

Channing ISD  
The Board of Trustees  
Agenda of Regular Meeting  
February 12, 2024  
7:00 PM

Board Present:

Benny Moore  
Jay West  
Penny Loudder  
Kirk Dahl  
Kelly Morgan  
Carla Barber

Others Present:

Misty Heiskell  
Anne Browning  
Lance Terrell  
David Rainwater  
Danon Rainwater

1. Call to order - Benny Moore called the meeting to order at 7 PM
2. Prayer - Benny Moore gave the opening prayer
3. Audience with Patrons - No audience with patrons
4. Amend the Budget (if necessary) - No amendment necessary
5. Swear in appointed board member to fill vacant position  
Jay made a motion to appoint Carla Barber to the school board position vacated by Orlando Camacho. Kelly Morgan seconded the motion. Vote 5 in favor, none opposed. Motion passed. Anne Browning administered the oath of office and swore in Carla Barber as a board member.
6. Action Items
  - a. Consider Consent Agenda
    - i. Minutes of Previous Meeting
    - ii. Financial Report
    - iii. DisbursementsPenny Loudder made a motion to accept the consent agenda. Jay West seconded the motion. The vote was 6 in favor; None opposed. Motion passed.
  - b. Approve Purchases over \$10,000
    - i. TASB insurance  
Jay West made a motion to approve the payment for TASB insurance. Kirk Dahl gave the second. Vote was 6 in favor, None opposed. Motion passed.
    - ii. Johnson and Sheldon (Audit)  
Kelly Morgan motioned to approve payment to Johnson and Sheldon for our district audit. Carla Barber seconded the motion. Vote was 6 in favor, None opposed. Motion passed.
7. Information/Discussion Items

- a. Discuss preliminary 24-25 budget and tax rate scenarios (VATRE) - Lance Terrell with Texas School Finance discussed with the board tax rate scenarios and how the school district can seek a VATRE to increase our tax collections and the reason that would benefit the district. He discussed the process and timeline to seek a VATRE stating the first step would be for the board to authorize the superintendent to explore the process to appoint Johnson and Sheldon to conduct an efficiency audit for the district.
  - b. E-Rate and Internet Service - Dr. Heiskell discussed the E-rate process and how we select vendors for internet service through a rating process. She informed the board that the district selected XIT Rural Cooperative to provide the internet service to the district.
  - c. VOIP Phone Service - Dr. Heiskell informed the board that she had requested bids/quotes for phone service for the district. She had received two bids by the board meeting and was waiting for the third bid. Bids were received by XIT and Region 16. We are awaiting a bid from Lakeshore. Dr. Heiskell informed the board that she would let them know when the phone provider was selected, and that we had to select soon because our current contract with Region 16 will end on June 1st.
  - d. Buff START Program - Dr. Heiskell reviewed a new program available through West Texas A&M University to fast track paraprofessionals into a teaching degree. We currently have one, possibly two candidates for this program. The program starts in May, and will allow our para's to take teaching positions and be supervised by WT staff and district staff while they work on their degree. The program is designed to be completed in fourteen months.
  - e. Rural Schools Innovation Zone Dr. Heiskell informed the board about an opportunity to look into forming a collaborative with neighboring districts to offer more CTE programs for our students. Mollie Dahl and Dr. Heiskell will attend a site based tour and information session with a rural school collaborative in March. Neighboring districts that are attending include: Dalhart, Texline, and Dumas.
8. Administrative Reports
- a. Superintendent Report Dr. Heiskell reviewed her report, she went over attendance rates, and recognized some staff members that are going above and beyond. She discussed the staff development plan for Friday, Feb. 16th and reminded staff of the March primary election.
  - b. Principal Report Dr. Heiskell reviewed Mr. Graves' principal report with the board.
  - c. Maintenance Report David Rainwater went over his report with the board for safety, maintenance, and transportation.
9. Executive Session (Texas Government Code 551.074) – Personnel Matters The board entered executive session at 8:15 PM
- a. Resignations (if any) Dr. Heiskell presented one resignation to the board (Mr. Graves).

- b. Employment (Principal Contract, Maintenance Director Contract) - No discussion on principal contract.
  - c. Campus Safety Dr. Heiskell informed the board that the district in collaboration with Hartley Co. Sheriff's Dept., and other districts in our county have decided to purchase a radio system that will allow immediate access to the sheriff's dept. in the event of an emergency. We will place radios in each of our buses, and we will be able to track where our buses are, and allow for our bus drivers to communicate safely with each other and dispatch in the event of an emergency.
10. Reconvene from Executive Session - Reconvened from executive session at 8:41 PM. Penny Loudder made a motion to accept Karlton Graves' resignation effective at the end of June. Kelly Morgan seconded the motion. Vote 6 in favor, None opposed. Motion passed. No action was taken on the maintenance director position.
11. Set date for next regular board meeting - The next board meeting will be Mar 4, 2024 at 7 PM.
12. Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 PM

  
Benny Moore, President

  
Penny Loudder, Secretary