

**HIGHLAND INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
CALLED MEETING  
Monday, August 21, 2017  
7:00 PM**

**MINUTES**

**INVOCATION** – led by Kevin Gillespie

**ROLL CALL**

Board of Trustees President Brent Allen called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and certified the presence of a quorum. Those present: Kevin Gillespie, Allen Hoelscher, Jimmy Johns, Cody Muncy and Brad Thompson. Brandon Bankhead was absent. Also present were Superintendent Duane Hyde, Principal David Acevedo, Assistant Principal Brittany Lloyd, Business Manager/Superintendent Secretary LynnAnn Duniven.

**RECOGNITION OF GUESTS**

Dale Murphree and Tyler Mercer with Buford Thompson Company (BTC)

**PUBLIC HEARING ON BUDGET AND TAX RATE**

None

**ITEMS for DISCUSSION and/or ACTION**

**A. Construction Update**

Tyler Mercer, BTC, gave a construction update that included all the finishing work of the 2017 construction project.

No action.

**B. 2016-17 Budget Amendments**

Mr. Hyde explained that this amendment was necessary to ensure that funds are not overspent at the function level.

There was a motion made by Jimmy Johns and a second by Brad Thompson to amend the 2016-17 budget as spent and received through August 31, 2017.

Motion passed 6-0.

**C. Designated Fund Balance**

Mr. Hyde discussed the need to designate \$2,000,000 for plant.

There was a motion made by Cody Muncy and a second by Kevin Gillespie to designate \$2,000,000 for plant.

Motion passed 6-0.

**D. 2017-18 Budget**

Mr. Hyde presented the 2017-18 budget.

There was a motion made by Cody Muncy and a second by Jimmy Johns to adopt the 2017-18 budgets for General Operating, Debt Service and Food Service Funds. Motion passed 6-0.

**E. Chapter 41 Option Contract**

Mr. Hyde reviewed the process of submitting the required paperwork to TEA as a result of the Chapter 41 Contract.

There was a motion made by Allen Hoelscher and a second by Cody Muncy to approve the Chapter 41 Option 3 Agreement for the Purchase of Attendance Credits for 2017-18. Motion passed 6-0.

**F. Tax Rates for 2017-18**

Since there were no changes, the preliminary tax rates approved at the August Regular Board Meeting of \$1.16 for M&O and \$0.16 for I&S will remain the same.

There was a motion made by Brad Thompson and a second by Jimmy Johns to adopt the ordinance setting a tax rate of \$1.16 per \$100 valuation for Maintenance and Operations and \$0.16 per \$100 valuation for Interest and Sinking for the 2017-18 school year. Motion passed 6-0.

**G. FIRST Rating for 2015-16**

Mr. Hyde reviewed the FIRST rating for 2015-16 and explained that we scored 100 points out of a possible 100 points.

No action.

**H. Student Transfers 2017-18**

Mr. Acevedo presented additional transfer students for the 2017-18 school year.

There was a motion made by Cody Muncy and a second by Kevin Gillespie to accept transfer students as presented. Motion passed 6-0.

**I. Textbook Adoption**

Mr. Hyde explained that, annually, the Board has to agree that the textbook adoption procedures state that Highland ISD will not adopt any textbooks that have not been approved by TEA.

There was a motion made by Jimmy Johns and a second by Cody Muncy to accept the textbook adoption procedures stating that Highland ISD will not adopt any textbooks that have not been approved by TEA. Motion passed 6-0.

**J. T-TESS Calendar and Second Appraisers**

Mr. Hyde and Mr. Acevedo discussed the T-TESS Calendar and Second Appraisers and how the new teacher appraisal system is used.

There was a motion by Allen Hoelscher and a second by Brad Thompson to approve the T-TESS Calendar and Second Appraisers as presented.  
Motion passes 6-0.

**ADJOURN**

With there being no further business, President Brent Allen declared the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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President

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Secretary

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Date