Minutes

LOHN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT REGULAR MEETING OCTOBER 11, 2017 WEDNESDAY, 6:30 P.M. LOHN SCHOOL CAFETORIUM

1. Call to order.

6:40 P.M.

2 Call roll and establish a quorum.

Mr. Ellis absent

3. Hear from audience.

None Present

4. Approve minutes of previous meeting.

Mr. Hemphill made motion to approve with Mr. Pearce 2nd. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Financial report for 3rd quarter 2017.

As presented by Mr. Freeman, the amounts are as follows:

Checking, Money Market, NOW, etc.

\$ 1,253,145.06

Activity Fund

\$ 10,584.18

Scholarship Fund

\$ 2,176.57

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ψ **29,170,27**

Debt Service

\$ 27,481.10

6. Discussion/Action on pending litigation.

A. Executive Session for consultation with attorney in accordance with Texas Government Code 551.071 and Texas Government Code 551.129(a).

At 6:42 P.M. the Board members, Superintendent and Principal went into executive session in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551.071. The Board members joined a conference call with Bryan P. Dahlberg of Schulman, Lopez, Hoffer & Adelstein, LLP to discuss the status of the District's lawsuit against the former LISD business manager. The Board adjourned the executive session and re-entered open meeting at 8:08 P.M. No action taken.

B. Other.

None

7. Pay bills.

Mr. Pearce made motion to pay bills with Mr. Hemphill 2nd. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Principal's report.

A. Events calendar.

Ms. Rush presented and reviewed with the board, a handout that included activities planned through 11-08-17.

B. Update on student flex days/student attendance.

Flex day #1 on 9-22-17 allowed the qualifying students a chance to participate in a trip to the Planetarium at Angelo State University. (40 students attended) Flex Day #2 on 10-13-17 allowed qualifying students a chance to participate in a trip to the Abilene Zoo. (37 students attended)

Parents of students, as well as the students who chose to participate in the Flex Day program have expressed positive feedback in all aspects.

C. Other.

Ms. Rush indicated there were no disciplinary issues to report and overall student morale was high.

Ms. Rush also reported that the teachers have been participating in Edgenuity Reading and Math training.

9. Superintendent's report.

A. Enrollment.

Current enrollment in L.I.S.D. is 106 students.

B. Discussion of Texas Attorney General opinion KP-106.

On October 3rd, Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton issued Opinion No. KP-106 about the authority of a public school to operate a transportation system outside the district's geographical boundaries under the Texas Education Code 34.007-specifically, whether a district may send a bus into another district to pick up transfer students. The AG had the opinion that a school district may not operate outside of their boundaries until or unless they enter an interlocal agreement with any other school districts through which the buses would run. On October 5th, Brady Superintendent Duane Limbaugh spoke with Mr. Freeman regarding an interlocal agreement between L.I.S.D. and B.I.S.D. Both gentlemen agreed to gather more information before taking any action.

Mali Hanley with O'Hanlon will assist L.I.S.D. with legal counsel if need be.

C. Update on Lohn ISD vehicles.

October 6th, the small bus purchased from Valley Mills quit running. Mr. Freeman reported that the bus was taken to the Ford dealership in Brady for analysis. Estimate was given to replace the oil cooler and head gaskets at a cost of \$5500.00. Additionally, Mr. Freeman reported that Forsan School District will have a 2011 model 71-passenger bus for sale in the near future, and he will investigate whether the bus is priced right as it could benefit L.I.S.D. to have a bus of this size. Mr. Freeman offered the benefit would be insurance to back up the current fleet of 5 buses. Lohn ISD currently utilizes buses on 3 routes and the 2 buses used for back-up are old and may not be sound enough for long-term use.

D. Other.

Mr. Freeman reported that L.I.S.D. has been contacted by people interested in bus driving positions. He indicated the squeeze for bus drivers appears to be improving. Computer issues related to connections for wireless access have been reported. Ms. Moore has reached out to C.T.T.C. and they have indicated that a trip to campus to investigate the issues would be needed if we are unable to identify the specific problem.

10. Adjourn.

Ms. Frost made motion to adjourn with Ms. Martin 2nd. Motion carried unanimously.

President of Board

Secretary of Board

Date of Approval