

Seguin ISD Board Briefs
Regular Meeting of Jan. 23, 2018
(Please note that these are not official meeting minutes)

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Seguin ISD was held January 23, 2018, beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room, 1221 E. Kingsbury, Seguin, Texas.

1. Call to Order—6:30 p.m., all board members present

A. Announcement that this meeting of the Seguin Independent School District has been duly called and that notice of this 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, Texas flag and moment of silence.
The pledges were led by Mr. Flores.

C. Superintendent Announcements

Dr. Gutierrez provided an update on recent and upcoming events and good news from around the district.

D. Board Member Reports

Mr. John Holt attended the Seguin High School National Honor Society induction ceremony, Texas UIL State Spirit Championship and the District Holiday luncheon.

Mrs. Barbara Effenberger noted that she is appreciative of the gifts provided by campuses for Board Recognition Month.

Mrs. Cinde Thomas-Jimenez attended McQueeney Elementary's It's Time Texas Community Challenge, board workshops and the Seguin High School National Honor Society induction ceremony.

Mr. Ben Amador was at the Seguin High School National Honor Society induction ceremony and has attended various construction meetings.

Mr. Carl Jenkins attended Seguin High School National Honor Society induction ceremony and a recent morning assembly at Patlan Elementary.

Mrs. Elaina Reihl recognized Lee Allen Berger, senior, who is trying to get into West Point. She said that the Destination Imagination Rising Star competition is Feb. 10.

Mr. Flores noted that he has attended multiple workshops.

2. Recognition/Campus Presentations

A. Campus Recognition Presentations

Rodriguez Elementary students and staff showcased inclusion initiatives including in class sensory support for students.

B. Seguin High School Competitive Cheer Squad

Mr. Holt introduced the cheerleaders and sponsors who earned Silver medals at UIL State competition in Fort Worth.

C. Campus Distinction Designations Recognition Presentation

Dr. Gutierrez and trustees recognized campus leaders from Barnes Middle School, Jefferson, Koennecke, McQueeney and Weinert elementaries for earning a total of 16 state distinction designations (Stars) in 2017. Collectively district schools earned 8 stars in 2016.

D. January 2018 School Board Recognition Month

Dr. Gutierrez thanked board members for their tireless effort while serving the district, its children and families, and community. A video featuring students from across the district showing their appreciation to the board was played for all in attendance.

3. Audience with the Board

Luis Moreno and Dan Shepard shared their thoughts and opinions on school related topics.

4. Reports/Information Items:

A. Communities in Schools Update

An update was provided by Kirsten Legore and CIS staff members following the first semester in which the program was operational in Seguin ISD, specifically at Seguin High School.

5. Consent Agenda Items—approved unanimously

A. Approval of Board Minutes; Regular Meeting – Dec. 12, 2017, Board Workshop - Jan. 4, 2018 and Team of 8 Training – Jan. 10, 2018

B. Approval of Tax Collection Reports for Nov. 2017

C. Approval of Tax Collection Reports for Dec. 2017

D. Approval of Proposed Budget Amendments and Financial Statements for Nov. 2017

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F. Approval of Investment Report for the Second Quarter 2017-18

G. Information Regarding the Purchase of Dairy Products Through the Texas 20 Purchasing Cooperative

H. Information Regarding the Purchase of Food Supplies Through the Texas 20 Purchasing Cooperative

6. Action Items

A. Consideration and Approval for the Seguin ISD District of Innovation Resolution

Jason Schmidt, assistant superintendent of curriculum and instruction, presented a Powerpoint presentation on the District of Innovation plan that includes possible benefits, opportunities for additional flexibility and other details. Approved unanimously

B. Approval of Recommended Update to Board Policy Regarding Required Level of Fund Balance for the General Operating Fund

This item was discussed at the December 2017 board meeting. Tony Hillberg, assistant superintendent of business services, explained that the information provided was approved as acceptable by TASB. No action taken

C. First Reading and Consideration of Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) Policy Update 109, affecting LEGAL and LOCAL policies

Dr. Guadalupe Gorordo, assistant superintendent of compliance, policy and special projects, noted that Update 109 contains considerable changes and that administrative staff has reviewed the policy changes. Approved unanimously

D. First Reading and Consideration of Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) Policy Update 109, affecting CO (LOCAL) Policy

Tony Hillberg noted two options based on board input from the Jan. 10 board workshop. Mrs. Reihl suggested a month grace period. Mr. Flores recommended a 10 day grace period with further evaluation. Mr. Holt suggested a 10 meal grace period. Mr. Hillberg noted that a dollar amount is optimal for monitoring and administrative purposes. Motion: \$30 delinquency grace period (proposal #2) approved 6-1.

E. Approval of Donations Received Through December 2017

Dr. Gutierrez noted that this is the first report for donations received though the end of 2017. Mr. Holt said that funding for a band booster color guard individual should be part of the budget process. Item approved unanimously

F. Consider Appointing a Budget Committee for the Board of Trustees

Board president Thomas-Jimenez recommended appointing Ms. Reihl, Mr. Amador and Mr. Flores. Approved unanimously

G. Approval of Transportation Department Parking Lot Repaving (RFP #18-03)

Mr. Holt asked if this work would inconvenience Transportation. Mr. Pizana reported that it would not and that accommodations could be made to complete the work. Approved unanimously

H. Approval for Jim Barnes Middle School Sidewalk Expansion Project (RFP #18- 02)

Mrs. Reihl asked why the sidewalk is not as direct as it could be. James Pizana, director of operations, said that a current walking track is a nearby obstacle. Approved unanimously

I. Approval of the Purchase of a Concert Piano Through the BuyBoard Purchasing Cooperative

Bill Lewis, assistant superintendent of technology and student support services, and Mark Buley, director of fine arts, presented information and answered questions about the proposed Steinway piano purchase. Approved 5-2

J. Personnel Action Professional Employees

Dot Whitman, assistant superintendent of administrative services, said that there are Three new hires for consideration and resignations as listed. Approved unanimously

7. Closed Session: Board will adjourn into closed session pursuant to the following sections of the Texas Open Meetings Act--none

A. Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section §§§ 551.071, 551.074, 551.129 – Consultation with legal counsel including possible telephone consultation with legal counsel, as necessary, to address legal concerns, implications, and answer any legal questions regarding posted agenda items.

B. Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section § 551.074 - Discuss personnel matters, including appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of employee(s).

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. Board comments and request.

9. Adjourn

Approved unanimously at 9:22 p.m.