

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE SMITHVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT HELD ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2003, AT 6:00 P.M. AT THE SMITHVILLE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE, 901 N.E. SIXTH STREET, SMITHVILLE, TEXAS.

PRESENT: Howard Burns, Craig Williams, Peggy Walicek, Mike Morgan, Kamron Saunders, Mike Wittrock

ABSENT: Mike Davis

ALSO PRESENT: John Hancock, Jeff Hancock, Jimmy Trousdale, Dana Henning, Nina Brinker, Rebecca Rossman, Kevin Shipley, Sheri Lehnick, Karen Scherrer, Micky Virdell, Heather Wilson, Cheryl Burns, Bobby Hennesey, Ana Murray, Julie Byrom, Kelly Evans, Wayne King, Belinda Waters, Denise Behrens, Gary Sage

Recognition of Outstanding Students for Six Weeks 1. The Board recognized those students chosen from the Junior High and High School as outstanding students. John Hancock, eighth grader at the Junior High and son of Jeff and Cynthia Hancock, was present at the meeting to receive recognition. The High School representatives, senior Ashley Kuehler, daughter of Annette Kuehler, and junior Justin Webster, son of Kelly Carpenter, were not present.

Employees of the Month for September 2. The employees of the month for September are Dana Henning, music teacher at the Elementary, and Belinda Waters, network technician for the District. Both were present at the meeting to be recognized by the Board.

Communications 3. There were no public communications.

From the Public

Consent Agenda Kamron Saunders motioned to approve items 4 through 9 on the Consent Agenda as presented. Mike Wittrock seconded, and the motion carried 6-0. The Consent Agenda consisted of the following:

4. Minutes
5. Disbursements
6. Financial Statements
7. Investment Report
8. Tax Collection Report
9. Approve Resolution regarding Extra-Curricular Status of 4-H Organization

At this time, the Board moved to Agenda Item 22, Appeal of DAEP Assignment. The Board entered executive session at 6:18 p.m. and returned at 7:42 p.m. with no official action taken.

Appeal of DAEP 22. A parent of a high school student has requested an appeal,

- Assignment** based on circumstantial evidence, of a 45 school day assignment to DAEP for the student being in possession of alcohol in a drug free zone. The deliberation of this item was conducted in closed session. After deliberation, Mike Morgan entered a motion to deny the appeal of DAEP assignment. Peggy Walicek seconded, and the motion carried 6-0.
- The Board then returned to Agenda Item 10.
- Construction Status Report** 10. Mr. Sage updated the Board on the completion phase of construction and renovations in the District, including repair of “birdbaths” at the new high school parking lot.
- Superintendent’s Report** 11. The Superintendent advised the Board of correspondence he received from the Ministerial Alliance requesting that no school-related activities be scheduled on Wednesday evenings in order to avoid conflict with church activities.
- Secondary Campuses Student Council Reports** 12. A current board goal has been to “Improve the emphasis and involvement of student councils at the secondary campuses.” This board goal includes an annual board report on the membership and planned activities of the secondary student councils. Leona Jones, student council sponsor at the high school, and Jimmy Trousdale, junior high principal, gave the Board a report on their student council activities.
- TASB Delegate Report** 13. The Texas Association of School Boards Annual Convention was held September 19-22, 2003 in Dallas. Board member Mike Morgan served as our voting delegate to the TASB Delegate Assembly. Mr. Morgan gave a short report to the Board on the assembly.
- Tentative November Agenda Items** 14. The tentative agenda items for the November board meeting are:
- a. Employee of the Month
 - b. Superintendent’s Report
 - c. A.E.I.S. Report and Public Hearing
 - d. Textbook Selection Committee
 - e. Change board meeting dates due to holidays
 - f. District’s First Ratings Report
 - g. Oath of Office for new board member
- Consider Request for use of District Youth Association** 15. The Superintendent has received a request from the Smithville Youth Football Association to allow **facilities** the use of school district property, land surrounding the new high **Smithville** school, for temporary football fields for their league practice and **Football** play. After considerable discussion among the Board, Mike Morgan made a motion to deny the request by the Smithville Youth Football Association to use the land at the new high school, but to express a willingness by the Board to consider utilization of the existing Junior High practice fields. Craig Williams seconded, and the

vote passed 6-0.

Review and approve District and Campus Performance Objectives and Improvement Plans 16. Board Policy BQ [Legal] requires the Board to annually approve of district and campus improvement performance objectives and ensure that the district and campus improvement plans are mutually supportive to accomplish identified objectives and at a minimum, support the state goals and objectives. Mike Wittrock made a motion to approve the district and campus performance objectives for 2003-2004 and to approve the district and campus improvement plans as presented. Peggy Walicek seconded, and the vote passed 6-0.

Consider approval of graduation for Smithville High School students 17. The high school has been experiencing an increase in the number of early of students who are planning on graduating before the normal 4 years, thereby raising questions regarding class rank, senior privileges, classification, graduation year, assessment and other related issues. After soliciting input from other area high schools, the high school administrators have put forth a plan to address three-year graduates. Howard Burns motioned to accept the policy for early graduates as presented. Peggy Walicek seconded, and the motion carried 6-0.

Set Board meeting date to canvass special election results 18. The special election for board trustees is Tuesday, November 4, 2003. Election law requires us to canvass the results between three and six days after the election. **results** Kamron Saunders motioned to call for a special board meeting on Friday, November 7, 2003 at 7:45 a.m. With a second from Mike Wittrock, the motion carried 6-0.

Nomination for the County Central District Board Directors 19. The Bastrop County Central Appraisal District is governed by a **Bastrop** five-member board, which is elected by the governing bodies of **Appraisal** the taxing entities in Bastrop County. Board members serve two-**of** year at-large terms that begin on January 1 in even numbered years. In order to maintain representation for Smithville on the Bastrop County Board of Directors, we must nominate a person to fill that position. Mike Morgan has served as our representation on the BCAD Board for the last two years, and agrees to continue his service. Peggy Walicek nominated Mike Morgan for the Bastrop County Central Appraisal District Board of Directors. Craig Williams moved that nominations cease. Mike Wittrock seconded that motion. Mr. Morgan was elected by acclamation.

Consider approval of air conditioner filter contract 20. In order to make more efficient use of staff, as well as provide a cost effective method of timely maintenance of HVAC filters **service** throughout the District, Bobby Hennesey, Director of Maintenance and Operations, solicited bids for this maintenance service. Mike Wittrock motioned to award DeMarco Filter Systems a contract for HVAC filter maintenance for \$10,140. Peggy Walicek seconded, and the vote passed 6-0.

Bidding for sale used portable buildings 21. In order to proceed with plans to develop the old vocational building on Loop 230 into a maintenance and transportation center, the back of the building must be cleared of all scrap material, buildings, etc. in order to provide space for parking the buses, trucks, vans, and trailers of the District. The three portable buildings that are currently located behind the building are no longer needed by the District, so Bobby Hennesey, Director of Maintenance and Operations, is requesting permission of the Board to offer these buildings for sale. Peggy Walicek motioned to approve the request to sell the buildings by means of sealed bid procedures. Mike Morgan seconded, and the motion carried 6-0.

Adjournment 22. The Board adjourned its meeting at 10:00 p.m.