2021 Transfer Students:

The list of approved student transfers for the 2020-2021 school year was presented to the board. As of August 17, 2020, there are 79 students transferring into Coleman ISD.

Student Handbooks:

The Elementary, Jr. High School and High Student Handbooks were provided to the school board members.

Special Meeting to Approve Final Budget Amendments:

The Board will meet Monday, August 31, 2020, at 7:45 a.m. to approve final budget amendments for the 2019-2020 school year.

Check Payment List: The Board reviewed the check payments for the month of August, 2020.

Financial Board Report: The Financial Board Report for July, 2020 was presented to the Board.

Financial Statement: The Financial Statement as of July 31, 2020 was presented to the Board.

Adjournment: The Board adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

MARK MARTINEZ

HAROLD SKELTON