

August 27, 2021

The Board of Trustees of Willis ISD met in special session on August 27, 2021 at the Sharon Hill Jennette Administration Building in the Willis ISD Boardroom, 612 N. Campbell Street, Willis, Texas.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

President Cliff Williams called the Special Meeting to order at 8:15 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. In accordance with Texas Government Code 551.127, one or more members of the Board of Trustees is participating via videoconference call.

Members present: Cliff Williams; presiding, Christen Arnold, Charles Perry, Kyle Hoegemeyer, Paulett Traylor (via video conference), Robin Sproba.*

Members absent: Rebecca Broussard.

*arrived during Closed Session.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board entered into closed session at 8:17 a.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, Consider and Possible Action Regarding Termination of the Non-Chapter 21 Contract of a High School CTE Teacher

OPEN SESSION

The Board reconvened into Open Session at 8:36 a.m.

Motion by Christen Arnold and seconded by Robin Sproba that the Board finds there is good cause to terminate the Non-Chapter 21 contract of Lacy Horton, WHS CTE Teacher, and direct the Superintendent to carry out such duties as necessary to effectuate same. Motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS

Executive Director of Support Services and Construction, Paul Dusebout, discussed the need to perform commissioning of the HVAC system at Lagway Elementary with a cost of \$62,361. This service will be paid through 2015 Bond Issue Funds.

Motion by Kyle Hoegemeyer and seconded by Robin Sproba to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to expend \$62,361 from 2015 Bond Issue Funds for Testing, Adjusting and Balancing (TAB) of the HVAC system at the Eddie Ruth Lagway Elementary School. Motion carried unanimously.

Executive Director Dusebout discussed the need for professional Construction Materials Testing and Inspection Servicing on the New Pre-K Center. Total cost is \$136,550.90.

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Motion by Kyle Hoegemeyer and seconded by Christen Arnold to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to expend \$136,550.90 from 2020 Bond Issue Funds for Aviles Engineering Corporation (AEC) of the Construction Materials Testing and Inspection Services for the New Pre-K Center. Motion carried unanimously.

Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources and Support Services, Robert Whitman, discussed the need for the reclassification of two auxiliary positions:

- Dispatcher – Reclassify from a 217 to a 226 work day calendar. This will allow for additional support to work summer school routes. There will be no change in the current pay grade.
- Route Coordinator – Reclassify from a 197 to a 226 work day calendar. This will allow for work on summer school routes and prepare routes for each new school year. There will be no change in the current pay grade.

Motion by Christen Arnold and seconded by Kyle Hoegemeyer to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the reclassification of the Transportation Department's Dispatcher and Route Coordinator positions to a 226 day work calendar. Motion carried unanimously.

Assistant Superintendent Whitman discussed the need for new instructional paraprofessional positions to cover any grade level / content area to provide services and maintain appropriate ratios.

Motion by Christen Arnold and seconded by Charles Perry to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to add up to ten (10) instructional paraprofessional positions if they are needed during the school year to keep us in alignment on classroom size ratios and provide required services to students. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Whitman discussed additional local leave days for employees who have been test-confirmed positive for COVID-19.

Motion by Christen Arnold and seconded by Kyle Hoegemeyer to adopt the resolution entitled Resolution of the Board Regarding Additional Local Leave Days for COVID-Positive employees during the 2021-2022 school year, a copy of which will be kept with the minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT OF SPECIAL MEETING

Motion by Robin Sproba and seconded by Christen Arnold to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

The Special meeting adjourned at 8:47 a.m.