

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
FORT STOCKTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

November 21, 2011
7:00 pm

President Ken Ripley called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Assistant Secretary Freddie Martinez established a quorum with the following members present: Tom Ezell, Oscar Gonzalez, Freddie Martinez, Glenda Pasqua, Ken Ripley and Jacob Vasquez. Sandra Marquez was absent.

Ken announced that the meeting had been duly called and that notice of the meeting was posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

Oscar led the pledges and Superintendent Ralph Traynham gave the invocation.

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT

Ralph acknowledged Matthew Martinez as being elected by his peers to serve on the Texas Art Education Association board, announced the names of the choir students who made All-Region Choir, the student who advanced to Regional in girls Cross Country and the 2011 All District Volleyball selections.

STAFF REPORTS

Maria Gomez gave the bank balances, scholarship investments, revenues and expenditures, outside and Logic investments, tax collections reflecting \$736,506.23 (4.54%) M&O and \$90,576.01 (3.59%) I&S, the tax assessors certified report, bond expenditures reflecting \$247,650.76 - \$15,596,149.18 total expenditures, and the food services report.

Paula Traynham gave the building maintenance, mechanical maintenance, transportation, staff development travel, canine and police activity reports. Daycare easily passed the compliance audit, traffic signs have been installed on several campuses, the light bulbs in the special events center are being replaced over the lower seating area with the use of a special lift.

Julienne Cirrincione, high school 10th grade history teacher, gave a CSCOPE demonstration. Ralph acknowledged enrollment at 2,334 – 25 fewer students than the same time last year and 33 fewer students than the end of May 2011, and reviewed the wildlife damage report. The walls are up at the auto tech facility and the roof is ready to be installed. Vehicle awnings should be completed soon. Electricians will wire as soon as roof is installed. June 4 is the proposed start date for terrazzo installation at Apache. The manager in charge of the Apache project has been relieved of his duties and the VP of the company has taken over. The school attorney is confident that the new project manager will cooperate with the district. The district received notice that the high school received an award for increasing and maintaining the number of students taking the ACT exam and increasing the scores. Only 10% of high schools received the award.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion made by Tom, seconded by Glenda and carried unanimously to approve the consent agenda including the minutes of the regular meeting of October 24, 2011, amended to reflect the correction in wording as suggested, and the check register.

PUBLIC HEARING

Ken convened the Academic Excellence Indicator System Report public hearing at 7:32 pm. Ralph summarized the results of the AEIS reports. Texas Projected Measures are no longer used to “curve” the scores. 3rd grade scores maintained from the previous year, grade 4 were at recognized levels, all grade 5 scores improved with reading reaching Exemplary, grade 6 had a slight decline but maintained Acceptable levels, grade 7 maintained in reading and writing with math increasing 11 points, grade 8 were consistent absent the curve, grade 9 were solid Recognized in reading with a slight drop in math, grade 10 held steady in ELS, science and social studies with math dropping 14 points, grade 11 scores produced Recognized and Exemplary scores across the board and all tests in high school scored within 4 points of the previous year. Attendance maintained the same. Non completers that were not recovered after the Butz closure will be reported for another year. Completion rate has improved. Discipline had no violent crimes resulting in expulsion. Ken closed the public hearing at 7:38 pm.

ACTION

Motion made by Oscar, seconded by Tom and carried unanimously to approve the AEIS report as presented.

Motion made Tom, seconded by Freddie and carried unanimously to approve the accountability ratings: Apache – Acceptable, Alamo – Recognized, Intermediate – Acceptable, Middle School – Acceptable, High School – Unacceptable.

Motion made by Tom, seconded by Freddie and carried unanimously to appoint Darren Hodges and Ken Ripley to the Pecos County Appraisal District Board of Directors for another 2 year term.

Motion made by Oscar, seconded by Tom and carried unanimously to appoint Sandra and Jacob to the Fort Stockton Recreation Board of Directors for a 2 year term.

Motion made by Tom, seconded by Freddie and carried unanimously to approve the public statement of Highly Qualified Status declaring all teachers instructional aides are 100% highly qualified.

Motion made by Tom, seconded by Glenda and carried unanimously to approve the revised superintendent’s evaluation instrument as presented.

Motion made by Tom, seconded by Jacob and carried unanimously to approve the authorization of the long term investment of inheritance funds.

Motion made by Oscar, seconded by Freddie and carried unanimously to accept the donation of \$40,000 from the Pinon Foundation for a middle school math and science computer lab.

Motion made by Oscar, seconded by Jacob and carried unanimously to accept the donation of \$1,045 from the Fort Stockton Lion’s Club intended for the FFA department for help with football concession stands.

Motion made by Tom, seconded by Freddie and carried unanimously to approve the West Texas Food Service Coop Interlocal Agreement.

Motion made by Tom, seconded by Glenda and carried unanimously to approve the budget amendment in the amount of \$1,000 for middle school choir uniforms.

Motion made by Tom, seconded by Jacob and carried unanimously to approve the budget amendment reflecting the \$80,000 donation for middle school math and science labs.

Motion made by Tom, seconded by Glenda and carried unanimously to approve Update 91 on a first reading.

DISCUSSION

Ralph discussed the potential Texas School Coalition school finance lawsuit on behalf of Chapter 41 school districts against the State of Texas. A cost of \$5,000 per year for 3 years has been recommended for districts our size. More information will be made available prior to a commitment.

CLOSED SESSION

In accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act (Subchapters D and E of Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code), the board convened into closed session at 7:58 pm to discuss personnel and reconvened in open session at 8:17 pm.

OPEN SESSION

No action was taken as a result of closed session.

The next regular meeting will be December 12 at 7:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:18 pm.

President

Secretary