

Board Meeting

Tue Aug 27, 2024 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM CDT

1. Call To Order

Expected to be in attendance: Suzanne Robinson, Dr. Allen Brown, Kandace Ayala, and Lydia Hancock. The following staff members are expected to be in attendance: Dr. Bruce Tabor, Beverly Al-Tabatabaie, and Marcy Steward.

Call to Order by Dr. Allen Brown at 6:30 pm. Board members In attendance: Dr. Allen Brown, Kandace Ayala, and Lydia Hancock. Administrative staff in attendance: Dr. Bruce Tabor, Beverly Al-Tababatabaie, Kim Hodges, Kristi Felty and Marcy Steward.

2. Public Comments

Speakers will be allocated 2 minutes for public comments on matters of public concern.

No public comments.

3. Closed Session

Per Texas Government Code section §551.074 to discuss Personnel matters and/or Per Texas Government Code section §551.071 for a consultation with the school attorney and/or Per Texas Government Code section 551.072 to discuss Real Property.

Dr. Allen Brown called the Board into closed session at 6:31pm. Board returned from closed session at 7:05 pm. Dr. Brown directed the board to go to agenda item 5a prior to reviewing the consent agenda.

4. Consent Agenda

Items a,c,e were requested for specific discussion by Kandace Ayala. Once discussion completed, Kandace Ayala moved to approve the consent agenda. Lydia Hancock seconded. All in favor. Motion passed 4-0

a. Enrollment Report

Kandace Ayala requested an update as to the number of students enrolled today. Kim Hodges reported 334 students with 96% attendance YTD.

b. Special Programs Report

No Discussion

c. Student Academic Update

Kandace Ayala requested information on testing in progress. Dr. Tabor stated MAP testing is in progress for K-5 reading and math and is going well. AI/RTI in progress.

d. Marketing Report

No Discussion

e. Curriculum and Instruction Report

Kandace Ayala inquired as to any student data available at this time. Dr. Tabor and Kristi Felty discussed the partnership with SustainEd for the implementation of Amplify and Eureka. Data will be provided once students begin testing.

f. Contracts and Agreements

[Contracts for Review](#)

No Discussion

g. Minutes from August 1, 2024

5. Discussion and Action Items

a. Board Members

Dr. Brown gave thanks for Suzanne Robinson's service on the Board. Her term ended and this would have been her last meeting; however, she was unable to attend. Dr. Brown moved to approve Dr. Andy Attaway as a new board member replacing Suzanne Robinson. Lydia Hancock seconded. Motion passed 3-0. Dr. Attaway joined the board at 7:07 pm. Board returned to consent agenda items.

i. Bank Resolution if Needed

No change in officers.

b. Superintendent/CEO Report

Dr. Tabor presented the Superintendent report. Safety & Security is going well. Security Officer Justin Sims is getting additional bids on new cameras. Academics: STAAR rating is still delayed. Although the school does not have an official rating, we continue to move forward to educated students in areas of opportunity with a focus on RTI, curriculum and Montessori trained guides. Coffee with Dr. Bruce and Mrs. Beverly was successful as well as a Primary education night for PreK-Kindergarten students. Thank you to Liliana Pinzon, Kristi Felty and Beverly Al-Tabatabaie. An Elementary education night is scheduled. The School Improvement Committee is in progress.

c. Financial Reports

Kimber Fuccello presented the Statement of Activities and the Statement of Financial Position as of 7/31/2024.

d. 2024 Final Budget

[Staff Retention and LOS Stipends](#)

Kimber Fuccell presented the Final Budget Amendment for FY24. Additional Grants not originally available in the February amendment provided additional revenue to end the year with positive net income. Marcy Steward discussed the Staff Retention and Length of Service Stipends for employees returning from the prior school year. The stipends were discussed originally in May 24 with the final amount was to be determined in the final budget. The stipends will be distributed by 9/15/24 and

included in the FY24 budget. Communication to stakeholders will include the amount of funds raised and acknowledge the participation of fundraising as teamwork in supporting our staff. Kandace Ayala moved to approved the Final Budget Amendment for FY24 and Lydia Hancock seconded. Approved 4-0.

e. 2025 Initial Budget

Kimber Fucello presented the initial budget for FY25. State FSP funding did not increase in the prior legislative session and many schools are passing negative budgets. The school has fund balance to cover the deficit. Dr. Attaway moved to approve the 2025 Initial Budget and Lydia Hancock seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

f. School Improvement Components

i. Board Workshop Dates

September 18th at 9:00 am location TBD

6. Announce Date and Time of Next Board Meeting

a. September 24, 2024 at 6:30 Goodwater

b. October 29, 2024 - change due to TPCSA Conference

Conflicts for the October meeting with TPCSA conference. There will not be an October meeting. The board will meet November 4 at 6:30 pm and December 10 at 6:30 pm at Goodwater in lieu of the normal 4th Tuesday meetings.

7. Adjourn

Kandace Ayala moved to adjourn the meeting, Lydia Hancock seconded. Motion passed 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:32 pm.