

**MINUTES of Regular Meeting
(Videoconference or Telephone Call)
Board of Trustees
Weimar Independent School District
April 20, 2020**

Due to health and safety concerns related to the COVID-19 coronavirus, this meeting was conducted by videoconference.

President Ken Kram called the meeting to order at 6:05pm. All members were present via videoconference except Steve Williams.

1. Public comments/audience participation – *Visitors connected to the videoconference were: Bart Fowler of McCall Parkhurst & Horton, Jennifer Ritter of Specialized Public Finance, Inc., Brian Christen, and Julie Christian of the Weimar Mercury,*

2. Consideration and possible action with respect to an Order Authorizing the Issuance of Weimar Independent School District Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds, Series 2020; Authorizing the Levy of an Ad Valorem Tax in Support of the Bonds; Approving an Official Statement and the Paying Agent/Registrar Agreement; Awarding the Sale of the Bonds; and Other Matters Related to the Issuance of the Bonds.

Jennifer Ritter of Specialized Public Finance, Inc. and Bart Fowler of McCall Parkhurst & Horton, presented an overview of the pricing and specifics related to the bond issuance.

Ryder Ervin moved that the Board approve the Order Authorizing the Issuance of Weimar Independent School District Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds, Series 2020; Authorizing the Levy of an Ad Valorem Tax in Support of the Bonds; Approving an Official Statement and the Paying Agent/Registrar Agreement; Awarding the Sale of the Bonds; and other matters related to the issuance of the Bonds. Irma Rerich seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

3. Consent agenda
 - a. Minutes of the March 4, 2020 Regular Meeting and March 30, 2020 Special Meeting
 - b. Bills paid
 - c. Tax Collection Report
 - d. Board Report Comparison
 - e. Cash Balances/Investment Report

With a motion by Benita Huette and second by Tom Strickland, the consent agenda was unanimously approved as presented.

4. Superintendent's Report

- Food Service & Distance Learning –
 - *About 150-200 students are served daily with breakfast and lunch meals to go, during this COVID-19 Pandemic*
 - *The Governor has closed schools for the rest of the 2019-2020 school year, however, instruction continues. About 93% of WISD students prefer paper packets to online instruction.*
 - *Graduation activities are pending the Commissioner of Education's directions*
- Future Options and Recommendations

- GPA and Class Rank -
 - *It is in the best interest of students to freeze class ranks and GPAS for the 2019-2020 school year with grades from the first semester. Spring grades will still be used to determine credit for courses and options for advanced or honor classes in the future.*
 - Facilities and Transportation –
 - *A Request for Proposals was published in the Weimar Mercury for Phase 1 of the construction project.*
 - *Wunderlich will bid the new HVAC units for the junior high separate from the construction project*
 - *The Texas Clean School Bus Program Grant will pay about 75% of 5 new school busses. Three will be purchased now, and the remaining two will be purchased next year.*
 - Board Member Appreciation –
 - *Benita Huette was presented with a plaque for her dedication to the WISD. Brian Christen will replace Ms. Huette, taking his oath of office at the next regular meeting.*
5. *Consider the Purchase of Technology. – With a motion by Ryder Ervin and second by April Mikulenka, the Board unanimously authorized the Superintendent to spend up to \$61,500 to increase technology for distance learning, by purchasing chrome books.*
 6. *Consider an Extension to the Elementary Awning – With a motion by Irma Rerich and second by Ryder Ervin, the Board unanimously approved a bid from Canopy Solutions, LLC for awning extensions to the Elementary, at a cost of \$36,835.00.*
 7. *Consider the Purchase of a New Riding Mower – With a motion by April Mikulenka and second by Benita Huette, the Board unanimously approved the purchase of a zero turn lawnmower from Wick Western Auto, LLC, for a cost of \$9,920.00.*
 8. *Approval of WISD Cyber Security Plan – With a motion by Irma Rerich and second by Ryder Ervin, the Board unanimously approved the WISD Cyber Security Policy as presented.*
 9. *Renewals of teacher contracts, new hires, and personnel issues.*
 10. *Closed Session.*
 - a. *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 7:37pm to discuss Item #9.
 11. *Open Session – Action resulting from Closed Session.*
The Board reconvened into open session at 7:59pm, and took the following action:

Item #9– Irma Rerich made a motion to approve the teacher contracts, as listed, for the 2020-2021 school year, a non-certified probationary teacher contract for Luis Garcia-Duran, a certified district counselor probationary contract for Skye Anderle, and a probationary certified classroom teacher contract for Ellen Luchak. Tom Strickland seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved. Teacher contracts are listed below:

Teacher Term Contracts:

Lindsay Fisbeck, Misty Mican, Rebecca Moreno, Susan Sternadel, Amy Streit, Kelli (Hickman) Thumann, Anne Douglas, Natalie Krejci, Emily Maupin, Amanda Mueller, Alison Schimcek, Melissa Clark, Courtney Pieper, Chelsea Mascheck, Lisa Daniels, Caitlin Dreitner, Mandy Fain, Alison Fishbeck, Beth Gall, Ashley Gibson, Kellie Hattermann, Becky Heger, Kristin Herzik, Kris Hubenak, Victoria Hudec, Cara Janecka, Leslie Kloesel, Lisa Marak, Adrienne McIver, Amy Osburn, Karen Peach, Shannon Seifert, Mandy Simons, Angela Wied

Teacher Dual Term Contracts:

Doug Johnson, Steven Marshall, Shane Minks, Cory Morrison, Amanda Machicek, Jill Morrison, David Wicke, Codi Guentert

Teacher Probationary Contracts:

Mercedes Dreitner, Kristen Janecka, Wendy Melnar, Holly Treptow, Kaylee Ostert, Brendan Soto

Teacher Probationary Dual Contracts:

Ty Ramos, Amanda Spacek, Mallory Haas, Logan Bauer, Zach Lawrence, Thomas Kielman

Letter of Agreement for Part-Time Educators:

Mayo Walker, Rick Ware, Brenda Miller, Liz Treptow, Jackie Skelton, Bonnie Meyer

Adjournment – With no further business before the Board, President Ken Kram adjourned the meeting at 8:02pm.