

Terrell County Independent School District
Sanderson, Texas 79848

Meeting Minutes from August 18, 2021, Board Meeting

The Terrell County Independent School District convened on Wednesday, August 18, 2021, at 7:00 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
Mrs. Lali Ortiz
Mr. Chase McCrory

Trustees Absent:

Mrs. Sharon Wolfe
Mr. Marco Fuentez

Administration Present: Amanda Magallan, Superintendent; Blain Chriesman, CFO; Sam Magallan, Director of School Operations; Virginia Garza, Counselor; Trisha Stannard, Teacher; Danny Armstrong, Teacher

Others Present: Dale Carruthers, Maggie Banner-Kerr, Val Hague

Regular Meeting

A quorum was established with Mr. Thaddeus Cleveland presiding. The meeting was called to order at 7:03 P.M.

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

None

District Reports:

Counselor Report – Mrs. Garza provided updates on testing, dual credit courses, ACT testing, and scholarships.

Athletics Report – Mr. Magallan provided updates on the football and cross country.

Transportation and Maintenance Report – Mr. Magallan provided the Board with updates on the District's fleet and facilities. He specifically mentioned the receipt of new lawn equipment, erosion around the cement slab at the new field house as well as erosion around the light poles at the football field.

Financial Report – Mr. Chriesman provided the Board with monthly bills, checks, budget amendments and tax valuation updates.

Superintendent Report – Mrs. Magallan provided information on the preliminary FIRST Rating, which will be appealed, TDA Audit, Meet the Teacher, enrollment, which is currently at 131, 1st week of school, Meet the Eagles (September 3, 2021, @ Football Field), STAAR/EOC Comparisons (TCISD, Region 18, State), Donation to County (laptop for Visitor’s Center), Commissioner’s Court decision and next steps. Mrs. Magallan also informed the Board of a school district that included the wearing of masks in their dress code. Mrs. Ortiz asked Mrs. Magallan to poll the faculty on their desire to wear masks. Mr. Houston asked that the minutes reflect the District is not purchasing the home of Mr. and Mrs. Magallan.

Property Value Discussion with the Board (FIRST requirement) – Mr. Chriesman provided additional information regarding the property value within the District.

Consent Agenda:

Mr. Houston motioned to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Sanchez seconded the motion, and the consent agenda was unanimously approved.

Action Items:

Mrs. Magallan presented the following:

Discussion and Possible Approval of the Retainer Agreement with Allison, Bass & Magee for the Purpose of Re-Districting School Single Member District’s (added 8/13/21 @ 10 a.m.) – Mr. Houston motioned to approve the retainer agreement with Allison, Bass & Magee. Mr. Sanchez seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved (5-0).

Discussion and Possible Approval of Resolution stating annual review of Investment Polices and Strategies and designation of investment officer for the District – Tabled until next meeting.

Discussion and Possible Approval of Resolution approving independent sources for Investment Officer training – Tabled until next meeting.

Discussion and Possible Approval to move forward with the sale of the old Terrell County Appraisal and TCISD Business Office by requesting the attorney with Walsh and Gallegos to draw up a resolution for the intention to sell the property – Mr. Houston motioned to approve with the moving forward with the sale of the old Terrell County Appraisal and TCISD Business Office by requesting the attorney with Walsh and Gallegos to draw up a resolution for the intention to sell the property. Mrs. Ortiz seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved (5-0).

Discussion and Possible Approval to set-up next meeting date, if needed dependent on outcome of Commissioners Court decision – The Permanent School Fund Committee will

meet on Tuesday, August 24, 2021, at 6:00 P.M., to begin planning and prioritizing projects.

Discussion and Possible Approval to Propose the 2021 Tax Rate – Mr. Houston motioned to propose a tax rate of 1.4337/\$100. Mr. McCrory seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved (5-0).

Discussion and Possible Approval of the TCISD salary schedule change & staff pay raises – Mr. Houston motioned to accept the TCISD Salary schedule and changes along with staff pay raises. Mrs. Ortiz seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved (5-0).

Discussion and Possible Approval of Stipend Schedule Update – Mr. Houston motioned to accept the TCISD stipend schedule update. Mr. McCrory seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved (5-0).

Discussion and Possible Approval to Propose the 2021 TCISD Budget – Mr. Houston motioned to accept proposed 2021 TCISD Budget. Mr. Sanchez seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved (5-0).

Discussion and Possible Approval of a Public Hearing and Called Meeting date to discuss the proposed tax rate and budget – Mr. Houston motioned to approve the Public Haring and Called Meeting on Tuesday, August 31, 2021, at 6:00 P.M. to discuss the proposed tax rate and budget. Mr. Sanchez seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved (5-0).

Executive Session:

Pursuant to Texas Governmental Code §551, the Board retired to closed session at 8:43 P.M., for discussion of the items listed below

- Personnel
 - Includes but not limited to contract updates, changes, resignations, retirements
- School Safety

At 9:28 P.M., the Board returned to open meeting.

Adjourn:

A motion was made by Mr. McCrory and seconded by Mrs. Ortiz to adjourn the meeting. The adjournment was unanimously approved. Mr. Cleveland adjourned the meeting at 9:28 P.M.

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Thaddeus Cleveland
President

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Fernando Sanchez, Jr.
Secretary