



BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

MEETING 4/27/2022 4:00PM

Present: Brett Parrott, President
Shubham Pandey, Superintendent
Victoria White, Board Member Not Present
Brian Hogan, Board Member
Bubba Finnell, Jr., Board Member Not Present
Kelli Causey, Principal Fate
Betty Hastings, Principal Royse City
Mansoureh Tehrani, Board Member

I. Meeting called to order at 4:00pm

1. Ms. Hastings volunteered to take minutes for the meeting.

II. Approval of last Board Meeting minutes. By the board

1. Motion to approve the minutes, “I first” by Brian Hogan, and “I will second” by Mansoureh Tehrani, each board member unanimously voted “I” to pass the minutes 3-0

III. Executive Session Superintendent

1. **Updates TEA** –Dates where campuses missed due to Covid or due to the winter storms we had schools who missed two to three extra days. TEA talked about how we have to make the minutes up. If we do not make up our minutes or days we will have to do an extra day of school toward the end of the year. To make sure our total minutes or days have been completed. We have a couple of campus who will need to make up minutes or apply for this wavier. If they get the wavier then they will not have to add minutes to the end of the calendar. Right now we are making sure each campus has the correct calendar days or minutes. We are hoping the wavier comes within the next 15 days. We will need to have a board meeting.
2. **Grant Application** - We have applied for several grants due to the learning loss. Texas campuses have been successful in getting multiple

grants. T-Class grant helps us with the after school program. This will help with any learning losses that we have seen due to Covid. We are able to use some of our ESSER funds for our summer camps for students who do not do well on their STAAR test. We did find one to two years gaps in about 80% of our students when they came back. We feel these programs will help fill some of those gaps. There is a CTE Grant that we applied for, on the HS Campuses. This will allow a lot of our 8th graders coming in to start the CTE program during the summer. The students will be able to take a high school credit during summer camp which will be covered by the grant. We received a homeless grant, because of Covid we had a lot of situations and students who moved did not move with a legal guardian. We have four students who are currently in that situation. We did not get the Dyslexia Grant and because all the schools in Texas applied for it. The grant only went to those with a high need since it was a 1st time grant.

IV. Discussion Items

1. **Construction Updates:** Greenville educational building is about 90% finished. They are doing the epoxy on the second floor. They are working on the fire alarms and sprinklers. It should take about five weeks more. We should be able to wrap everything else up by end of May. We have four portables that need to go by June 1st. We will start moving items into the finished classrooms. There might be a couple items that might delay us a couple of weeks more. We have a soft target for the end of May. Board Member Mr. Hogan is helping us through that process as well.
2. **Dallas Building:** Only thing this summer we are making some changes in the Dallas Building. We are giving it a face lift in our lobby area and how we are entering the building. This is all being funded through the PTO.
3. **Beltline & Royse City** - May 15th we are currently working with the bond folks and they will be touring of Beltline and Royse City campuses. These are the two campuses that need a smaller construction done so they will be working out the details. They will need extra space and add a gymnasium. This should wrap up our entire Texas construction for the PTAA Schools.
4. **Question:** On the Royse City Campus will there be more than just a gymnasium, like a library, cafeteria and classrooms as well? Mr. Pandey, said, Depends, on the space required and parking limitations. Ideally to add more classroom, library and Gym space but working with some of the neighbors to see about getting some extra acreage.
5. **Enrollment Update** –All the campuses are doing pretty well from where they need to be in the month of April. This year we were around 2,200. This year our target is about 2,800 to 3,000. Our budget is based on 2,800.
6. **Community Events** – Fate has graduation coming up and working with the city of Fate for a huge city wide clean up. Causey says they are pushing their students to get out in the community for this city wide clean up. We were hoping to do a 5K in December. Causey and Hastings are talking about doing it in December and do something like a hot Chocolate run. We feel our students would have a lot of fun with this. Have both communities come

together for this event. Royse City did a math and reading night for the community. Gym teacher had games and the parents really enjoyed this event. Mayor from Poetry came out and read to the Kindergarten students. Our local Firemen and a couple police officer's came out and read to some of our classes. We had a school Open House as another event. Parents came out just to see what we were all about. Met the teachers talked a bit about what we are doing, curriculum, and our extra- curricular classes. They were very impressed that we taught Mandarin. We had about 100 parents come through and about 25 to 30 new families enrolled in our school. We are getting ready for STAAR Testing.

7. **Question-** How was the North Dallas Saturday event? It was a good event. We still have a lot of the stuff. They have one more event coming on May 7th. It's a Color Fun Run. We will have it on our campus and the parking lot and football field area. They a planning on summer camps to help will enrollment.

V. **General/Public comments**

1. **What are the graduation dates for the three campuses?** May 21st at 11:00am is Oates being held at the North Dallas campus. May 21st at 2:00pm is the Fate campus being held at the North Dallas Campus. May 26th at 6:00pm is Greenville campus.
2. **What are the Number of graduates?** For Fates first year graduation class they have 8 students graduating. Not sure about the other campuses. Mr. Pandey, believes there are 32 kids from Mesquite, this is their second year. Not sure on the numbers from Greenville. We can get those. Mr. Pandey will get back will all the details.
3. **We had an event with Mrs. Cooks group but it was cancelled not sure what happened?** Mr. Pandey, said that was yesterday, It was over transportation. They said they could provide transportation then they came back and said they couldn't. Mr. Pandey said he will follow up and see what took place. He did not have that understanding about the buses.

VI. **Meeting adjourned at 4:27pm-**

Respectfully Submitted,
Betty Hastings, M. ED