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A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Saltillo Independent School District was held March 23, 2023. Board President Chad Neal called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and asked Randy Johnson to open the meeting up with a prayer. Other trustees present were Mark Sustaire, Ryan Garmon, Mason Littrell, Barry Brewer, and Jason Tully.

Visitors present, Penny Haley, Jessica Trumble, Caitlin Shelby, Elizabeth Moss, and Dustin Ray

- 1. Public Forum: Jessica Trumble addressed the board.
- 2. Security Report: Officer Ray addressed the board about up and coming possible security requirements from TEA, which included perimeter fence, or safety film on all windows, and maintaining locked doors. All of which was discussed in length on several options that the school has in order to meet said requirements. He also discussed contracting a search dog as opposed to requesting one from the county. The County offers their services, but only if the dogs are available. By contracting this service then we will have a dedicated service dog when we request it. He also presented an opportunity for the district to purchase new firearms that will have the capability to use interchangeable magazines. Thus, making it more effective if it is needed. It also makes all the firearms used within the school security uniform with all county offices. TEA also has introduced an audit for fire safety. The school is prepared and has already been conducting all that the state has required. Officer Ray updated us on the Road Closure between the school and the Gym. He stated that we are currently waiting for a letter from the County Fire Department to be submitted to the Commissioners Court. The school also must notify the residents of each dwelling that this closure will affect.

Mrs. Maroney introduced Elizabeth Moss as a candidate for the high school English teacher. Mrs. Moss has 16 years of teaching at Sulphur Springs. She taught  $9^{th}$  and  $10^{th}$  grade there. She would be teaching  $9^{th} - 12^{th}$  grade at Saltillo ISD.

3. Mr. Lane gave his report on the elementary and district. The open house went well the school Book Fair brought in \$6000. He mentioned that the elementary bathrooms looked great after the spring break remodel. Star testing will be 2 weeks window for reading.

Mrs. Maroney also discussed the Star Testing will be a total of 6 weeks and will all be online.

Mr. Stickles gave a report on the UIL standings. The school was awarded a safety grant in the amount of \$200,000. He discussed hiring a tree contractor to clean up the trees

around the school grounds. He reported that the surveyor came out to survey the most recent lot that the school is in the process of purchasing. Mr. Stickles gave a report on what the Solar Money is being spent on. He mentioned that the next school board meeting would fall on the same night as the FFA banquet so we agreed to move it to Tuesday April 24<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Stickles proposed that we get the rest of the bathrooms freshened up over the summer break. He reported that there are 245 students enrolled.

- 4. Consent Agenda Items
  - A. Mark Sustaire made the motion to approve the checks, pay the bills for the month of February, and approve the minutes from February's meeting, Randy Johnson seconded, motioned carried.
- 5. Mark Sustaire motioned to adjourn to executive session at 7:17 PM. Mason Littrell seconded. Passed 6-0. Executive session ended at 8:12 PM
- 6. Business Items (Board Action)
  - A. Barry Brewer motioned that we approve the State Zoom Policy, Ryan Garmon seconded. Passed 6-0
  - B. Mark Sustaire motioned to approve selling District-owned property as surplus property. Mason Littrell Seconded. Passed 6-0
  - C. Mark Sustaire made the motion to dispose of such surplus property, and delegate authority to the Superintendent of the School to do so in the best interests of the district. Barry Brewer seconded. Passed 6-0
  - D. Randy Johnson made the motion to renew the SPED Directors contract for the 2023-24 school year. Mason Littrell seconded. Passed 6-0
  - E. Mason Littrell made the motion to renew the contracts for Professional personnel, Cooperative personnel, Paraprofessional and Support Staff for the 2023-24 school year. Ryan Garmon seconded. Passed 6-0
  - F. President Chad Neal yielded his chair to Randy Johnson.
  - G. Mark Sustaire made the motion to accept the resignation of Dena Neal. Ryan Garmon seconded. Passed 5-0
  - H. Ryan Garmon made the motion to accept Elizabeth Moss application for the English Teachers position. Mark Sustaire seconded. Passed 5-0
  - I. Mark Sustaire made the motion to accept Jace Orren's bid to build the gates around the ag shop. Mason Littrell seconded. Passed 5-0
- 7. Ryan Garmon made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 PM. Mason Littrell seconded. Passed 5-0

Presiding Officer

**Board Secretary** 

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