

February 15, 2012

A regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Falls City ISD was held in the boardroom on Wednesday, February 15, 2012.

Members Present:

Raymond Dziuk, President
Stephen Dziuk
Alfie Kowalik
Mindy Jendrusch, Secretary

Also Present:

Linda Bettin, Superintendent
Christy Blocker, Principal
Teri Crawford, Bookkeeper
Kim Moy, Counselor
Mark Kirchhoff
Cathy Stolle
Laura Ratliff, Region III ESC

Members Absent:

Jerry Jendrusch
Pat Jarzombek, Vice-President
Eddie Bordovsky

1. Meeting called to order

The meeting was called to order by President, Raymond Dziuk at 7:00 p.m.

2. Open Forum

No one spoke in open forum.

3. Report from Principal/Counselor

Kim Moy reported that career day was held in January with eight presenters. Students in grades 7th – 12th participated in the event. She stated that we have a counselor from Connections that comes to our elementary once a week for character building lessons. This started about three weeks ago and will continue for the rest of the school year. Ms. Moy reported that students in grades 5 – 12 participated in the “Aim for Success” program which is an anti-bullying program that was presented yesterday. She reported that testing will start with the writing test on March 7th and will start again at the end of March and in April. Senior parents have been invited to participate in FAFSA night in Floresville on March 20th. She stated that Tyler Wiatrek has been awarded the “Go Texan” scholarship. Mrs. Blocker reported enrollment at 370 students in grades K-12th with attendance at 97% in the elementary and 98% on the high school campus. Benchmark testing is currently taking place. The Beaverettes will play Center Point in Pleasanton for the area basketball championship. The boys’ basketball team also made the playoffs coming in second in the district. Mrs. Blocker stated that the kindergarten and first grade will be going to the stock show in San Antonio for their field trip.

4. Consider/approve minutes of the previous meeting

Stephen Dziuk moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Alfie Kowalik seconded the motion. All in favor.

5. Consider/approve payment of bills

Alfie Kowalik moved to approve the bills as presented. Mindy Jendrusch seconded the motion. All in favor. Mark Kirchhoff gave an update on the gym renovation. The board reviewed the quote received and \$21,925 would replace the two main goals and redo the floor and pad the outside wall of the gym. Ms. Bettin also reviewed quotes for a maintenance truck. She stated that money is in the budget to purchase a vehicle. It was suggested to purchase one with a trailer tow package.

6. Report about Chapter 41 Districts/Impact on FCISD

Laura Ratliff from Region III ESC talked about the impact that the Eagle Ford Shale oil boom could have on many school districts in the area. Chapter 41 school districts are considered

“wealthy” districts based on their property values divided by their WADA, weighted average daily attendance. Districts that are considered Chapter 41 are referred to as “share the wealth” districts. Until Falls City ISD receives preliminary numbers from the appraisal districts we will not know exactly what the impact will be. Preliminary values might be received sometimes in April.

7. Consider/approve adjunct staff positions for extension agents

J.D. Folbre and Meredith Carter will serve as adjunct staff members for students at some school functions. Mindy Jendrusch moved to approve the adjunct staff members as presented. Alfie Kowalik seconded the motion. All in favor.

8. Consider/approve Update 92

Ms. Bettin requested to approve local policy Update 92. Mindy Jendrusch moved to approve Update 92 as presented. Alfie Kowalik seconded the motion. All in favor.

9. Consider/approve resignations

Ms. Bettin reported that Patricia Gibson will be resigning as food service director at the end of this school year.

10. Order of Trustee Election for May 12, 2012

Raymond Dziuk ordered the election for May 12, 2012 for the purpose of electing two (2) Board of Trustee seats. The main early voting place is the Superintendent’s office located at 525 N. Nelson, Falls City, TX 78113. The dates and hours of early voting will be April 30, May 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 2012. The hours will be from 7:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Applications for ballots by mail shall be mailed to early voting clerk: Teri Crawford, Falls City ISD at P.O. Box 399, Falls City, TX 78113. The applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on May 4, 2012.

11. Superintendent’s Report

Ms. Bettin stated that the deadline to file for a place on the ballot for the May 12th election is March 5, 2012. In regards to state testing, she reported that the 15% end of course grade will not count toward the final grade in that course in the 2011-12 school year. However, it will take effect in the 2012-13 school year. This waiver was granted through the Texas Education Agency and Commissioner Scott.

Raymond Dziuk called for closed meeting in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Subchapters D and E or Texas Government Code section 418.183(f)

Time: 8:55 p.m.

Out of closed meeting: 9:30 p.m.

Action resulting from closed meeting:

12. Consider/approve contract for Athletic Director

Mindy Jendrusch moved to approve a dual assignment, two-year term contract for certified classroom teacher, coach and athletic director, Mark Kirchhoff. Alfie Kowalik seconded the motion. All in favor.

13. Consider/approve contract for K-12 Principal

Alfie Kowalik moved to approve a two-year term contract for Principal and Special Education Director, Christy Blocker. Stephen Dziuk seconded the motion. All in favor.

14. Consider/approve salary for Superintendent

No action taken

15. Adjourn

Alfie Kowalik moved to adjourn the meeting. Stephen Dziuk seconded the motion. All in favor.

TIME: 9:35 p.m.

ATTEST:

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_____, Secretary