

March 31, 2023

The Willis I.S.D. Board of Trustees met in a Special Meeting on March 31, 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 meeting to order at 8:51 a.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., Nikita Lagway, Chad Jones.

Member absent: Paulett Traylor

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Constable Phillip Cash spoke on security.

Steve Scott spoke on security.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS

Superintendent Harkrider discussed the proposal related to 2022 Bond Project, Willis High School Baseball and Softball Complex Improvements for Turf Renovation. Superintendent Harkrider recommended this project at a total cost of \$2,325,378.00 with RS3Turf.

Motion by Scott Carson and seconded by Cliff Williams that the Board accept the Superintendent's recommendation to award the proposal related to 2022 Bond Project, Willis High School Baseball and Softball Complex Improvements for Turf Renovation to RS3Turf and approve to expend \$2,325,378.00 from the 2022 Bond Funds for this project. Motion carried unanimously.

Assistant Superintendent of Business and Finance, Garrett Matej, discussed the need for a General Fund Budget Amendment for the 2022-2023 Budget Year due to the damage related to the Lucas Middle School concession fire and the subsequent insurance claim. Superintendent Harkrider recommended this amendment.

Motion by Cliff Williams and seconded by Chad Jones that the Board accept the Superintendent's recommendation to amend the 2022-2023 General Fund Budget as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Assistant Superintendent Matej, discussed the estimate to repair the Lucas Middle School Concession Stand back to pre-loss condition. Superintendent Harkrider recommended the purchase and scope of work in the amount of \$484,215.41 from Cotton GDS. The insurance has approved this amount and Willis ISD will receive this amount minus deductible of \$25,000.

Board Member Chad Jones asked if the insurance funds received from incidents such as the Lucas Concession Stand go back into General Fund. Assistant Superintendent Matej responded that the funds reimbursed by the insurance company are placed in General Fund and typically reimbursement is received before payment is due to the vendor.

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Motion by Scott Carson and seconded by Cliff Williams that the Board accept the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the purchase and scope of work from Cotton GDS in the amount of \$484,215.41. Motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent, Dr. Tim Harkrider, discussed the need to enhance law enforcement services available to Willis ISD and amend the Agreement between Willis ISD and Montgomery County. Superintendent Harkrider recommended this amendment.

Motion by Cliff Williams and seconded by Charles Perry that the Board accept the Superintendent's recommendation to amend the agreement with Montgomery County to move services from Montgomery County Constable, Precinct 1, to the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office to take effect on the date finally executed by both parties. Members voting for Motion: Cliff Williams, Scott Carson, Charles Perry, Kyle Hoegemeyer and Chad Jones. Member abstaining: Nikita Lagway. Motion carried.

Board Member Scott Carson, formerly a law enforcement officer, shared that he can relate to our officers' job and praised them for the outstanding job they do each day through building a trust and rapport with the students of Willis ISD. Mr. Carson also shared that the safety of students and staff is a number one priority to Willis ISD and this Board. He expressed that when the Superintendent makes a recommendation that is supported by the entire staff of district officers, then he too will give his full support making this decision solely through the lens of objectivity.

Board Member Chad Jones agreed with Mr. Carson adding that Constable Cash does a great job in our community but that, at this time, he has to support our Superintendent and all our officers.

Board Member Nikita Lagway shared that she would abstain from voting because she did not feel comfortable or informed enough to make a decision today. Ms. Lagway expressed her support of the officers and everyone for looking out for the safety of Willis ISD students.

BOARD COMMENTS

Board President Kyle Hoegemeyer shared that there were no wrong decisions to make and expressed appreciation for the community members who attended this special meeting. President Hoegemeyer shared that the role of a board member is not to run the day to day operations of Willis ISD. Mr. Hoegemeyer shared that Dr. Harkrider is responsible for the protection of our students and it is the job of the Board to give him the tools to do that job. Mr. Hoegemeyer expressed appreciation to Constable Cash for the job he has done and for his relationship with Willis ISD.

ADJOURNMENT OF SPECIAL MEETING

Motion by Cliff Williams and seconded by Scott Carson to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

The Special meeting adjourned at 9:08 a.m.