

MINUTES of Regular Meeting - Board of Trustees
Weimar Independent School District
June 14, 2021

NOTE: Due to social distancing, the meeting was held at the High School Library.

1. Call meeting to order and welcome members of public – *President Ken Kram called the meeting to order at 6pm. All Board members were present.*
2. Pledge and Prayer - *The U. S. Pledge of Allegiance, the Texas Pledge, and a prayer were recited.*
3. Public comments/audience participation – *None. Those present were: Julie Christian (Weimar Mercury), Jesus Cital (Newline), Jennifer Ritter and Bart Fowler (Specialized Public Finance Inc.), and High School Principal Stacy Heger and Elementary Principal Kristy Janecka.*
4. Consent agenda
 - a. Minutes of the May 10, 2021 regular meeting.
 - b. Bills paid
 - c. Tax Collection Report
 - d. Board Report Comparison
 - e. Cash Balances/Investment Report

With a motion by Ryder Ervin and second by Brian Christian, the consent agenda was unanimously approved as presented.

The Board considered the following items next:

6. Consider and possible action with respect to an “Order authorizing the issuance of Weimar ISD unlimited tax refund bonds; Approving an official statement; Authorizing execution of a paying agent/registrar agreement and an escrow agreement; Establishing procedures for selling and delivering the bonds; and, Authorizing other matters related to issuance of the bonds.” – *Jennifer Ritter and Bart Fowler discussed this item, with respect to the Series 2012 Refunding Bonds, the Series 2014 Bonds, and the Series 2020 Refunding Bonds.*
With a motion by Ryder Ervin and second by April Mikulenska, the Board unanimously approved the Order authorizing the issuance of Weimar ISD unlimited tax refund bonds; Approving an official statement; Authorizing execution of a paying agent/registrar agreement and an escrow agreement; Establishing procedures for selling and delivering the bonds; and, Authorizing other matters related to issuance of the bonds.
 - *Pricing Officer(s): Business Manager and/or Superintendent*
 - *The aggregate original principal amount of the Bonds shall not exceed \$4,235,000*
 - *The refunding must produce net present value savings of not less than 10%*
 - *The final maturity of the Bonds shall not exceed August 15, 2036*
7. Consider the Purchase of Interactive Flat Panels. – *Jesus Cital of Newline demonstrated an interactive flat panel. He stated that the price proposed includes installation and unlimited free training for the 7 years warranted. With a motion by Irma Rerich and second by Tom Strickland, the Board unanimously approved the purchase and installation of 42 Interactive Flat Panels, to improve student engagement and educational resources, from Howard Technologies, for \$100,502.*

5. Superintendent's Report
 - Enrollment Report - *Total Enrollment for May was 665.*
 - Softball Recognition – *The softball team lost in the State Semi-Finals, with a record of 40-2.*
 - 2020-2021 Academic Review – *Stacy Heger reviewed the past year's academic accomplishments. STAAR Testing was done 100% online for the first time.*
 - WES Report on Effective Schools Framework – *Kristy Janecka reported on the 3rd cycle accomplishments at Elementary.*
 - Review Board Goals – *Due to Covid-19 and associated restrictions, Wunderlich recommended making no changes to the goals. He recommended giving the present goals a chance to work for 2021-2022, and make necessary changes next year if needed.*
 - 2021-2022 ESSA Funds – *Planning amounts as of May, 2021 for Federal Funds for 2021-2022 are: Title I - \$118,501, Title II - \$22,214, and Title IV - \$10,000. Public notice must be made annually on all Federal Grants.*
 - ESSER III Funds (Restart Plan/Survey/Use of Funds) – *Weimar ISD is eligible for \$913,400 in Federal Funds (ESSER III), to help safely reopen and sustain the safe operation of the schools and address the impact of the coronavirus on students. Wunderlich reviewed the requirements of the grant, a preliminary plan to restart school in the fall of 2021, and discussed possible uses of the funds. The application would provide funding for student learning loss due to COVID-19, mental health services and support, and improving air quality in school facilities.*
 - Bond, Summer Projects, & School Vehicles –
 - *Bond – The foundation at the Field House is being poured this week. Adjustments were necessary at the Elementary, to allow for double doors in the hallways. The Jr. High is projected to be finished by the start of school in August.*
 - *Summer Projects – Maintenance workers are remodeling the new administration office (the JW Building), so that Special Ed may move to the current office before the start of the school year in August.*
 - *School Vehicles – Several district vehicles with high-mileage need to be replaced. However, due to the unavailability of new vehicles, price quotes have been delayed.*
 - Board Training – *The Region 3 School Board Conference originally scheduled for May 19 was rescheduled for June 23, in-person only. The Board decided not to attend this year.*
 - Depository Calendar – *Requests for Depository Bids were mailed today, June 14th. The deadline for bid submission is July 7th, and the Board will award the contract on July 12th. The new depository contract becomes effective on July 1, 2021.*
8. Consider the Purchase of HVAC Upgrades at the Elementary – *With a motion by Steve Williams and second by Brian Christian, the Board unanimously approved the purchase of 10 new HVAC units for the Elementary to improve air quality, from Leon's Electric & Plumbing, Inc., for \$83,548.75.*
9. Consider the Purchase of Classroom Furniture – *With a motion by Ryder Ervin and second by April Mikulenka, the Board unanimously approved the purchase of classroom furniture for the new Jr. High and Elementary classrooms, from South Texas School Furniture, for \$37,745.*
10. Budget – *The Board discussed the 2021-2022 teacher salary schedule, stipends, and health insurance costs. With a motion by Ryder Ervin and second by Tom Strickland, the Board unanimously approved the 2021-2022 teacher salary schedule, adding years 26 thru 30 (\$500 increase each of these years). They also unanimously approved the continuation of the \$750 Covid-19 stipend.*

11. Personnel.
12. Closed Session.
 - To deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee (551.074).
The Board entered into closed session at 9:14 pm to discuss Item #11.

13. Open Session – Action Resulting from Closed Session.
The Board reconvened into open session at 9:23pm, and took the following action:

With a motion by April Mikulenska and second by Steve Williams, the Board unanimously approved a probationary contract to Carolanne McAfee for the 2021-2022 school year.

Adjournment – With no further business before the Board, President Ken Kram adjourned the meeting at 9:24pm