

Robert Lee ISD
Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting
April 21, 2015

5:00 p.m. – Conference Room 119

The subjects to be discussed or considered, or upon which any formal action may be taken, are as follows: *(Items do not have to be taken in the same order as shown on this notice.)*

1. Call to Order and Establish a Quorum.
2. Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance
3. Public Comment
4. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting
5. Approval of Financial Reports, Tax Collection Reports, Bills and Salaries and Budget Amendments.
6. Principal's Report
 - Elementary Report and High School Report
 1. Enrollment
 2. Activities

Aaron Hood and David O'Dell
7. Interquest Detection Canines of West Texas
Aaron Hood
8. Web Hosting Contract Region 11
Aaron Hood
9. Superintendent's Report
 - Enrollment Numbers
 - Update on Budget Process
 - Facilities Update
 - Graduation
 - Summer Hours

Aaron Hood
10. Superintendent's Recommendation Regarding Employment and Contract Status of Classroom Teachers and other Non-administrative Professional Personnel as Presented (Tex. Gov't Code 551.074)
 - Resignations
 - Renewal/Proposed Non-renewal of term contract Employees
 - Renewal/Termination of Probationary Employees
 - Employment Agreements
 - Letters of Assurance

Aaron Hood
11. Adjourn -- Set Next School Board Meeting. (May 19, 2015)

Aaron Hood

Tuesday

March 24, 2015

Be it remembered that on Tuesday, 24th day of March 2015, a regular meeting was held in the Robert Lee ISD Conference Room 119 at 5:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by President Washam.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Messrs: W. Washam, J. Roberts, T. Sawyer, G. Grim, E. Oleksiuk,

Members Absent: B. Sinclair, I. Torres

5:06 p.m. meeting called to order by President Washam, quorum of members present.

Invocation and pledge led by Erin Oleksiuk.

Jeffie Roberts made a motion to approve the minutes of February 23, 2015 seconded by Erin Oleksiuk. All for.

Tom Sawyer made a motion to approve the financial reports given by Robin Allen and to approve the bills seconded by George Grim. All for.

Erin Oleksiuk made a motion to cancel School Board Election for May 9, 2015. Motion seconded by Jeffie Roberts. All for.

David O'Dell gave the high school report; enrollment for grades 7-12 was 107 and attendance rate was 95.6% for the month of February. Supt. Hood gave the elementary principals report; elementary enrollment for February was 160 students and 94.9% attendance rate.

Supt. Hood recommended naming Robin Allen as User Administrator Staff Designee. Erin Oleksiuk made a motion to approve recommendation seconded by Tom Sawyer. All for.

Supt. Hood recommended signing Instructional Materials Certification certifying that this district has instructional materials that collectively cover all elements of the TX Essential Knowledge and Skills of the required curriculum identified in TEC 28.002. Jeffie Roberts made the motion to approve seconded by Tom Sawyer. All for.

Supt. Hood recommended paying the Tax Credit Due in the amount of \$104,999.17 for 2014 to Capricorn Ridge Wind, LLC and Capricorn Ridge Wnd II, LLC. Erin Oleksiuk made a motion to pay the tax credit as presented. Motion seconded by George Grim. All for.

Supt. Hood recommended paying the Tax Credit Due in the amount of \$147,605.73 for 2014 to Goat Mountain Wind. Tom Sawyer made a motion to pay the tax credit as presented. Motion seconded by Jeffie Roberts. All for.

Supt. Hood gave his respective report on enrollment numbers and read a thank you note from Iraan ISD.

Supt. Hood read a resignation letter from Audrey Devoll effective May 2015. Jeffie Roberts made a motion to approve resignation with regret seconded by George Grim. All for.

The next regular board meeting will be Tuesday, April 21, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned 5:25 p.m.



Student Codes of Conduct

Every school district in Texas has adopted a Student Code of Conduct (“SCOC”), as required by Texas Education Code section 37.001. That document is the underlying authority for all student discipline; it has the force of policy and generally will control as the more recently approved rule in the event that the SCOC is in conflict with any previously adopted Board policy.

With 2015 being a legislative year, there are bound to be some changes to the SCOC, though at this point, we do not know what those will be. Boards should expect to be reviewing and approving changes to the SCOC in July, perhaps early August.

Schools continue to wrestle with the “bullying” issues that seem to be inevitably tangled up in social media, cell phones, email, Twitter, Facebook, and the like. The legal die seems to be cast that the Tinker v. Des Moines Schools “reasonable forecast of disruption” standard is being applied in disputes over discipline of students for “conduct” that occurs at the student’s home or any other place outside the school’s usual jurisdiction. Thus, schools will not have responsibility or jurisdiction to discipline students for that out-of-school “cyberbullying” **unless the district can show that there was actual disruption at school or that there was a reasonable basis for administrators to think there would be such disruption**¹ because of things that were said through social media or other electronic communication outside of school.

Students get more creative every year in coming up with conduct that no one would have imagined should be addressed in a disciplinary code. Whether the district uses the Eichelbaum Wardell Hansen Powell & Mehl, P.C. model Student Code of Conduct or another model, it is important that the district have its Student Code of Conduct legally reviewed each year for compliance with the requirements of Tex. Educ. Code, Ch. 37, and any changes in the law. Student discipline has always been a hotbed of litigation, and a district’s Code of Conduct will be a prime evidentiary source in the event that its disciplinary policies are ever challenged.

¹ The Office of Civil Rights branch of the U.S. Dept. of Education tends to have a far more expansive idea of how far the school district’s discipline can reach, however, notwithstanding the courts that consistently disagree.