

Board Meeting Minutes of 02-15-2024

The Lamesa Board of Trustees met in a Regular Meeting on Thursday February 15, 2024 in the Board Room.

Board Members present: President Rebecca H. Gonzales, Ron Mann, Melissa Cazares, April Martinez, Kevin Telchik and Cindy Martinez. Ernest Ogeda was not in attendance.

The following Administrators were present: Superintendent David Ritchey, Dr. Greg Nelson, Stacy Stewart, Frankie Sauseda, Jaime Bahlman, Melanie Jasper, Doug Tipton, Kristi Griffin, Melanie Jasper, Israel Carrera and Michael Boyd.

Guest(s) in attendance: David Boyd, Mike Hughes, Charlize Pierce, and Gary Pope. Mary Elizabeth Davis represented the *Lamesa Press Reporter*.

President Rebecca H. Gonzales called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Mike Hughes gave the invocation.

No one signed up for public speaking.

Superintendent David Ritchey and Curriculum Director Jaime Bahlman gave the TAPR (Texas Academic Performance Report). Ms. Bahlman stated there were no ratings given this year in regards to the STAAR testing. She shared charts on students tested from the 3rd grade through 12th grade and showed the differences of student data that were “approaches” and data that were “meets” in different categories and different ethnicities.

April Martinez made the motion to approve the minutes from January 18, 2024 and Board Meeting on January 31, 2024. Ron Mann seconded it. It passed by a vote of 6-0.

Supt. Ritchey gave a brief Financial Report. ARAMARK personnel Gary Pope and Charlize Pierce showed members how to navigate around the new cafeteria system. April Martinez made the motion to approve the Financial Report and table the e-rate agenda item for the next Board Meeting. Ron Mann seconded it. It passed by a vote of 6-0.

South Elementary Principal Doug Tipton, North Elementary Principal Kristi Griffin, Middle School Principal Melanie Jasper and High School Principal Israel Carrera all gave an academic report of their respective campuses. They each spoke on how they find ways to assist new teachers and guide veteran teachers with new strategies and new ideas. Each Administrator gave praises to each other on their communication with their teachers to help promote their students to the next grade level or campus.

Superintendent Ritchey stated the March Board Meeting will be March 28th after the Spring Break. He gave a realignment update. Football will be 3A, District 2, Volleyball will be 3A, District 3 and Basketball will be 3A, District 3. Regarding the Legislative Overview, there seems to be a political disconnect between parties. In conclusion, Mr. Ritchey stated there are still some concrete and leak issues at the HS building that should get fixed. And lastly, LISD has implemented the Golden Tornado Hotline for the community.

April Martinez made the motion to approve Paula Simco, Cegi Vasquez and Sandy Trevino for Election Judges. Cindy Martinez seconded it. It passed by a vote of 6-0.

The board went to Closed Session as allowed by Texas Open Meetings Act Texas Government Code, Section 551.074 at 8:29 p.m. The board reconvened at 8:48 p.m. No action was taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 p.m.