

Minutes of the Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting of November 16, 2023.  
Richards Independent School District

The Board of Trustees of Richards Independent School District met in a regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, November 16, 2023 in the cafeteria of the school at 7:00 PM.

Members present included Jeannine Shead, Britney Ketkoski, Benny Lewis, Dan Hardin, and Phillip Burnett. Members not present included Beau Conner and Wendy Graves.

Also present: Superintendent Bill Boyce and Principal Delynn Decatur.

Agenda Item #1: Jeannine Shead called the roll and meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

Agenda Item #2: Benny Lewis gave the invocation.

Agenda Item #3: Phillip Burnett made the motion to approve the minutes from the regularly scheduled meeting held on October 19<sup>th</sup>. Benny Lewis seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. Phillip Burnett made a motion to approve the minutes from the Special Meeting held on November 8th. Dan Hardin seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

Agenda Item #4: Jeannine Shead recognized the guests and visitors.

Agenda Item #5: No community comments.

Agenda Item #6: Superintendent Boyce provided the tax collection report. He stated that Grimes County is at 12%, Montgomery is at 6% and Walker County is at 8%.

Agenda Item #7: In the Principal's report Mrs. Decatur stated that current attendance is 237 students. She noted that the volleyball team had a very successful season and the basketball season has now begun. She stated PTO recently donated a book to every student. She also noted that testing has begun and the data from those tests will be used to work on areas that need improvement.

Agenda Item #8: Mr. Boyce gave an update on construction, floor repairs and exterior groundwork.

Agenda Item #9: No community comments.

Agenda Item #10: Phillip Burnett made a motion to amend the budget by \$68,000 for the first loan payment. Benny Lewis seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #11: Phillip Burnett requested that invoice numbers be put on all checks. Mr. Boyce stated that notes are included on the ledgers but he will find out if the system allows notes and invoice numbers to be added. Phillip Burnett made the motion to approve the payment of bills and Dan Hardin seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #12: No action taken.

Agenda Item #13: After a discussion of the current meal charging policy, Britney Ketkoski made a motion to approve a no limit on the number of lunch charges. Phillip Burnett seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #14: Benny Lewis made the motion to approve the Grimes County Tax Roll for the 2023 tax year. Phillip Burnett seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #15: Phillip Burnett made a motion to approve the Board Resolution Extending Depository Contract for Funds of Independent School Districts Under Texas Education Code, Chapter 45, Subchapter G, School District Depositories to 2025. Jeannine Shead abstained from voting. Benny Lewis seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously by the other present board members.


Agenda Item #16: Phillip Burnett made a motion to adopt a Resolution to Approve a Contingency Fee Engagement Letter with Leon Alcala, PLLC to Serve as Bond Counsel. Britney Ketkoski seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #17: Phillip Burnett made a motion that the Board of Trustees adopt the Order Authorizing the Issuance, Sale, and Delivery of a Time Warrant, subject to completion with the terms contained in Amegy Bank's Option 1 Bid with a 10 Year Repayment Schedule. Benny Lewis seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #18: Phillip Burnett made a motion to approve a resolution authorizing the superintendent or his designee to enter into two real estate contracts for the purchase of two tracts of land. Dan Hardin seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

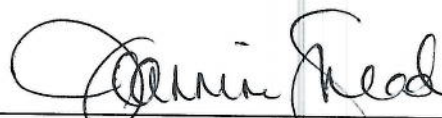
Agenda Item #19: At 8:08 PM the board convened into executive session.

The board reconvened at 8:17 and with no action items to approve. The meeting was adjourned at 8:19 PM.



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Wendy Graves, President



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Jeannine Shead, Vice, President



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Britney Ketkoski, Secretary



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Board Member