

Regular Meeting
July 24, 2017

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Ballinger Independent School District was held in the School Administration Building at 5:30 P.M. on Monday the 20th day of July 2017.

Those present were:

Dale Halfmann
Jason Strube
Jason Battle
Diane Michalewicz
Manuel Galvan
Scott King
Cheryl Buchanan
Jeff Butts
Caroline Toliver

Nineteen visitors signed the guest roster.

President Halfmann called the meeting to order after establishing a quorum. An invocation was given and all then recited the pledges of allegiance.

Zakk Ottmers addressed the board to give thanks for the support they have provided to him throughout his schooling here at Ballinger ISD.

Flex School Graduates Jeff Jalomo and Duran Pena were awarded their diplomas.

Student recognition was given to students that competed in the Texas State UIL Bank and Choir Solo and Ensemble Contest as well as a student that competed at the State UIL level in Speech and Debate.

Under the Superintendent's Report, Mr. Butts provided an update on the Elementary Roofing Project and the Secondary Plumbing and Remodel project, the hiring of 2017-18 employees since the last meeting: Ashley Jordan – Elementary Music Teacher, Mike Nunez, Elementary Assistant Principal, Jennifer O'Donnell – Elementary Counselor, David Dunn – Junior High School Teacher, Sherry Schmiedekemp – Junior High Teacher, Tylon Long – High Teacher Agriculture Science, and Dennis Mitchell – Secondary School Assistant Principal. Mr. Butts and Mrs. Toliver presented the 2017-18 Budget Update #2 and the scheduling of the Regular Meeting in August for August 14, 2017 at 5:30 PM.

In the Director's Report, Mrs. Toliver presented the monthly tax collection report, the monthly budget report, the quarterly investment report, a review of the STAAR test results and as well as a report on the Ballinger ISD Curriculum Management Plan.

In the Elementary Principal Report, Mrs. Jamie Dudley reported on the schedule of events and updates on hiring.

In the Junior High Principal Report, Mr. Stacy Tucker reported on upcoming events and happenings and updates on hiring

In the High School Principal Report, Mr. Robert Webb reported on general information, upcoming events and updates on hiring

In the Athletic Director Report, Coach Chuck Lipsey reported on summer athletic events and updates on hiring.

Mr. Galvan moved, seconded by Mrs. Michalewicz to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on June 12, 2017 and the called meetings held on June 19, 2017 and June 26, 2017 as presented and corrected. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. King moved, seconded by Mr. Strube to approve the temporary delegation of hiring authority for contract employees to the Superintendent until the next regularly scheduled board meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

No action taken at this time on budget amendments.

Mr. Galvan moved, seconded by Mr. Battle to approve eContracts with Region 15 Education Service Center as presented. The motion passed unanimously. (See attachment)

Mrs. Michalewicz moved, seconded by Mr. Battle to approve granting the superintendent the authority to select the Spanish program that best benefit the need of our District. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Buchanan moved, seconded by Mr. Galvan to approve Walsh Gallegos to serve as Ballinger ISD's legal representative for 2017-18. The motion passed unanimously. (See attachment)

Mr. Battle moved, seconded by Mr. Strube to approve First Financial Group of America to be Ballinger ISD's representative with the Texas Educational Employers Benefit Cooperative in order to continue Ballinger ISD's life insurance policy for district employees. The motion passed unanimously. (See attachment)

Action on Ballinger ISD's employee insurance contribution was tabled.

The Board came out of open session at 7:26 P.M.

The Board went into closed session at 7:36 P.M. and came out at 8:22 P.M.

The Board returned to open session at 8:23 P.M.

Mr. Battle moved, seconded by Mrs. Michalewicz to approve raises for the 2017-18 school year as a 3% raise to hourly employees and a 2% raise to contract employees that are not tied to the Step Raise. Exemptions are first full year 2017-18 employees and employees in the technology department. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Galvan moved, seconded by Mr. Strube to ratify the resignations of Mrs. Amy Garvin, Mr. Gary Garvin, Mr. Cody Peterson and Mr. Aaron Bowles. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. King moved, seconded by Mr. Battle to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board adjourned at 8:57 PM.

President

Secretary

Date

Date