

Agenda of Regular Meeting

The Board of Trustees Rains ISD

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Rains ISD will be held Monday, March 1, 2021, beginning at 6:30 PM in the Board Room - RAINS I.S.D. Administration Building, 1759 W. US Highway 69, Emory, Texas 75440.

The subjects to be discussed or considered or upon which any formal action may be taken are as listed below. Items do not have to be taken in the order shown on this meeting notice. Unless removed from the consent agenda, items identified within the consent agenda will be acted on at one time.

- I. OPENING - CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE(S) OF ALLEGIANCE & INVOCATION
- II. WILDCAT ROAR
- III. OPEN FORUM
- IV. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION
 - A. Consent Agenda
 1. Financial Reports
 2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting
 3. Audit Engagement Letter- Rutherford & Taylor
 4. School Photographer Contract
 - B. Business and Finance
 1. WAG Report
 2. Resolution- Regarding Employee Pay During Weather Emergency
 - C. Curriculum & Instruction
 1. TEA Waiver for Missed Instructional Days
 2. ESL Summer School
 - D. Superintendent Reports
 1. District Activities & Projects
 2. COVID 19- Update
 3. Report of Disbursements
- V. PERSONNEL ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION
 - A. Personnel Changes/Update
 1. Contracts (Report and/or Board Action): Teachers, Teacher/Coaches, Librarian, LSSP, Diagnostician(s), Speech-Language Pathologist(s)
- VI. CLOSED SESSION
 - A. Personnel, Texas Government Code § 551.074
- VII. BOARD CORRESPONDENCE, HANDOUTS (As Available)

If, during the course of the meeting, discussion of any item on the agenda should be held in a

closed meeting, the Board will conduct a closed meeting in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Government Code, Chapter 551, Subchapters D and E or Texas Government Code section 418.183(f). Before any closed meeting is convened, the presiding officer will publicly identify the section or sections of the Act authorizing the closed meeting. All final votes, actions, or decisions will be taken in open meeting. [See BEC(LEGAL)]

Posted on 2/26/2021 for the Rains ISD Board of Trustees.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Monday, February 8, 2021

Members Present: Denita Young, Vice President
Heath Sisk, Secretary
Paul Foley, Member
Brennan Potts, Member
Robert Burns, Member

Members Absent: Philip D. Alexander, President
Eddie Elliott, Member

Others Present: Jennifer Johnson, Superintendent
Pamela Gilliard, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent
Jeff Fisher, Assistant Superintendent of Finance
JC Vance, Intermediate School Principal
Chuck Fitts, Rains County Leader
Jayde Sustaire, Parent
Charlie Coker

I. OPENING - CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE(S) OF ALLEGIANCE & INVOCATION

Denita Young called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m., stating that a quorum was present, this meeting had been duly called and that notice of the meeting had been posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Chapter 551.

Denita Young led the Pledges of Allegiance and Robert Burns gave the invocation.

II. PUBLIC HEARING

A. TAPR-Texas Assessment Progress Report

Superintendent, Jennifer Johnson presented the PowerPoint for this hearing provided by Director of Federal Programs, Holly Wasson. No action taken.

III. WILDCAT ROAR

Intermediate Principal, JC Vance gave the Board an update of all the great things that are happening at Rains Intermediate School. A video with these highlights was played for the Board.

IV. OPEN FORUM

There were no participants for Open Forum.

V. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION

A. Consent Agenda

- 1. Minutes of Previous Meeting(s): Regular Meeting – January 11, 2021**
- 2. Quarterly Investment Report**
- 3. Financial Reports**
- 4. Permanent School Fund report**
- 5. High School & Jr. High Cheerleading Constitutions, 2021-2022**

Robert Burns made the motion, seconded by Paul Foley to approve all items on the consent agenda:

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

At this point, the Board moved to ITEM V.D.4.

V. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION

D. Superintendent Reports

- 4. Consider and Hire Athletic Director/Head Football Coach**

Heath Sisk made the motion, seconded by Brennan Potts, to accept the AD committee recommendation to hire Charlie Coker as the new Athletic Director/Head Football Coach for Rains ISD.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

At this point, the Board went back to ITEM V.B.1.

V. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION

B. Business and Finance

1. WAG Report

Assistant Superintendent Fisher provided the WAG Financial Report. No action was taken.

V. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION

C. Curriculum and Instruction

1. Semester Grade Report

Superintendent, Jennifer Johnson provided the Board with the 1st Semester Grade Report. There was discussion, but no action was taken.

V. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION

C. Curriculum and Instruction

2. Curriculum Update

Superintendent Johnson presented the December 2020 End of Course (EOC) Testing Results. No action taken on this item.

V. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION

C. Curriculum and Instruction

3. Waiver- 40% Campus Hybrid Instruction for 9th-12th Grade Students

Paul Foley made a motion, seconded by Heath Sisk to approve the 40% Campus Hybrid Instruction for 9th-12th Grade Students Waiver to be submitted to TEA.

Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

V. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION

D. Superintendent Reports

1. District Activities & Projects

Superintendent Johnson advised the Board that Spring is a very busy time for the district. Basketball girls' playoffs are underway. Our Lady Cats ended the season 2nd in district and will play Bells at 6:30 p.m. on February 11, 2021 at McKinney North High School. Our Wildcats are currently sitting at 3rd in district play. They will play in important game Tuesday, February 9th in Edgewood. Their last game will be on Friday, February 10th and it is senior night. Plans are being made to convert 2-3 rooms at the JH into Special Education offices this summer. Plans are also being made to address some erosion problems under the home stands at the football field.

V. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION

D. Superintendent Reports

2. COVID 19-Update

Superintendent Johnson gave a brief update on the enrollment numbers since bringing all remote learners back to face to face learning. No action needed.

V. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION

D. Superintendent Reports

3. Report of Disbursements

The payment of bills/checks listing was provided to the Board.

V. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION
D. Superintendent Reports
5. Resolution on Travel Outside the United States

Superintendent Johnson presented the COVID resolution approved in April which requires employees that travel outside of the US to quarantine for 14 days.

Brennan Potts made the motion, seconded by Robert Burns to approve a resolution on travel outside of the United States.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

V. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION
D. Superintendent Reports
6. March Board Meeting

Superintendent Johnson reminded the Board that the March Board Meeting will be held on March 1, 2021, due to Spring Break. No action taken.

V. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION
D. Superintendent Reports
7. 2021 Superintendent/Board Goals & Objectives

Superintendent Johnson provided the Board with the Superintendent/Board Goals & Objectives.

Brennan Potts made the motion, seconded by Heath Sisk to approve the Superintendent/Board Goals & Objectives as presented.

Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

V. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION
E. Order Trustee Election- May 1, 2021, Places 1, 2, and 3

Brennan Potts made the motion, seconded by Robert Burns, to order the May 1, 2021 Board of trustee Election, as follows:

ORDER OF ELECTION FOR RAINS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

An election is hereby ordered to be held on **Saturday, May 1, 2021** for the purpose of electing **Three Members for Four-year terms to the Rains Independent School District Board of Trustees for Places 1, 2, and 3.**

- **Early Voting Polling Place:** Rains Independent School District
Administration Building Board Room
1759 W. US Hwy. 69
Emory, TX 75440
- **Early Voting Dates/Hours:** Monday, April 19, 2021 thru Tuesday, April 27, 2021
8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- **Early Voting Extended Dates/Hours:** Tuesday, April 20, 2021 & Tuesday, April 27, 2021
(Joint Election with City of Emory and South Rains Special Utility District) 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
- **Early Voting Clerk:** Pamela Gilliard
Rains Independent School District
P.O. Box 247
Emory, TX 75440-0247
- **Election Judge:** Sandra Parker
- **Election Day Polling Place:** Rains Independent School District
Administration Building Board Room

1759 W. US Hwy. 69
Emory, Texas 75440
Saturday, May 1, 2021

- **Election Day Date:** Saturday, May 1, 2021
- **Election Day Hours:** 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to Pamela Gilliard, Early Voting Clerk, Rains Independent School District, P.O. Box 247, Emory, TX 75440, and must be received no later than the close of business on **Tuesday, April 20, 2021 (7:00 p.m.)**.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

V. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION

E. Set Board Meeting to Canvass May 1, 2021 Election

Brennan Potts made the motion, seconded by Robert Burns, to set the regular meeting date of May 10, 2021 to canvass the May 1, 2021 Election.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

VI. PERSONNEL

A. Personnel Changes/Update

The following is for review only and does not require board action:

Employment:

- Veronica Bryant, Intermediate SpEd Aide. Effective 1/19/2021.
- Shawna Hall, Food Service. Effective 1/19/2021.
- Valarie Smith, Elementary SpEd Aide. Effective 1/8/2021.
- Darlene Laney, Elementary SpEd Aide. Effective 2/3/2021

Transfers/Reassignments:

- Petra Arredondo Carmona, ESL Aide transferred to JH SpEd Aide. Effective 2/1/2021

Resignations/Terminations:

- Courtney McGrew, Junior High SpEd Aide. Effective 1/26/2021.

VI. PERSONNEL

B. Contracts (Board Action): Assistant Superintendent of Finance, Director of Curriculum/Instruction, Principals, Coordinator of Health Services/School Nurse, Director of Special Education, Director of Technology

Robert Burns made the motion, seconded by Brennan Potts, to issue 2-year administrative contracts for the following, as presented by the Superintendent:

- Jeff Fisher, Assistant Superintendent
- Rachel Bounds, Director of Curriculum & Instruction
- Justin Vance, Certified Administrator
- Bill Morgan, Certified Administrator
- Jennifer Melton, Director of Special Education
- Janice Rouse, Coordinator of Health Services/School Nurse
- Lisa J. Clark, Director of Technology

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

VI. PERSONNEL ITEMS

C. Contracts (Report): Assistant Principal(s), Counselors, Dean of Students, Director of Federal Programs

The following contracts were approved for renewal by the superintendent, and do not require Board action:

- Jackie Russell, Certified Administrator
- Holly Wasoon, Director of Federal Programs/PEIMS
- Nicole Timmons, Certified Administrator
- Amy Holmes, Certified Administrator
- Lori Dickens, Certified Administrator
- Dusty Asbill, Certified School Counselor
- Jeana Penny, Certified School Counselor
- Melissa Cadell, Certified School Counselor
- Stacey Whitehead, Certified School Counselor

At 7:37 p.m. Board Vice President, Denita Young stated that the Board would go into closed session to discuss Personnel, §551.074.

VII. CLOSED SESSION

A. Personnel, Texas Government Code §551.074

At 8:04 p.m. the Board reconvened into regular session.

VIII. CLOSED SESSION

A. 2020-22 Advocacy Agenda

The Board was given the Advocacy Agenda brochure. There was discussion, no action taken.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Robert Burns and seconded by Brennan Potts.

Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Board President: Philip D. Alexander

Board Secretary: Heath Sisk



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ESL Summer School and Summer School

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Tue, Feb 23, 2021 at 12:55 PM

ESL Summer School will run concurrent with the combined Elementary and Intermediate Schools Summer School housed at Rains Elementary School. The dates of Summer School are as follows:

- June 1, 2, 3, 4,
- June 7, 8, 9, 10
- June 14, 15, 16, 17
- June 21, 22, 23, 24
- June 28, 29, 30
- And July 1.

All days will be 8:00 to Noon

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