

COLEMAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

OFFICIAL MINUTES

Regular Meeting

The Board of Trustees of the Coleman Independent School District met Monday, October 20, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. in the school business office for the regular monthly meeting.

Present: Sue Sloan, Jody Payne, Mark Martinez, Rowdy Allen, Mike Barker, John Casey

Absent: Billy Bledsoe

Others Present: Royce Young, Superintendent; Diana Dobbins, High School Principal; Amy Flippin, Jr. High Principal; Joy Thompson, Elementary Principal; Lorrie Payne, Curriculum Director; John Elder, Athletic Director; Amber Hardin

Recorder: Mary Strickland

Minutes: John Casey made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 15, 2014. The second was made by Rowdy Allen. Voting for the motion were Sue Sloan, Jody Payne, Rowdy Allen and John Casey. Mike Barker and Mark Martinez abstained. Motion passed.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST) Report:

No one from the public addressed the board regarding the FIRST Report. Coleman ISD received a Superior Achievement Rating for the 2013-2014 Rating Based on School Year 2012-2013 Data.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Drug Testing

Amber Hardin addressed the board with concerns about drug activity involving junior high students. She requested the board consider implementing student drug testing at the junior high.

ACTION ITEMS:

Consider Resolution to Participate in PACE Purchasing Cooperative:

Mike Barker made a motion to approve the Resolution and Interlocal Agreement to participate in the PACE Purchasing Cooperative. Jody Payne seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Consider Approving Textbook Committee for 2014-2015:

Jody Payne made a motion to approve the Textbook Committee for 2014-2015 as presented. John Casey seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Amend the Budget:

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

BOARD REPORT:

TASB/TASA Joint Annual Convention:

Sue Sloan and Jody Payne attended the TASB/TASA Joint Annual Convention in Dallas, September 26-28, 2014.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Central Texas Opportunities Building on Commercial Avenue:

The board discussed the possible acquisition of the Central Texas Opportunities Administrative Building located at 2302 Commercial Avenue, Coleman, TX, as a potential location for the Coleman ISD administrative offices. The board agreed to meet Monday, October 27th, to decide on an offer to present to the CTO board on Tuesday, October 28th, for the purchase of the building.

Drug Testing at Coleman Jr. High School:

Mr. Young presented a sample board policy relating to Random Testing for Special Groups of Students to the board for consideration. The new policy would implement drug testing at the Jr. High campus and increase the number of students for random testing at the high school campus. The policy would have to be officially adopted prior to implementation.

Teacher Unused Sick Leave
Incentive Policy:

Mr. Young informed the board that he has researched incentives for teacher unused sick leave. He indicated that this is a very complex issue and rewards in one area would probably have to be offset in another. He would continue to look at options to deter teachers from using excessive days prior to retirement.

TASB Fall Legal Seminar, Abilene:

TASB will host a Fall Legal Seminar in Abilene on November 13th. Sue Sloan and Royce Young indicated they would attend.

Board Training:

Sue Sloan asked the board members to meet for the required Tier II Team-building board member training following the November regular meeting. She will contact presenters and schedule the training.

Baseball Batting Cage:

Coach Elder addressed the board and requested funding for the construction of a new batting cage for the baseball program. The construction cost of the upgraded cage would be approximately \$15,000-\$20,000. The board supported the request.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

Highly Qualified Teacher Report:

Mr. Young informed the board that Coleman ISD met 100% highly qualified teacher status.

End of 1st Six Weeks Enrollment:

District enrollment at the end of the 1st Six Weeks is 930 students. This is up 63 students from last year. Approximately 34 of these students are in the Head Start Program.

Check Payment List:

The Board reviewed the check payments for the month of October, 2014.

Financial Statement:

The Financial Report as of September 30, 2014 was presented to the Board.

Adjournment:

The Board adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

SUE SLOAN

MARK MARTINEZ