

Terrell County Independent School District
Sanderson, Texas 79848

Meeting Minutes from October 21st, 2020, Board Meeting

The Terrell County Independent School District convened on Wednesday, October 21, 2020, at 7:00 P.M at the Sanderson High School Conference Room at Sanderson High School 302 North 2nd Street, Sanderson, Texas and via Zoom.

Trustees Present:

Mr. Thaddeus Cleveland, President (via Zoom)
Mr. Clay Houston, Vice President (in-person)
Mr. Chase McCrory, Secretary (via Zoom)
Mrs. Lali Ortiz (via Zoom)
Mr. Fernando Sanchez (via Zoom)
Mr. Marco Fuentes (via Zoom, logged in at 8:10)

Absent Trustees:

Sharon Wolfe

Administration and others present: Amanda Magallan, Superintendent; Sam Magallan, Director of School Operations; Blain Chriesman, CFO; Stephen Thomas, Athletic Director (via zoom); David Carrasco, Technology Director; Virginia Garza, Counselor (via zoom); Violita McDonald, Nurse (via Zoom); Wade and Chad with VGI; Terry with High Fidelity and Evan with Verkada.

Regular Meeting

A quorum was established with Mr. Thaddeus Cleveland presiding. The meeting was called to order at 7:06 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. Counselor Report (V. Garza)
 - i. *Shared the counseling calendar with the board. Discussed TSI testing and EOC retesting.*
- b. Athletic Report (S. Thomas)
 - i. *Discussed the basketball started for the girls. Notified that board that the JH boys would begin the next week. He provided general COVID updates and current status for Cross Country and Football.*
- c. SHAC Report (V. McDonald)
 - i. *Notified the board that the SHAC has met twice. The board was notified that there was not much interest from the community to volunteer for*

this committee. She asked that the board approve the following committee members during the action items: Violita McDonald, chair, Letty Arredondo, Ashley Mowrey, Veronica Aduato, and Samantha Hershberger, student. The board was informed that the Life Center would be providing the sex education program this school year. She also reported that SHAC movie nights were postponed due to COVID>

d. Transportation and Maintenance Reports (S. Magallan)

i. Monthly Report

ii. Bus/Vehicle Mileage Report

- i. Sam notified the board of the mechanical issues with vehicle #6. He reported that Pat Goodson would meet with him about the possible water well at the football field. He stated that routine work with the grounds and building were occurring. He shared the Ener-tel fire alarm audit report and discussed the process he went through to discuss the negative mark received for the elementary being out of compliance. He spoke with the Fire Marshal and explained that the elementary building is unused and closed; therefore, the fire alarm is currently out of service. The Fire Marshal stated that the district is in compliance as long as the building is not used for students.*

e. Financial Report (B. Chriesman)

i. List of Bills

ii. Financials

iii. Budget Amendments

- i. Blain reported on the financials. He stated that the check list appears large due to the payment made to Region 18 for their services for 2020-2021. He notified the board that the tax bills have gone out.*

f. Superintendent Reports (A. Magallan)

i. Enrollment

- 1. Mrs. Magallan reported that the current enrollment is 119.*

ii. Red Ribbon Week

- 1. Mrs. Magallan shared the plans for Red Ribbon Week.*

iii. Grant awarded to cafeteria

- 1. Mrs. Magallan notified the board that Mrs. Rubio received a grant for her breakfast program.*

iv. COVID updates

- 1. Remote learning options moving forward*

- a. Mrs. Magallan reported to the board the current COVID updates from TEA. She requested that the board consider closing the voluntary remote learning option in the near future.*

4. Consent Agenda:

- a. Mr. Houston motioned to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting of September 21st, 2020, it was seconded by Mrs. Ortiz and the minutes were approved. (5-0) (Marco Fuentez was not in the meeting during the vote)
- b. Mr. Houston motioned to approve the Budget Amendments, it was seconded by Mrs. Ortiz and the minutes were approved. (5-0) (Marco Fuentez was not in the meeting during the vote)

5. Action Items:

- a. Open and report the school safety bids that were submitted to TCISD by 4:00 on 10/21/2020
 - i. Discussion and Possible Approval to award a school safety bid
 - i. The board listened to information about the two bids received. Mr. Carrasco, Mr. Magallan, members from VGI and members from Verkada/High Fidelity shared information about their products. After reviewing the bids and listening to the information presented, the board made the following motion - A motion to award the school safety bid to VGI was made by Mr. Houston, and seconded by Mr. Fuentez. The motion was unanimously approved, 6-0.*
- b. Discussion and Possible Approval of the ESL Waiver (Due November 1, 2020)
 - i. A motion was made by Mrs. Ortiz to approve the submission of the ESL Waiver to TEA and it was seconded by Mr. Houston. The motion was unanimously approved, 6-0. This motion included approval to move forward with a district plan to work to have current staff ESL certified.*
- c. Discussion and Possible Approval of the 2020-2021 SHAC Committee Members
 - i. A motion was made by Mr. Houston to approve the SHAC committee list presented by Nurse McDonald and seconded by Mr. Fuentez. The motion was unanimously passed 6-0. The committee members approved were: Violita McDonald, Ashley Mowrey, Letty Arredondo, Veronica Adauto and Samantha Hershberger.*
- d. Discussion and Possible Approval of a calendar modification – changing Friday, October 23, 2020 to an early release at noon
 - i. A motion was made by Mrs. Ortiz to make October 23 an early release day and it was seconded by Mr. Houston. The motion was unanimously approved, 6-0.*
- e. Discussion and Possible Approval of a one-year supplemental payment for two teachers for uncovered special programs
 - i. A motion was made by Mr. Houston to approve a one-year supplemental payment for Tanna Lowrance and Micaela Fuentez. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Ortiz. The motion passed 5-0-1, with Mr. Fuentez abstaining from the vote.*

- f. Discussion and Possible Approval of the Terrell County ISD Basketball Spector Policy

- i. *A motion was made by Mr. Houston to approve the presented basketball spectator policy and seconded by Mr. Fuentez. The motion was unanimously approved, 6-0.*

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

- a. Personnel Issues
- b. School Safety

BOARD DID NOT RETIRE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION.

7. Adjourn

Mr. Fuentez motioned to adjourn, and it was seconded by Mrs. Ortiz. Motion was unanimously passed 6-0.

Adjourn 9:10 p.m.

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President Thad Cleveland

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Secretary Chase McCrory