

Terrell County Independent School District
Sanderson, Texas 79848

Meeting Minutes from August 19th, 2020, Board Meeting

The Terrell County Independent School District convened on Wednesday, August 19, 2020, at 7:00 P.M.

Trustees Present:

Mr. Thaddeus Cleveland, President (present via zoom, but did not vote)
Mr. Clay Houston, Vice President
Mr. Chase McCrory, Secretary
Mrs. Lali Ortiz
Mr. Fernando Sanchez
Mr. Marco Fuentes
Mrs. Sharon Wolfe

Administration Present: Amanda Magallan, Superintendent; Sam Magallan, Director of School Operations; Blain Chriesman, CFO; Athletic Director, Stephen Thomas; School Counselor, Virginia Garza; Technology Director, David Carrasco

Regular Meeting

A quorum was established with Mr. Thaddeus Cleveland presiding. The meeting was called to order at 7:01 P.M. Followed by the pledges and a moment of silence.

1. Pledge to the Flags & Moment of Silence (7:00pm)

**2. Public Comments/Audience Participation [TCISD Policy BED (LOCAL)]:
No Public Comment**

3. Reports

- a. Athletic Director Report (S. Thomas)
 - i. *Coach Thomas updated the board on athletics and participation numbers. He reported that the first home football game would be on 9/11/2020 against Leakey. He also reported that he would be publishing an updated Cross Country Schedule.*
- b. Counselor Report (V. Garza)
 - i. *Mrs. Garza reported that another graduate had received a \$500.00 scholarship over the summer. She reported that the total amount awarded was \$12,300. She reported that 10 students are enrolled in dual credit and they are taking a total of 19 courses. She also reported that STAAR testing is expected to resume this school year.*

- c. Transportation and Maintenance Reports (S. Magallan)
 - i. *Monthly Report*
 - ii. *Vehicle/Bus Updates*
 - i. *Mr. Magallan reported that the fleet is good. He notified the board of a blow-out on one of the Excursions. He stated that they are only watering the grounds 3 times per week, per a meeting with the water department and County Judge. He shared a quote with the board from Spring Brank for a water well. He stated that Pat Goodson would be looking at the well option and costs for the district. He reported that the buildings are good and that the district has only had some minor issues such as flush valves.*
- d. Financial Report (B. Chriesman)
 - i. *Monthly Report*
 - ii. *List of Bills*
 - iii. *Budget Amendments*
 - iv. *Review Budget Documents for 2020-2021*
 - v. *Review Tax Rates for 2020-2021*
 - i. *Mr. Chriesman reported on the financials of the district. He stated that he does not believe FEMA will pay what is expected. He notified the board that the Honeywell bill was incorrect, so that check was pulled from the payments. He reported that the cafeteria is at a negative balance due to reimbursements from the state and COVID feeding. He stated that revenue is better than expected. He reported on the positive rebonding results.*
- e. Superintendent Reports (A. Magallan)
 - i. *Preliminary FIRST Rating (may have valid appeal on 2 of the indicators)*
 - ii. *Meet the Teacher – Virtual*
 - iii. *Enrollment – 125*
 - iv. *1st Week of School*
 - v. *Meet the Eagles*
 - vi. *Football/Athletic Plan*
 - 1. *Mrs. Magallan reported that she is looking deeper into the FIRST rating because we went from an A to a C. Some of this is due to the insurance money being placed in Fund Balance than then used. Meet the teacher was different, but many parents and student attended. The first week of school was smooth. Mrs. Magallan shared the athletic re-opening plan with the district.*

4. Property Value Discussion with the Board (New FIRST requirement)

5. Consent Agenda:

- a. Mr. Houston motioned to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting of July 15th, 2020, the motion was seconded by Mr. Fuentes and the minutes were unanimously approved (6-0).

6. Action Items:

- a. Discussion and Possible Approval of
 - a. The 4-H organization being sanctioned as an extracurricular activity
 - b. County Extension agent being granted adjunct faculty staff member status
 - i. A motion was made by Mrs. Wolfe ad seconded by Mrs. Ortiz. The motion was approved (5-0-1). Mr. McCrory abstained from the vote.
- b. Discussion and Possible Approval to Propose the 2020 Tax Rate
 - a. Tabled; No Action
- c. Discussion and Possible Approval of Resolution stating annual review of Investment Polices and Strategies and designation of investment officer for the District
 - a. A motion was made by Mr. Houston, and seconded by Mrs. Wolfe. The motion was unanimously approved. (6-0).
- d. Discussion and Possible Approval of Resolution approving independent sources for Investment Officer training
 - a. A motion was made by Mr. Sanchez, and seconded by Mr. Fuentez. The motion was unanimously approved (6-0).

** Because the agenda was not posted with Zoom opportunities, Mr. Cleveland did not vote. He was in attendance via Zoom.

7. Executive Session: Pursuant of Texas Governmental Code §551, the board may retire to closed session for discussion of items listed below:

- a. Personnel
- b. School Safety

8. Return to Open Meeting for Consideration/Adoption of Closed Meeting Items:

9. Adjourn

Mr. Houston motioned, Seconded by Mr. Sanchez
(6-0)
Adjourn 8:28 p.m.

X

President Thad Cleveland

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Secretary Chase McCrory