



Texas Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date/Time: 10/26/22 4:00 PM **Meeting Location:** 15720 Hillcrest Rd Dallas TX 75248

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Meeting called by	Brent Parrott, President	Members Present: Brent Parrott, Victoria White, Mansoureh Tehrani, Brian Hogan
Type of meeting	Texas Board Meeting	Non-Members Present: Shubham Pandey, Betty Hastings, Tonya Haddox
Facilitator	Brent Parrott	Member Absent: None
Note taker	Betty Hastings	
Timekeeper	Betty Hastings	

Agenda Items

Topic	Presenter	
<input type="checkbox"/> Call to Order by Brent Parrott	Brent Parrott	4:00 pm
<input type="checkbox"/> Brent Parrott called for a motion to approve Last Board Meeting Minutes. Brian Hogan made motion to approve the last board meeting minutes, with Victoria White seconding the motion. Victoria White said there needed to be amend to the last board minutes. There was a part in the minutes where a past board member was referred as a her it needed to be changed to a him. It was changed and the board passed the last board meeting minutes, Voice Vote : 4 yes, Motion Passed Brent Parrott : In Favor Victoria White : In Favor Mansoureh Tehrani : In Favor Brian Hogan : In Favor		

Open for Public/Parent Comment (Mr. Pandey)

NOTE: Moving forward there will be a section for Public/Parent Comments on the board meeting agenda. Parents will have to submit their request of what they will be talking about. They will submit this a day before the board meeting. Their request can only be made related to the agenda items that are listed on the agenda for that board meeting. Each individual can have up to two minutes. Parents must submit their request a day before on what they will be talking about by 4:00pm. They cannot come and vent their concerns. It will only be related to the board agenda. The board will have the right to refuse them.

How does a person who has an issue voice their concerns to the board? This process is listed on our website for parent complaints or concerns they might have. There are multiple levels. If they are not satisfied with all the levels, then it will go to the board. It will then become part of the executive session agenda and it gets added. This is when they can come and talk about their concerns. We cannot just have a person come and vent they must follow the process. They must submit their

comments a day before to the Campus principal of whom the comments are being made against by 4:00pm in an email form. The campus principal will let the parent know if it can or cannot be discussed and these are the reasons why. Mr. Pandey, will be talking to the principals on November 1, on the process of parental complaints going to the board. Wanting the board to know as well just in case someone does show up you will know how to respond.

On the website will it be clear for the individual who does have a concern or comment how they will be able to voice their concerns? Yes, that is why the time line of a day before is so important so that the principals can explain the process and tell them why this will not be a part of the board agenda.

Discussion Items

Bond Updates: (Mr. Pandey)

At this point all the Texas properties all are under the bond. Ms. Whites company was involved in the underwriting side. Ms. White was not involved because of the conflict. We have all six campuses under a bond. There are no more leases.

There are three constructions approved under the bond as well. Those three are the Royse City – an expansion, Beltline – demolition 2 and three story building, and North Dallas - a swimming pool. There is still a process. North Dallas – we went to the city and found out that they require a PD amendment, they are not even putting that piece into the PNZ meetings until April. Once the PD amendment is done then we will go through the regular permitting process. After that then we will start the construction. I don't see North Dallas starting until August based on all these deadlines.

Royse City Campus – Delayed us a little bit because they adopted a 2019 building code. They were using a 2009 building code. We will need to put a storm shelter in and modify the plans. It will delay our construction a little bit. It will allow us to go through the process submission all at one time. That process will start by March.

Mesquite – requires a CUP. Every charter school that gets approved in the city of Mesquite are required a conditional user permit. Which is their way of saying we will not allow any more schools to come to Mesquite. Since Beltline Mesquite is already there and we are asking for improvements there should be no reason why they should deny us. We are improving the traffic flow and the usage of the building. It requires a process which we are looking at March for our CUP. We do have a tight time line. We need to have the building demolished by the end of May and start construction. If that does not happen it will make us tight for one more year. Construction needs to happen from May until the follow year August when school starts.

Curriculum Updates: (Mr. Pandey)

We have received three additional grants since we last spoke. One thing TEA is doing better than some of the other states. They are providing a lot of grants connected to the learning losses as well as safety and security. We have been applying for several of these grants. There isn't a single grant in Texas that we applied for that we have not received. We received a check grant which will allow our North Dallas and Mesquite Campuses to start offering Paramedic for our high school students. We also received the safety and security and the

Covid expansion grant. This will allow us to keep our cleaning processes. We have a lot of other grants on the pipe line we are working for. TEA is one of the better ones then other states.

Community Event and Dallas Update (Ms. Haddock)

Two weekends ago we had heritage fun run and big family event which followed our JV football game. Last weekend we had a PTO carnival. We had a huge turnout. We had the Dallas police come over a join in with us and had a great time. I got in the dunk tank. The kids got in the dunk tank and really had a great time.

This week we have a PTAA international students with us from Korea. They are having a blast. We have seven students with us as they are shadowing with our 6th grade team. They have been doing things after school, as they are experiencing new things. Today at lunch they did a whole presentation for us. They did Taekwondo and a dance on the stage. Mr. Daniel told our kids how exciting it was going to be for them to come to Korea. The next 30 minutes there was a question and answering session and the students we so engaged. The fifth and sixth graders are so excited of the idea they might be able to go to Korea.

We just finished registering all of our High School Students and were accepted into Richland. We will be getting our PTECH up and running in January. The students we have the opportunity to take one or two classes and they are ready. Parkland just got a new director Vice President of IT. We are in partnership with parkland and going to build that program.

This morning I meet with some of our parents wanting to partner with us from TI. Wanting to see what TI can do for us with grants through the Robotics and Legos and things of that nature. One of the gentleman I meet with works for Facebook and one of their perks is they get the credits and promote other things. He wants to partner with us and use all of his credits to promote PTAA. He wants to use every credit he has earned to push PTAA to be amazing.

We have another gentleman that would love to start a media program. He has people that work in the TV and radio industry and they are also looking for one-minute fill spots. They are going to do a whole media presentation for us to maybe get that up and running. These parents are ready to grow.

North Texas student Day Ms. Roden and I took 10 High School students to the different news stations that were active for North Texas Student Day. We went as guests of the Ms. Johannesburg who is our college coach this year. She does best practices with robotics but she wanted to help promote our students in media. We did channel 8 and 11. It was professional development exchange date so the kids were up here a 4:00 am in the morning. They were ready to go and represent PTAA. They had a blast. It was a fun morning. We put it on our Facebook.

November 3, best Robotics competition. We are having other schools come in and they will have their competition. We want to can see what it is all about before we jump in and spend money on this. Kids want to see what it is all about. We are going to be the host school.

Our Fate school is doing a fundraiser where they have almost raise \$1,700 dollars in two weeks. I will be reaching out to fate because we want to get something like this going because my parents want to build an indoor playground. We have two

amazing playgrounds outside. We will do it this way and then go out and find the rest of the funds that are needed.

We have houses for our school spirit. It models the Harry Potter. It is modeled after the Ron Court They get house points. They see it up on the monitor on who is in the lead. They get to see who is getting points. The students take it very serious. It is constantly going. We will be doing the house parties to acknowledge the winners. Every month the winner gets a free dress day. This is a huge deal for students who wear uniforms. This week was red ribbon week so we dressed in red. For Halloween not everybody celebrates the holiday so we do story book character costumes. This way everyone can participate. I am going to dress up as June B Jones. It is a character in an elementary reading book. She is a hot mess. There is a book for any character. Yesterday was twin day. I told them if they didn't have a twin they could be my twin and we were dressing up in red shirts and jeans. About 70% were my twin yesterday. It was a fun day.

Administrative Updates/Legal Framework (Mr. Pandey)

Giving you an update on the audit process. I feel we should know what the process is for the financial and the fine lines connected to that. There is a requirement by TEA for all the schools to finish their fiscal year by August 31 and to submit the financial audit by January 28th. They do give a 30-day extension but it's not official. You do get a letter for it but not dinged for it. They do want you to try to get it out by January 28th. We are in the process of that audit. We have used Paul King in the past. We will not be using him at this point because He was timely in some situations and he is not going on personally. We have a new form that we work with now ESS. I have been working with them directly. We are at a place where we have given them the files and general ledgers and grant reports. We should be able to send everything off to the auditors by the first week of November. Hoping to have it by December and not extension for January. Once we have it we will have to have a quick board meeting to approve and adopt the budget. Then we will submit it to TEA. If you remember we had to submit it on February 3rd. This was due to some of the delays with the financial team. This year we are trying to get it done by the first week of November. Hopefully by the end of November or December we should have our Audit.

Two things that are important are the academic side and the financial side. The financial side is nothing but an audit however it is a brutal audit.

Action Items: Betty Hastings will take the minutes.

Board Approval of Conflict of Interest Policies Aligned with 34 CFR 75.525

These are federal codes that we have updated because they changed.

Brian Hogan made first motion, with Mansoureh Tehrani seconding the motion.

Voice Vote : 4 yes, Motion Passed

Brent Parrott : In Favor

Victoria White: In Favor

Mansoureh Tehrani: In Favor

Brian Hogan: In Favor

Board Approval of Policy of Disposition of Assets Aligned with 2 CFR 200.313

We never really had a policy of disposition of assets for federal requirements. Now we are stating the policy. We have never had to dispose of assets. Now if we have too we have a policy.

Victoria White made first motion, with Brian Hogan seconding the motion.

Voice Vote : 4 yes, Motion Passed

Brent Parrott : In Favor

Victoria White: In Favor

Mansoureh Tehrani: In Favor

Brian Hogan: In Favor

Board Approval of Purchasing/Procurement policy aligned with 2 CFR 200.317

We have always had a purchasing/Procurement however we are trying to amend it.

Brian Hogan made first motion, with Victoria White seconding the motion.

Voice Vote : 4 yes, Motion Passed

Brent Parrott : In Favor

Victoria White: In Favor

Mansoureh Tehrani: In Favor

Brian Hogan: In Favor

Old Business:

New Business: (Brent Parrott)

When Mr. Parrott taught he put together career week for the whole school. Kindergarten through eighth grade. The teacher would talk to the students on why do you need to learn this and relates to them in the future for their careers. We would have guests come in as well as parents to talk about their careers to the students. The students would choose a career they might be interested in and provide detail of this career in a presentation to the class. Get a grade on it. It was a very successful. The school is still doing it. I really enjoyed doing it. I am wondering if we are doing it or something related to career week. Mr. Parrott is willing to help coordinate this endeavor if anyone needs help. Tonya Haddox spoke up and said the principals have talked about doing something along this line. She can mention it again to the principals about doing something like this. Maybe all six or eight campuses can do it the same week. We can talk about it coming up on the 1st of December which is our PD day. The secondary campuses here in Texas have talked about an adulating week. Where students get a job and they figure out what their salary is, they will find an apartment, buy a car, insurance, and they have their own check book, and to see how much money they have, and try to come up with a budget. This way they see the way they live for the career choice they have made and trying to live on that kind of budget. Mr. Parrott, said he taught a couple of courses in Greenville. Mrs. Tehrani said the on the adulating part The Junior Achievement has a good program

on the financial part. You can take your High School Students thru it. Just what you were referring to. I would take the ninth graders. They pick a career, go throughout the day and different things happen to them and they have to be able to manage their pay check. I don't know if you would like to do something like that. Brent you were talking about career day. Do we ever want to have businesses come and talk to the students about various careers? Mr. Parrott, said he was K-8 so he had people that would come in specifically to talk to the little guys about their careers such as policemen, firemen, teachers, bankers, lawyers. Most of the population came from within the school. Which was great. One guy he was there every year from TI. I really enjoy doing this. If you organize it right. Mrs. Tehrani said, you can give them different time slots and then survey the kids to find out what kind of careers they might be interested in. We could recruit speakers to make sure that all the kids get to hear from them. The Federal Government does one thing pretty good. Mr. Parrott said, I can't remember the acronym for it. It's the most detailed of careers and professions, it tells you everything about education, what you can expect to make, what job are hot. It's a website. Mr. Parrott said he had it in his files. Mrs. Tehrani, thought it might be called The Occupation of Labor put out by the labor department. Mr. Parrott said yes. Mr. Parrott said he would send everyone the link for the site so they could see how it is update constantly. Mr. Parrott said he was looking at it about a year ago and has no idea what some of these careers are that are listed on the site now.

Brian Hogan made first motion, with Victoria White seconding the motion.

Voice Vote : 4 yes, Motion Passed

Brent Parrott : In Favor

Victoria White: In Favor

Mansoureh Tehrani: In Favor

Brian Hogan: In Favor

Meeting was adjourned at 4:47