

Seguin ISD Board Briefs
Regular Meeting of Oct. 24, 2017
(Please note that these are not official meeting minutes)

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Seguin ISD was held October 24, 2017, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at 1221 E. Kingsbury in Seguin.

1. Call to Order—The meeting was called to order at 6:36 p.m.
 - A. Announcement that the meeting of the Seguin Independent School District has been duly called and that notice of the meeting has been posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Section 551.043 of the Texas Government Code.
 - B. Pledges to the United States Flag and Texas Flag
Lead by John Holt followed by a moment of silence.
 - C. Superintendent Announcements
Superintendent Dr. Matthew Gutierrez thanked Randolph Brooks FCU for their monetary donation toward breakfast tacos provided to Transportation Department staff for National School bus Safety Week, reported on student lead tours by members of the Superintendent’s Student Advisory Team and commented on the Homecoming Parade and Community Pep Rally. He thanked Tori Beutnagel and congratulated the Seguin High School Homecoming queen and king. Updates to the 90 Day Entry Plan and Strategic Planning initiatives were shared.
 - D. Board Member Report
Board members reported on the following events/topics:
Mr. John Holt: helped unload pumpkins, volunteered at the Seguin Marching Festival, Sports Booster Golf Tournament, County Fair Parade, Homecoming Community Rally, Lady Matador Golf Tournament and Region Marching Contest.

Mrs. Barbara Effenberger: Hall of Honor, Guadalupe County Elections Office voting machine demonstration, Homecoming game and SEF Meeting to review grant applications.

Mrs. Cinde Thomas-Jimenez: athletic events, congratulated volleyball players, TASB Convention in Dallas and ensuing board workshop, Key Communicators meeting, UIL band competition, SEF grant application review and Healthy Nut Run.

Mr. Ben Amador: numerous Building Committee meetings, Facilities Committee member, touring schools.

Mr. Carl Jenkins: TASB Conference in Dallas, Homecoming game, Facilities Committee tours of five campuses.

Mrs. Elaina Reihl: Key Communicators

Mr. Ishmael Flores: TASB Conference, Homecoming parade and game.

2. Recognition/Campus Presentations

A. Campus Recognition Presentations

Jay Law, principal at Mercer Blumberg Learning Center, shared updates and video highlights from his campus.

B. Student and Staff Recognition

Roman Ruiz, Seguin High School senior, was recognized for earning Commended under the National Merit Scholarship Program; Seguin ISD principals were honored by Dr. Gutierrez for their service to the district as part of National Principal Month.

3. Audience with the Board--none

4. Reports/Information Items

A. Seguin Economic Development Corporation (SEDC) Update

Josh Schneuker, SEDC director of economic development, provided an economic and growth outlook for Seguin and answered board member questions.

B. Missing Matadors Matter

Members of the Seguin ISD Student Services Department shared details on a new initiative to identify and reduce the number of student absences across the district.

5. Consent Agenda Items—items A, B, D and E approved unanimously

A. Approval of Board Minutes; Regular Meeting - September 26, 2017 and Special Board Meeting - October 4, 2017

B. Approval of Tax Collection Reports for September 2017

C. Approval of Proposed Budget Amendments and Financial Statements for September 2017 (pulled from consent agenda by Mrs. Reihl)

Mrs. Reihl said there were changes to the budget and amended budget and asked Tony Hillberg, assistant superintendent of business services, for clarification. The item was approved unanimously.

E. Approval of Investment Report for the First Quarter 2017-18

F. Consideration of Approval of Certified Appraisers for 2017-2018

6. Action Items

A. Consideration and Approval of the District and Campus Performance Objectives for the 2017-18 School Year

Jason Schmidt, assistant superintendent of learning and leadership services, and Cindy Borden, director of federal and state accountability, presented the District Improvement Plan (DIP). Approved unanimously.

B. Approval of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the Year Ended June 30, 2017

Mr. Hillberg introduced financial auditor Jimmy Rommel, CPA, of Maxwell Locke and Ritter, LLLP. The company audited financial statements of the District for the year ended June 30, 2017 and their reports are included in the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) which was provided to board members. Approved unanimously.

C. Approval of Tax Roll Levy for 2017 Tax Year

Mr. Hillberg noted the information is provided by the Guadalupe County Tax Office. Approved unanimously.

D. Personnel Action Professional Employees

Dot Whitman, assistant superintendent of administrative services, noted four resignations (three of which are retirements) and no elections this month. Approved unanimously.

7. Closed Session--none

8. Reconvene to Open Meeting, the Board will take appropriate action on items, if necessary, as discussed in Closed Session--none

A. Possible action on professional personnel, including appointment, employment, evaluation, assignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of employee(s).

B. Issues/concerns for future agenda or creation of administrative reports

Mr. Thomas-Jimenez noted that Peter Pan Jr. starts tomorrow.

9. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.