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Board Briefs for August 17, 2023

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER at 6:01pm

Roll Call- *all present*

Invocation and Pledges- *invocation led by Dr. Fields, pledges led by Dr. Taguinod*

Presentation of Colors by Wagner High School JROTC

- US Flag: Cadet Major Leilani Rodriguez
- TX Flag: Cadet Staff Sergeant Emmanuel Guzman
- US Guard: Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Tyler Norman
- TX Guard: Cadet Sergeant Major Giuliani Menchaca

RECOGNITIONS

- *Karla Puentes- 3rd place National Competition SKILLS USA*

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

- *Marilyn McKinney- TTESS Waivers*
- *Stephanie Tennis- Campus Security*
- *Brad Kessler- City of Converse*

CONSIDER AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION RELATED TO APPOINTMENT TO FILL VACANCY ON THE BOARD- *action was taken on Tuesday, Stephanie Faulkner*

ADMINISTER OATH OF OFFICE TO NEWLY APPOINTED TRUSTEE- *Oath administered to Stephanie Faulkner; break taken for photos*

Resumed- 6:34 pm

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Construction Update- information and updates presented by Joseph Guidry

Preliminary STAAR Results for grades 3-8- information presented by Cecilia Davis

CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT ITEMS

Items F, G, H, O-S from [agenda](#) passed unanimously

- A. Consider and take action regarding approving Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on July 20, and the Special Meeting held on July 31, 2023; Faulkner; **passed 6Y, 1 Abstain**
- B. Consider and take action regarding approving the Monthly Financial Information as of June 30, 2023- Ryan; discussed statement of Finance and final numbers that are due, discussed changes based on legislative updates, tax rates, 2013 bond was closed out; **motion passed unanimously**
- C. Consider and take action regarding approving the attached amendments to the budget for the 2024 fiscal year- Ryan; discussion on campus budget amendment transfer; **motion passed unanimously**
- D. Consider and take action regarding approving Expenditures Equal to or Greater than \$50,000- Stanford; clarified insurance endorsement; **motion passed unanimously**
- E. Consider and take action regarding approving Cash Investment Report for all funds as of June 30, 2023- Ryan; clarified interest earned on investments; unrealized **motion passed unanimously**
- I. Consider and take action regarding approving a resolution by the Board of Trustees of the Judson ISD providing for the Defeasance and Calling for Redemption of certain currently outstanding Obligations designated as "Judson ISD Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2015"; and other matters in connection therewith- Stanford; discussed bond payoff and ability to pay off bonds early; no discount for paying off early, however there is a savings interest once we pay off the principal amount; **motion passed unanimously**
- J. Consider and take action regarding approving a Resolution declaring Bexar County 4-H as an extracurricular activity and Bexar County 4-H extension staff adjunct faculty status- Ryan; this item allows for excused absences for students who participate in 4-H activities off campus; **motion passed unanimously**
- K. Consider and take action regarding approving the renewal rates with McGriff Insurance Services, LLC for Property and Windstorm coverage- Ryan; renewal rates increased due to inflation in market; **motion passed unanimously**
- L. Consider and take action regarding approving the 2023-2026 Dual Credit Memorandums of Understanding (MOU) between Judson ISD and San Antonio College Alamo Colleges District and between Judson ISD and St. Philip's College- Ryan; the contract is for \$15,00 per year on a 3-year cycle; **motion passed unanimously**
- M. Consider and take action regarding approving the 2023-2025 Pathways in Technology Early College High School (P-TECH) Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Karen Wagner High School Thunderbird STEM Academy (TSTEM), Judson High School P-TECH and St. Philip's College Alamo Colleges District- Ryan; **motion passed unanimously**

- N. Consider and take action regarding approving AP Registration and Ordering (APRO) District Access Renewal- Ryan; discussed the number of students enrolled in AP courses and how many take assessments; discussed ; **motion passed unanimously**

DISCUSSION/CONSIDERATION OF ACTION ITEMS

Discussion and possible action to consider Superintendent's recommendation regarding designation of ten nonbusiness days for consideration of Public Information Act requests for calendar years 2023 and 2024- HB 3033 limits nonbusiness days to weekends and state/federal holidays, requiring districts to respond to PIA requests during district holidays and other days the district is closed; the bill allows for Boards to designate up to ten nonbusiness days per calendar year to address the district holidays that are not state/federal holidays; **motion passed unanimously**

DISCUSSION ITEMS/REPORTS

Emergency Temporary Chiller Placement at Miller's Point Elementary School- per Policy CH (Local) the District made a purchase for a temporary chiller until the compressor is received

Bond Project Management (Ryan)- discussed concerns on how quickly bond projects could be completed; a suggestion was made to hire a third-party project manager to specifically manage high priority safety & security items such as air conditioning in the gyms and perimeter fencing

Current Enrollment/Staffing Numbers (Ryan)- discussed current enrollment on the 2nd day of school and administration's plan to ensure that class sizes remain reasonable

Community Outreach Committee (Stanford)- further discussion to reach more community members; some feel a committee like this is worth pursuing, some feel it would turn into a platform for negativity; concerns were brought up regarding having a quorum at these meetings without an official agenda

Update on Board Training, Conferences, Events and Board Committee Updates- Kenoyer- Linebarger Tax Update, Behind the Bench; Rodriguez- Block Party, Convocation; Faulkner- Tuesday's Board Meeting; Ryan- Linebarger, PTO meetings; Stanford- New Teacher Academy, Team of Eight, Convocation, PD with Dr. Johnson; Eaton- Convocation, Meet the Rockets, Team of Eight, Block Party, Meet the Teacher; Macias- Meet the Teacher, PTO

Closed session began at 9:30 pm

Open session resumed at 10:46 pm

CLOSED SESSION

Consider and take possible action(s) regarding the Personnel Report and Updates Including New Hires, Resignations and Administrative Appointments- **motion passed unanimously**

Director of Assessment

Consider and take possible action regarding the District Audit Report for submission to the Texas School Safety Center- [motion passed unanimously](#)

Consider and take possible action regarding approval of exemption for House Bill 3 mandate for one armed security officer for each campus- [motion passed 6-Y, 1-N with amendment discussed in closed session; the good cause exception, not exemption, allows the district to continue with the current assignment of police officers on campuses; the Board passed a resolution for this and added an amendment to add more officers to ensure one officer per campus; the job announcement will be posted on the Careers website](#)

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 10:46 pm

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