

Terrell County Independent School District
Sanderson, Texas 79848

Meeting Minutes from July 21, 2021, Board Meeting

The Terrell County Independent School District convened on Wednesday, July 21, 2021, at 6:30 P.M., in the conference room at the Sanderson High School, 302 North Second Street, Sanderson, Texas.

Trustees Present:

Mr. Thaddeus Cleveland, President
Mr. Clay Houston, Vice President
Mr. Fernando Sanchez, Jr., Secretary
Mr. Chase McCrory
Mrs. Lali Ortiz

Trustees Absent:

Mrs. Sharon Wolfe
Mr. Marco Fuentez

Administration Present: Amanda Magallan, Superintendent; Blain Chriesman, CFO; Sam Magallan, Director of School Operations/Interim Athletic Director; Virginia Garza, Counselor

Others Present: Beverly Brandon, Judy Houston, Violita McDonald, Austin McDonald, Beverly Choate, Mary Alice Rodriguez, Roland Rodriguez, Scott Mitchell, Leila Cash, Maje Arthur, Damon Harrison, Jana Sanchez, Pam Deaton, Roy Deaton, Sam Steele

A quorum was established with Mr. Thaddeus Cleveland presiding. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M.

Public Meeting

Permanent School Fund Committee – Mrs. Magallan provided information on the Permanent School Fund Committee’s Project Plan.

Public Comments/Audience Participation TCISD Policy BED (LOCAL):

Mr. Steele asked how many teacher vacancies are within the District. Mrs. Magallan replied with three.

Mrs. Cash asked if the Board is considering to build or purchase existing homes. Mr. Houston replied the Board is looking to purchase existing home and build new homes. Mr. Houston also mentioned that there was a concern purchasing home because it took them off the tax role.

Mrs. Ortiz expressed that she was the most conservative on the Board and initially was against the utilization of the permanent school fund, but after reviewing the issues and further discussions, she was convinced it is the right thing to do.

Mr. Chriesman provided a historical overview of the permanent school fund as well as the passing of the bond in 2007. He further described how many of the current needs within the District were intended to be addressed by the past Bond, but due to budget constraints they were not completed. Mr. Chriesman expressed that some of the other items in the presentation are requirements by the state legislature. Lastly, Mr. Chriesman informed the group that the intent of the Board is to go to the Commissioners once with a list of needs rather than going back several times to request funds.

Mrs. Magallan reemphasized the Committee's process when deciding what needs were priorities.

Mr. Harrison asked what kind of homes the Board is looking to build or purchase. Mr. Sanchez provided information on the types of homes the Board was looking to purchase and looking to build.

Mrs. Deaton informed the Board that Mrs. Monroe's home is for sale and has been listed at \$90,000.00. Mr. Magallan replied that he had looked at the house.

Mr. Harrison asked who would maintain the homes and what the Board planned to ask for rent. Mrs. Magallan replied that the District would be responsible for upkeep and that Mr. Sanchez replied that Comstock charges \$75.00 a month for rent, but the Board will have to decide on an amount.

Mrs. Arthur expressed that if we only need three houses then why do we need more than three houses. Mrs. Magallan explained that only a few of our teachers own homes in Sanderson.

Mrs. Arthur also expressed that she felt Mrs. Wolfe is an expert on providing housing in Sanderson and that she should be involved in the process. Mr. Chriesman replied that Mrs. Wolfe was involved in the process but did not want to be on the Committee.

Mr. Harrison asked about the prior use of the permanent school fund, which was used to cover the District's deficit. Mr. Cleveland replied that years ago the Board failed to control spending, which resulted in the District being deficit.

Mr. Harrison asked if the Committee spoke with contractors about constructing homes and the District guaranteeing monthly payments for the first five to then years. Mr. Sanchez replied he had not discussed or considered this. Mr. Sanchez also explained the high cost of building homes.

Mrs. Arthur asked that the minutes reflect that she is against the use of the permanent school funds.

The Public Hearing adjourned at approximately 8:00 P.M.

Board Workshop

At approximately 8:15 P.M., the Terrell County Independent School Board members and Superintendent Magallan met to discuss the 2021 -2022 Budget.

There were no members from the public present at the meeting.

Called Meeting

Called Meeting:

At approximately 9:33 P.M., the Terrell County Independent School Board members and Superintendent Magallan met to discuss the following Action Items.

Action Items:

Mrs. Magallan presented the following:

Discussion and Possible Action on the Permanent School Fund Committee Plan to Present to the Terrell County Commissioner' Court – Mr. Houston motioned to approve the Permanent School Fund Committee Plan to Present to the Terrell County Commissioner' Court. Mr. Sanchez seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved.

Discussion and Possible Action on the 2021-2022 Extracurricular Code of Conduct – Mr. Houston motioned to approve the 2021-2022 Extracurricular Code of Conduct. Mrs. Ortiz seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved.

Discussion and Possible Action on the Stipend Schedule Change – This action item was tabled for the next meeting.

Discussion and Possible Action on a Salary Schedule Change and/or possible employee raises, as presented by TASB – This action item was tabled for the next meeting.

Discussion and Possible Action on HB 547 which allows homeschool students to participate in UIL activities – This action item died for a lack of motion.

Executive Session:

No executive session.

Adjourn:

A motion was made by Mr. Houston and seconded by Mrs. Ortiz to adjourn the meeting. The adjournment was unanimously approved. Mr. Cleveland adjourned the meeting at 9:51 P.M.

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Thaddeus Cleveland
President

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Fernando Sanchez, Jr.
Secretary