

The Board of Trustees of Willis ISD met in regular business session on April 12, 2023 at the Sharon Hill Jennette Administration Building in the Willis ISD Boardroom, 612 N. Campbell Street, Willis, Texas.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

President Kyle Hoegemeyer called the Regular Meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and announced that a quorum was present and that notice of the meeting had been posted for the time and manner required by law.

Members Present: Kyle Hoegemeyer, presiding, Cliff Williams, Scott Carson, Charles Perry, Sr., Paulett Traylor, Chad Jones.

Members Absent: Nikita Lagway.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Diane Hivnor discussed reserved seating and that it is not acceptable at these board meetings; meetings for the people. Ms. Hivnor presented a box for the reserved seating signs to be placed in, stored and not to be used in the future.

Robert Holden spoke on education and shared a handout with the Board regarding the need to change the criteria for school materials.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board entered into closed session at 5:39 p.m. for the purpose of considering matters for which closed sessions are authorized by Title 5, Chapter 551, Texas Government Code Sections (.071 - .084): 551.074

- A. Discuss Teacher Resignations and Consider Approval of Teacher Appointments. Tex. Gov't Code 551.074.
- B. Discuss and Consider Professional Chapter 21 Teachers and Administrative Contracts for 2023-2024. Tex. Gov't Code 551.074.
- C. Discuss and Consider Professional Non-Chapter 21 Contracts for 2023-2024. Tex. Gov't Code 551.074.
- D. Safety and Security Campus Evaluation and Review of Findings. (Closed Session Pursuant to Texas Government Code § 551.076 and § 551.089 – Deliberation Regarding Security Devices or Security Audits)
- E. Discuss, Consider and Possibly Take Action Regarding the End of the Year Termination of the Probationary Contract of Brandy Cummings, Teacher at Brabham Middle School

OPEN SESSION

The Board reconvened into Open Session at 6:44 p.m.

Motion by Cliff Williams and seconded by Scott Carson to accept the Superintendent's recommendation on the professional personnel listed. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Cliff Williams and seconded by Paulett Traylor to accept the Superintendent's recommendation on the Chapter 21 Professional Personnel Contracts indicated as listed in List A. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Cliff Williams and seconded by Scott Carson to accept the Superintendent's recommendation on the Non-Chapter 21 Professional Personnel Contracts indicated as listed in List B. Motion carried unanimously.

No action on Safety and Security Campus Evaluation and Review of Findings.

Motion by Cliff Williams and seconded by Chad Jones to terminate the probationary contract of Ms. Brandy Cummings at the end of the contract term in the best interest of the District and direct the Superintendent to give written notice as required by law.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Jamie Fails introduced Lucas Middle School Principal Eric Burns. Mr. Burns recognized his Campus Leadership Team thanking them for their leadership. Mr. Burns introduced Lucas students of the National Junior Honor Society who led the pledges and prayer.

Roark Early Education Center Principal Calandra Lewis introduced the Roark staff members present. Ms. Lewis shared that the Roark students have been singing a song since January and the students tonight were chosen to bring this show on the road to you. The Roark students sang "This Little Light of Mine."

RECOGNITIONS

Principal Lewis announced the Elementary Student of the Month: Rachel Kimani, a Roark Pre-K student. Ms. Lewis shared that Rachel is very sociable, responsible, safe, respectable, happy, thoughtful and caring; everyone is her friend.

Principal Burns introduced and honored the Secondary Student of the Month, Lucas eighth grade student, Derek Taylor. Mr. Burns shared that Derek is a hard working student in the classroom and on the tennis court; Derek likes to work with teammates to improve, meets and exceeds campus expectations. Every day he finds Mr. Burns in the hallway to shake his hand and asks how his day is.

STANDING INFORMATION AND AD HOC REPORTS & ITEMS

Board President Kyle Hoegemeyer reviewed the Safety Performance Report for March 2023; there were no accidents / incidents, no lost time injuries and no employees on workers compensation.

There were no questions concerning the financial reports and bill payment report.

President Hoegemeyer reported that there are 8,849 students enrolled in Willis ISD as of April 6, 2023; which is 223 students more than this time last year.

There were no questions concerning the Quarterly Investment Report.

There were no questions concerning the 2020 Bond Projects Summary and information regarding the 2015 Bond Issue Funds.

WHS Collaborative Team Presentation – Eric King, Principal of Willis High School, shared that he is proud of the Willis High School teachers who make up great teams. Mr. King introduced the Willis High School Associate Principal Natalie Priwer and Ashleigh Scott, who he described as the best Instructional Coach in the business. Principal King introduced the Willis High School Freshman English Collaborative Team. The Team shared strategies, testing growth, projected proficiency summary reports and the activities they implement to improve skills and learning.

Lagway Elementary School Collaborative Team Presentation—Kameron Wilder, Principal of Lagway Elementary, introduced the Lagway Instructional Coaches, Assistant Principal Adriana Velasco and the third grade team. This team shared their collaborative team process, how they plan instruction and work together to cultivate a community of lifelong learners today to become leaders of tomorrow. The Lagway Third Grade Team truly work together to grow all kids.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Cliff Williams and seconded by Paulett Traylor to approve the Consent Agenda item as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS

Assistant Superintendent of Instruction, Teaching and Learning, Sara Goolsby, introduced Senior Associate Meredith Watassek from Stantec Architect who presented a power point presentation and discussed the Education Specifications Plan.

Board Member Chad Jones asked why does TEA think the Board should be involved in the Education Specifications Plan.

Ms. Watassek shared that there are political reasons why this is a need; good things have come out of this and gives districts a lot of versatility.

Motion by Scott Carson and seconded by Paulett Traylor to accept the Superintendent's recommendation and approve the Educational Specifications (Ed Specs) as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

Assistant Superintendent Goolsby discussed the 2023-2024 Shared Services Agreement with Conroe ISD that enables any Willis ISD student who has a hearing impairment which severely impairs processing information and which adversely affects educational performance shall be eligible for consideration for the Conroe Regional Day School Program for the Deaf (RDSPD), subject to the Admission, Review and Dismissal (ARD) Committee recommendations.

Board Member Paulett Traylor asked how many students we have participating in this program at this time.

Ms. Goolsby shared that there are currently ten students being served at Conroe ISD at various campuses, nine students being served in-district and two early childhood age children that are not in school at this time.

Motion by Cliff Williams and seconded by Chad Jones to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the 2023-2024 Shared Services Agreement with Conroe Independent School District. Motion carried unanimously.

Director of Child Nutrition, Michael Northey discussed the bid related to Request for Proposal (RFP) #041023 – Serving Line at Cannan Elementary with a bid from Kommercial Kitchen at a cost of \$112,449.

Board Member Cliff Williams asked how many more kitchens need replacements.

Director Northey shared that one more replacement is needed at Willis High School.

Motion by Paulett Traylor and seconded by Cliff Williams to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to award the bid related to RFP 041023 to Kommercial Kitchen and approve the purchase of \$112,449 from the Child Nutrition Budget. Motion carried unanimously.

Executive Director of Support Services and Construction, Paul Dusebout, discussed the proposed amendment to the contract with VLK Architects, Inc. regarding the New Middle School #3 and Ancillary Facilities Project.

Board President Kyle Hoegemeyer asked if the adjustments would reduce square footage.

Director Dusebout responded that these adjustments will reduce square footage and cost.

Motion by Scott Carson and seconded by Chad Jones to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement between VLK Architects, Inc. and Willis Independent School District as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Executive Director Dusebout discussed the ranking of proposals in response to the District's Request for Competitive Sealed Proposals to provide construction services for the Lynn Lucas Middle School Fine Arts Addition Project recommending Nash Construction, LLC.

Motion by Scott Carson and seconded by Charles Perry to accept the Superintendent's recommendation and approve the ranking as presented for the Lynn Lucas Middle School Fine Arts Addition Project. Motion carried unanimously.

Director of Guidance and Counseling, Kelly Locke, discussed information and curriculum regarding dating violence. Director Locke shared that it is required by Board Policy EHAA Legal and EHAA Local for the Board to review and approve a curriculum that covers dating violence. She also shared that the Willis ISD School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) reviewed this curriculum on February 13, 2023 and voted to recommend this material to the Board.

Board Member Chad Jones asked if this is part of Senate Bill 9.

Director Locke responded that some of it was part of Senate Bill 9.

Motion by Chad Jones and seconded by Scott Carson to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the dating violence curriculum as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

There were no Board Member comments.

FUTURE MEETINGS

The regular May Board Meeting will be held on May 10, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR MEETING

Motion by Cliff Williams and seconded by Paulett Traylor to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.