

OCTOBER REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, October 19, 2021 7:00 P.M. Central

**Ferris ISD Administration Building
301 E 5th Street
Ferris, Texas 75125**

I. CALL TO ORDER OBSERVING THE PRESENCE OF A QUORUM

Members present: Richard Sasser, Lee Longino, Juan Bell, Nick Hamm, Mike Moffitt, Nancy Salmon and James Hartman, Superintendent

Absent: Ricardo Rodriguez

Mr. Sasser called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M. observing the presence of a quorum.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION

Mr. Sasser led the Pledge of allegiance and Mr. Hartman led the invocation.

III. CONSENT AGENDA

A. APPROVE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 21, 2021 BOARD MEETING

Motion by Mr. Moffitt. Second by Mr. Hamm. Motion carried.

6 affirmative votes. 0 negative votes. The vote was unanimous.

B. APPROVE CHECK PAYMENT LIST AND BOARD FINANCIAL REPORT

Motion by Mr. Moffitt. Second by Mr. Hamm. Motion carried.

6 affirmative votes. 0 negative votes. The vote was unanimous.

C. APPROVE PURCHASES EXCEEDING \$50,000 IN ACCORDANCE WITH POLICY CH (LOCAL): TASB PROPERTY, LIABILITY, FRAUD, AND VEHICLE INSURANCE \$241,452

Motion by Mr. Moffitt. Second by Mr. Hamm. Motion carried.

6 affirmative votes. 0 negative votes. The vote was unanimous.

III. AUDIENCE FOR GUEST (NON-AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

N/A

IV. INFORMATION ITEM: STUDENT ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE - FALL REPORT

Mr. Hawkins updated the Board on the student growth and progress.

V. ITEM REQUESTED BY TRUSTEE: TOWN BUS

Trustee Bell indicated that he had been contacted by constituents in Shaw Creek seeking a morning town bus option. Trustee Bell invited parent Briana Hollywood-Roberson to share her concerns with the Board. Mrs. Roberson, who resides in Shaw Creek, expressed concerns about no town bus service for Shaw Creek residents. Mr. Hartman and Mr. Knight described the current bus implementation plan of transporting any students who are on site in the morning at LMM or LL to FJH and FHS (not just students of staff members.) Mrs. Roberson shared that she would not let her children walk from Shaw Creek to LMM or LL because of the lack of crossing guards on FM 983 and FM 664. Trustee Bell inquired about surveying Shaw Creek parents to see how many would be interested in a morning town bus service. Administration expressed concerns regarding surveying parents about a service that the district is not obligated to provide (due to Shaw Creek being within 2 miles of FJH/FHS and the existence of Jacket Trail sidewalk) nor able to provide because of lack of bus driving staff (as the District is often 2 drivers short on any given day even without the addition of another town route.) The Administration asked for an opportunity to explore safer walking options from Shaw Creek to LMM and LL, thus providing expanded access to the campuses for parents of elementary students and secondary town bus riders.

VI. ACTION ITEM: CONSIDER AND APPROVE CAMPUS AND DISTRICT IMPROVEMENT PLANS

Motion by Mr. Moffitt accept campus and district improvement plans as presented by Dr. Domain. Second by Mr. Longino. Motion carried.

6 affirmative votes. 0 negative votes. The vote was unanimous.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ONGOING COVID SAFETY PROTOCOLS

Mr. Hartman updated the Board on the COVID safety protocols that are in place.

B. FACILITY PLANNING COMMITTEE UPDATE

Mr. Hartman discussed with the Board the facility planning committee.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS AND SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS

A. ENROLLMENT REPORT

Mr. Hartman gave the Board an update on student enrollment: Hazel Ingram 335; Lucy Mae McDonald 534; Lee Longino 339; Jr. High 619, and High School 793, for a total of 2,620.

B. DISTRICT OF INNOVATION PLAN REVIEW AND UPDATE

Mr. Hartman updated the Board on the district of innovation.

C. DECEMBER BOARD MEETING DATE: 12/16/21

Superintendent Hartman discussed with the Board about moving the December board meeting to December 16, due to the Christmas Holidays.

IX. CLOSED SESSION AS AUTHORIZED BY TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT,

GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 551.074 AND 551.0821

The Board adjourned to executive session at 7:57 P.M.

A. PERSONNEL: EMPLOYMENT OF PROFESSIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE AND TEACHING STAFF INCLUDING ASSIGNMENTS, REASSIGNMENTS, RESIGNATIONS, RETIREMENTS, TERMINATIONS, NON-RENEWALS AND COMPENSATION

B. PARENT APPEAL FROM DEANNA RODRIGUEZ

X. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION AND TAKE ANY ACTION NECESSARY FROM CLOSED SESSION DELIBERATIONS

The Board reconvened in open session at 10:07 P.M. with following action:

Motion by Mr. Hamm to approve resignations, employment of professional staff, salary compensation adjustments, and student homebound waiver as presented in closed session. Second by Mrs. Salmon. Motion carried.

6 affirmative votes. 0 negative votes. The vote was unanimous.

Motion by Mr. Moffitt to table parent appeal until November 16, at the next board meeting. Motion carried.

6 affirmative votes. 0 negative votes. The vote was unanimous.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Longino. Second Mrs. Salmon. Motion carried.

6 affirmative votes. 0 negative votes. The vote was unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 10:08 P.M.

DATE

RICARDO RODRIGUEZ, PRESIDENT

LEE LONGINO, SECRETARY