

# COLEMAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

## OFFICIAL MINUTES

### Regular Meeting

The Board of Trustees of the Coleman Independent School District met Monday, October 19, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. in the school business office for the regular monthly meeting.

Present: Mark Martinez, Sandra Rose, Mike Barker, John Casey, Joshua Hale

Absent: Becky Dobbins

Others Present: Brandon McDowell, Superintendent; Diana Dobbins, High School Principal; Thomas King, Jr. High Principal; Kristi Greaves, Business Manager; Paul Martin; Kathy Turner, media representative; Mary Lou Knox; Sara Lemoine Knox; Ashley Puryear; James Puryear; Lukas Puryear; Cassidy Longley.

Recorder: Mary Strickland

Minutes: John Casey made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 21, 2020. The second was made by Joshua Hale. Motion passed 5-0.

### ACTION ITEMS:

Election of Board Secretary: The position of Secretary for the CISD Board of Trustees was made vacant by the passing of Harold Skelton. Joshua Hale made a motion to appoint Becky Dobbins as Secretary for the Coleman ISD Board of Trustees. Mike Barker seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Consider Disposition of House Owned by Coleman ISD located at 700 West 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Coleman, TX: Bids were advertised for the sale and removal of the house located at 700 West 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Coleman, Texas. No bids were received. Therefore, there was no action taken by the board. Mr. McDowell stated he will pursue options to have the house removed off of the property.

Consider Resolution to Relinquish Pro-Rata Ownership of Property Located at 110 E. Pecan Street, Coleman, TX:

Sandra Rose made a motion to approve the Resolution to Relinquish Pro-Rata Ownership of property located at 110 E. Pecan Street, Coleman, TX to the Humane Society of Coleman County. Mike Barker seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Public Comment:

Sarah Lemoine Knox addressed the board with supporting statements to overturn the Level Two Grievance denial made by Superintendent Brandon McDowell regarding the Grievance filed by Ashley Puryear and Lukas Puryear. No comment by the board.

Hear, Discuss, and Consider Parent/ Student Level Three Appeal:

Lukas Puryear and Ashley Puryear addressed the board in open session for a Level Three Grievance Appeal regarding the CISD hair and grooming dress code. They requested the denial of the Level Two Grievance they filed be overturned by the school board. Mr. McDowell addressed the board with statements supporting his denial of the Level Two Grievance filed by the Puryears. After hearing all parties make statements, Mike Barker made a motion to deny the Level Three complaint appeal and uphold the decision of the Administration at Level Two. Joshua Hale seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Amend the Budget:

John Casey made a motion to approve the budget amendments. The second was made by Josh Hale and passed unanimously.

BOARD REPORT:

Principal Reports:

Principals Thomas King and Diana Dobbins gave reports on their respective campuses. Mr. McDowell gave the report for the elementary campus.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

CISD Board of Trustees Place 4 Vacancy:

Place 4 on the Board of Trustees is now vacant. The Place 4 term ends in May, 2021. The board

may either appoint someone to finish the term or leave the place vacant until the end of the term. Mr. McDowell indicated the board should decide which option they want to proceed with at the November regular board meeting.

#### INFORMATION ITEMS:

Operation Connectivity Grant:

Mr. McDowell informed the board that the City of Coleman agreed to participate in a matching grant with the school district. Grant money will be used for the purchase of technology devices and internet hot spots. The district will receive approximately \$20,000.00.

CISD Hall of Honor:

The 2021 CISD Hall of Honor Induction Ceremony is postponed due to COVID-19 concerns. Nominations will continue to be accepted for the 2022 Hall of Honor.

End of 1<sup>st</sup> Six Weeks Enrollment:

Enrollment for the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> six weeks is 835. This is an increase of 36 students compared to the 1<sup>st</sup> six weeks of 2019-2020.

Check Payment List:

The Board reviewed the check payments for the month of October, 2020.

Financial Board Report:

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

Financial Statement:

The Financial Statement as of September 30, 2020 was presented to the Board.

Adjournment:

The Board adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

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MARK MARTINEZ

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BECKY DOBBINS